

Peace of Christ Parish  
Pastoral Council Meeting  
Tuesday, November 8, 2016  
St. James Church Resource Room

**Attendance:** Fr. Tim Brown, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Joe Dilal, Joanne Driscoll, Rick Eisenman, Joan Frazier, Carol Fuchs, Ann Holstrom, Stephanie Lewis, Augie Misiurewicz, Jean McClure, Katie Onorato, Joyce Raymond, Fr. Robert Schrader and Sr. Marlene Vigna

**Absent/Excused:** Bruce Cavallaro, Mark Mang and Ruth Tanner

**Scribe:** Goldie Rogers

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm.

➤ **Opening Prayer** –Bob C.

➤ **Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the October Minutes and the November agenda as written.

➤ **Open Forum** – no one present

➤ **Councilor's Concerns**

It was suggested that the amount of money received from special collections be included in the weekly bulletin along with the other financial information. Fr. Bob will ask Vicki to start doing this but he mentioned that it takes a couple of weeks to get the actual amount for posting. Another suggestion was to invite members of the various committees to attend council meetings and also compile a short report of their activities or needs to be given to council before the actual meeting. This suggestion will be discussed further at the Executive meeting before next month's meeting.

➤ **2016-17 Vision Statement/Mass attendance discussion**

Ann passed out the revised Vision Statement to all members. Regarding Goal #2.2d, it was noted there is a metal A-frame at St. James which could be used to promote the Wednesday evening Coffee Hour at St. James. Joanne will follow up on this. Goal 5.6 regarding a town-hall meeting, Fr. Bob suggested that May 9<sup>th</sup>, the night of our Council Meeting, might be an opportunity to schedule such an event. Questions would be requested ahead of time. Fr. Bob could give a short report on the state of the parish and then open it up to the floor for any further questions. Even a soup supper or potluck dinner could be included - another event to coincide with our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a parish.

Fr. Carlos is working on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Encuentro. The Catholic Church has used the process of encuentro – a gathering for spiritual discernment and reflection – to develop Hispanic ministry over the last 40 years. A national Encuentro will take place in 2018 in Grapevine,

Texas. This event is not just for the Hispanic community but for the whole church. Fr. Carlos will be looking for a couple of pastoral council members to help or for names of any others who might be willing to help.

Adult Faith Formation is discussing the use of the Alpha program, a basic introductory course to the Christian faith, as an evangelization tool.

Council members at the Welcome Table recently had four new people become parishioners. The suggestion was made that new parishioners could be welcomed further by posting their names in the bulletin.

Katie mentioned the article – 10 Reasons why people don't go to church – that she distributed to council last November. It is discouraging that many people are not attending regularly. After a brief discussion, the suggestion was made that perhaps a simple scripture quote could be put in the bulletin. However, if people don't come to church, they won't see the bulletin. A better placement would be on the website.

Ann suggested that inasmuch as Easter and Christmas are the times when we attract the most parishioners and others that every effort should be made to have as much personal contact as possible greeting at the Masses - multiple greeters, not only council members but other parishioners as well.

➤ **Financial Report** – Fr. Bob

Fr. Bob passed out the report as of 10/31/16. Our CMA goal is \$104,212 and 91% has already been pledged, a total to date of \$95,159. There will be an in-pew collection this coming weekend, November 12-13. The Diocese has started sending out reminders to anyone who donated last year but has not responded to date.

School Report – a team of representatives from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools has been spending several days visiting the diocesan schools and have recommended that they be accredited with the national organization. An inspection for lead in the pipes at the schools has been completed and only one fountain was found to contain traces of lead. This fountain was not one in use.

➤ **Youth Report**– Stephanie

On Sunday, November 13, there will be a bowling party with the Youth group from St. Kateri Parish. The priests have been invited to participate. On Saturday, November 19 the group will be assisting 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at the First Penance Youth Workshop at St. John's Church Hall and on Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, helping the Social Ministry Committee by making sandwiches for the Baskets for the Poor. The Senior High Confirmation Year 2 Candidates and St. Kateri Parish Youth will be joining students at U of R Newman Catholic Community Center for Mass and a discussion on "Living as Disciples" on Sunday December 4. On Sunday, February 12, they will join students at RIT Newman Catholic Community for Mass and discussion on "Sacraments of Service". The Hands of Christ Award for high school seniors' nominations are due by November 18<sup>th</sup>.

CYO Soccer – The Faith through Sports Award ceremony was held on October 28<sup>th</sup> – congratulations to the recipients: Lucy Case, Sam Compitello, Riley Grisdale, Josephine Ryan, Aivlyn Case and Joseph Triassi.

All registrations are in for the CYO Basketball teams. Games will begin the first week in December.

➤ **Report from Deanery – Fr. Bob**

The Diocese has seven deaneries; we are the Monroe Central Deanery. Each deanery has a Mission and a Ministry Plan based partly on its Mass attendance. Bob Insull, a member, will be looking for volunteer help and financial help to provide housing for the homeless – REACH (Rochester Emergency Action Committee for the Homeless). The House of Mercy's new building will not be ready before the cold weather arrives and the Social Ministry Committee is planning again this year to help set up a temporary facility at the Corpus Christi site. It was suggested that something be put in the weekly bulletin to bring this activity to the attention of the parish.

➤ **Kids Fest, Parish Dinner, Raffle**

Kids Fest – Fr. Bob met with Jackie Senecal, principal of St. John Neumann School regarding this event. Unfortunately, once the children leave school, there is no transportation for them to return to school so it would be difficult for the school students to participate in this activity. After a brief discussion, council members agreed to put Kids Fest on hold for this coming year.

Bob C. has spoken to Bob Cerame regarding catering for the Dinner. He is working on a \$10 dinner. There would be the Silent Auction again and perhaps the items could be featured on the website. Bob also suggested that the raffle be continued this coming year but the price be lowered to \$10 a ticket. All in keeping with the theme of our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the parish. Further conversation will be taking place on both these issues. A possible date for the dinner might be Saturday, May 20, 2017.

➤ **Closing Prayer - Joanne**

The meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Goldie Rogers

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 13, St. John's Hall

Opening Prayer: Sr. Marlene  
Closing Prayer: Augie Misiurewicz  
Refreshments: Rick Eisenman