

# **Church of the Precious Blood Pastoral Council Meeting – June 27, 2017**

## **Attendees:**

Father Bob: Pastor  
Madeline Badalaty: Chairman  
Karen Petrillo: Social (absent)  
Tom Cooney: Communications  
Bob Hickey: Finance (absent)  
Marion Maloney: Spirituality  
Richard Buntzen: Human Concerns  
Linda Rovder: Liturgy (absent – report provided)  
Andrea Luker: Religious Education  
Maura McGann: Building and Grounds (absent – report provided)  
Joan Walsh: Business Manager  
Nancy Fell: Member at Large  
Kitty French: Member at Large  
Denise Gerber: Member at Large

## **Opening Prayer**

Book of Blessings

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

### **FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR POSITION**

- Interviewing 2 candidates tomorrow.
- Responsibilities: RCIA, Baptismal Prep, Adult education. Build committees.
- Youth Ministry will be Cohort wide, as most programs have less than 10 teens participating. St Michaels has an active Youth Program.

### **Concern with the Borough of Monmouth Beach**

For various events, we have opened up the Parish Center to the Borough and School at no charge. Unfortunately after these events (elections, 8<sup>th</sup> grade pancake breakfast) there have been complaints filed with the Borough. Examples.

After the elections:

- Fire department – sprinklers needed with due to Family Promise and people spending the night, citing Boarding House regulations. As Family Promise falls under temporary shelter, Father Bob provided the Fire Inspector the correct regulation.
- Elections press conference on Church property without notification.

After school function

- Complained about bathroom. Quote “they should be condemned”

Additionally, for capital improvements (ex. Parking lot) the Borough Planning committee had requested numerous revisions, meetings, etc.

Father Bob has sent a letter to the Borough Council. As Church of Precious Blood is, has been and wants to be continue to be part of the community, Father has invited the Borough Council and others to Parish Council meeting to discuss concerns.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS**

### **Parking lot**

- Parking is complete!! Space for 110 cars. A few minor touches are being completed.
- Road behind approved.

### **Bathrooms in Parish Center**

Updating bathrooms, architects revised plan to have less stalls in each bathroom which will provide room for enhancements including showers . Cost \$70,000 includes new fixtures, moving walls, etc.

- Changing table in each bathroom
- Men's room adding a privacy partition, adding a storage closet.
  - 2 sinks, one lower sink for kids and taller for adults.
- Ladies room one less stall to increase size of stalls and add shower, changing station.
- Adding a handicapped bathroom via taking 5 ft of Eileen's office for handicapped bathroom. Toilet, sink and shower.

Other enhancements:

- Motion detection lights
- Filtered water fountain
- Removing bathroom off the kitchen, will turn into pantry.

## **PARISH HOUSE**

Now that the atrium project is not happening, Tom suggested creating n space in Parish House, by removing the wall in the dining room and sitting room to create an open space. This will provide an inviting space for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Welcome parties, meetings, etc.

Importantly, need to update smoke detector in Parish House.

## **Baptismal Fountain**

Plumber and electrician completing installation.

Will be blessed at each mass the weekend of July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **COHORT UPDATE**

Cohort: St Jerome/St Mary's, St Michaels, St Dorothea, Precious Blood and Christ the King,

Our linking parish is St Dorothea:

- Religious Education, Finance, Parish Council will be Separate.

We will begin cross sharing information in bulletin, inviting to one another events.

- We were invited to St Dorothea's Church picnic, Sunday June 4th.
- A few members of Parish Council attending and Nancy shared they were very welcoming.
- We are inviting them to our Beach Masses.

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PICNIC**

In celebration of the many, many, many parishioners who volunteer to make our Parish a vibrant, living word of the Lord, the Parish Council will again host a Volunteer Appreciation Picnic.

- Date: Sunday August 13<sup>th</sup>
- Andrea will collect all the volunteers and send out invitation.
- Parish Council members are to send out the current list of your volunteers. Anyone who has volunteered in the past 12 months.

## **Committee Reports**

### ***Building and Grounds:*** (Maura)

- The rain garden is just about finished. The river rock was put in this week & looks great!!!
- The Master Gardeners did a fantastic job & we owe them a BIG thank you as he has gone above and beyond what he is billing us.
- The geraniums are in & look great!!
- Thanks to Joan we have almost enough volunteers to weed all around the parking lot!!
- The lilies from Easter have been planted as have almost all the hydrangeas.

### ***Communications:*** (Tom)

- The Communications Committee is happy to report that we have secured an additional webmaster (Jeff Zovak) who has a lot of experience in building web pages. He's assured me that adding Father Bob's homilies as audio files should not be a problem. We hope by next Council meeting we'll have them up and loaded.
- Webmaster also focusing on updating Parish Council pages and descriptions. Please review your description of your committee and your contact person for accuracy and please provide me any changes that are necessary.
- Increase Facebook activity as many people are on Facebook. Will be adding admins for event invites, pictures, geotagging. With the objective to add presence on newsfeeds.

**Education:** (Andrea)

- Eileen and Melissa held a wonderful Catechist /End of Year Dinner. Everyone enjoyed spending time together and getting to know other teachers. And great exchange of ideas.
- 2016-2017: 354 students. 46 made First Communion and 54 were Confirmed
- Early registration for next year was conducted with 185 signing up. Registrations be again in August.
- We need a 5th grade teacher on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30.

**Stewardship:**

**Liturgy:** (Linda)

Liturgy Meeting – June 21st, 2017

- Discussion on creative ways for parishioners to pray for each other.
- Adult servers for Liturgy – has been in bulletin
- Relocation of Statues – to a Saints Gallery in the front. St Anthony between St Patrick and St Jude.

June:

- June 11th Trinity Sunday: Trinity Banner
- June 18th Father’s Day – holder for credit cards
- Beach Mass: 8 a.m.
- Banners: Material summer theme, Eucharistic theme
- Displays: Flowers

July

- Banner for the 4th
- Beach Mass: July 16th

August

- Beach Mass: August 13th
- Aug 15th --- The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Marion Banner
- Aug 22nd -- Queenship of Mary Marion Banner

**Spiritual Life:** (Marion)

- PIVOTAL PLAYERS SERIES - LATEST PROGRAM FROM WORD ON FIRE CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES – 6 PART FILM SERIES ABOUT: SAINTS, ARTIST, MYSTICS & SCHOLARS
- Videos are very vibrant and colorful.
- SERIES PRESENTS THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SHAPED THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH AS WELL AS THE COURSE OF CIVILIZATION.
- WE WILL BE OFFERING SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS : 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3 & 8/10/17
- THERE WILL BE 2 SESSIONS EACH DAY. TIMES FOR THESE SESSIONS ARE: 9 AM & 7 PM.

- Information will be handed out at the masses this week. Father will speak about the program from the pulpit.
- Joan will send an email to the Parish community informing of this wonderful program.

#### OTHER ITEMS PLANNED FOR THE FALL 2017 :

##### PRAYER FAIR 9/22/17

- THIS IS SOMETHING WE DID IN 2015 AND WANTED TO BRING BACK SINCE WE HAD SUCH A POSITIVE RESPONSE.
- WE WILL BE OFFERING SESSIONS ON DIFFERENT PRAYER STYLES FOR ONE NIGHT. TENTATIVELY, THE PRAYER FAIR WILL START AT 7:00 PM, (WELCOME ). THERE WILL BE 2 SESSIONS WHICH WILL START AT 7:20 AND ANOTHER AT 7:50. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH THIS EVENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

#### FAITH-SHARING - "CELEBRATING THE WORD"

- STARTS WEEK OF 10/9/17 (RUNS FOR 6 WEEKS )

#### ***Human Concerns:*** (Richard)

##### Eagles Up

- The Eagles Up project was held on May 27th, 28th & 29th, Memorial Day weekend.
- Parish donations of supplies and food were sent overseas to benefit members of the United States Military and their families. Cash donations helped pay for the shipping fees. Below is the thank you letter sent from a military contact overseas.

*Good morning. I wanted to take a few moments and thank you and Eagles UP! for graciously sending the care package. There were a lot of delicious items in there, especially the Twinkies, granola bars, and candy: they didn't last long! The stress balls are a real hit too. The care package is greatly appreciated and we are very thankful that folks like you have taken the time and effort to send some of the comforts of home. I will be forward deployed until October 2017, in the event you or partner organizations decide to send future care packages. Thanks again, everything you sent is greatly appreciated.*

*Chris*

#### Helping Hearts Food Program

- Helping Hearts food program resumed on the weekend of June 3rd & 4th, 2017.
- Twenty-two frozen casseroles were donated over the weekend. Each hearty and healthful culinary creation became the welcomed meal for people and families in need.
- The next Helping Hearts Casserole Donation is scheduled for the first weekend in July.

## Family Promise

- Family Promise Week was held June 4th -10th in the Parish Center.
- A Cabaret Fundraiser was held in the Parish Center on June 23rd. The successful event raised funds to help support the Monmouth County Family Promise Program. Many parish volunteers contributed to the success of this enjoyable event. Over \$4,000 raised!!!
  - Joe, Ali and Gabriel donated their talent.
  - Joe Henderson's son donated the sound system.
  - Belmar Fishing Club donated food.
- Family Promise Week starts on July 30 and runs thru August 6, 2017.
- Sign-ups for our next Family Promise Week will be held on July 8 & 9, and July 15 & 16.
- Our final Family Promise Week for 2017 will be held in October.

## Rainbows

- The monthly session in June was held on Monday June 12th. The next monthly sessions are scheduled for July 10th and August 7th. Summer sessions are to keep energy and contact with the families.
- Weekly sessions will resume in September.

## Beach Access/Beach Badge Program

- The overall goal of the group's campaign is to provide beach access and seasonal beach badges for people and families in need in the Asbury Park area.
- 38 seasonal badges for adults and 38 badges for teens and seniors were purchased and were distributed to local churches and other organizations.
- Based on the recent water related tragedies along the Jersey Shore, one of this program's individual goals: to promote and support safe and supervised swimming is truly needed.

## Food Drive St. Dorothea Pantry

- The food drive was held on June 17 & 18, 2017. Thanks to the parishioners for all the generous donations. Before our collection the food pantry was completely out of Laundry Detergent but now they are stocked with 30 containers. In addition, we donated many bags filled with food: supplies of tuna, jelly, crackers and other miscellaneous items. Food stamps does not purchase detergent.
- The Food Pantry at St. Dorothea supports over 100 local, needy families.
- The next food drive is scheduled for August 19th & 20th.
- Other upcoming summer Human Concerns projects/programs include a Summer Diaper Drive in July – maternity clothes.
- Annual Back-to-School Back-pack & School Supplies Drive in late August.

**Finance:** (Bob)

Finance committee is preparing budget for next year

**Social:** (Karen)

Preparing Road Rally.

**Youth**

Sharon Trotta is taking a couple of girls to the Catholic Heart mission camp in Oil City Pennsylvania. They will be creating a video.

Minutes faithfully submitted by,  
Andrea Luker