

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
February 21, 2019

Attendance: Tom Devlin, Mary King, Tom Mc Nelis, Mary Murphy, Deacon Greg Schneider, Deacon John Stapleton, Michelle Wunder, Jay Yohn, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Msgr. Ed Domin, Sara and Zack Miller (Kennedy House Soup Kitchen Representatives)

The meeting began with a prayer.

Parish Mission 2021

The Council selected Rev. Pio Mandato, a Franciscan from Scranton, and Rev. Bill Garrot, a Dominican Friar from Virginia to conduct our 2021 Parish Mission. Jay Yohn will contact our first choice which was Rev. Pio Mandato to see if he is available during March 2021. In the event that his schedule doesn't allow him to preach, Rev. Bill Garrot will be contacted to check his availability.

Council Schedule

The Council will meet on the following evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

[May 23, 2019](#)

[September 12, 2019](#)

[December 5, 2019](#)

Additional meetings may be held if warranted.

Ministry Group Overview

Sara Miller and her husband Zack gave us an overview of their ministry at the Kennedy House Soup Kitchen. They graciously host the Kitchen twice a year on a Saturday and Sunday with volunteers from our parish. She and her husband prep some of the food in their home that they purchase from the Berks Greater Area Food Bank prior to the weekend of service. She explained that some parishioners donate money or gift cards that allow her to purchase "extras" such as fresh fruit or treats which the clients greatly appreciate. The Council thanked them for feeding the 100-125 clients who enjoy the meals they prepare to make life a little better for them.

Music Ministry

The discussed the need for the congregation to become more engaged in singing during the liturgy. It was suggested that more familiar song choices may be one solution.

Reception for Deacon Giuseppe Esposito

As Deacon Giuseppe will be leaving our Parish at the end of April to prepare for his Ordination to the Priesthood. The Council discussed having a reception for him. Msgr. Domin is going to speak with him to find out when he will be available so we can honor him.

Other Business

Deacon John Stapleton reported that the "Healing Our Church" small discussion groups will begin on March 5, 2019 and run for 6 consecutive weeks on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the church.

Msgr. Domin told us "A Prayer for the Healing of Our Church" will be recited in place of the prayer for vocations during the six weeks of the "Healing Our Church" discussions.

Mary Ann Zerkowski noticed that the Statue of St. Catharine of Siena at the entrance to the church is being overshadowed by the vegetation surrounding it. It was suggested that perhaps the Boy Scouts could take on this project.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: May 23, 2019 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.
Mary King has the opening prayer.