

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
May 23, 2019

Attendance: Tom Devlin, Mary King, Tom Mc Nelis, Mary Murphy, Deacon Greg Schneider, Michelle Wunder, Jay Yohn, Msgr. Ed Domin, Mark Dobroskey (Thrivent Financial Associate), Tom Rochowicz (Knights of Columbus)

The meeting began with a prayer.

Ministry Group Overview

Tom Rochowicz, Grand Knight of our Knights of Columbus, gave an overview of some of the fundraisers and activities the Knights participate in. Through their fundraising efforts, they are afforded the opportunity to support St. Catharine's School, John Paul II School and offer scholarships to Berks Catholic to name a few. The men volunteer at the Kennedy Soup Kitchen and provide food baskets to the needy during holidays. Recently, the Knights were given the Life Award from Lifeline. Tom informed the Council that some of the Knights participate in a Color Corps that provides honor guards for religious functions. They are distinguishable by their regalia. Tom McNelis witnessed a Color Corps at a First Communion in OH and felt it was very impressive and enhanced the ceremony. Msgr. Domin commented that the Knights are an asset to the Parish and that he is very appreciative of their endeavors.

Thrivent Financial Presentation

Mark Dobroskey, Thrivent Financial Associate, informed that Council about workshops that help children and adults to be wise with money and live generously. He also explained the potential benefits of a program which gives eligible members the opportunity to recommend where Thrivent distributes some of their charitable funds to enrolled nonprofit organizations which includes St. Catharine's.

Parish Mission 2021

Rev. Pio Mandato, a Franciscan from Scranton has declined the invitation to preach our Parish Mission 2021. He has chosen to limit his speaking engagements. Jay Yohn contacted Dominican Preacher Rev. Bill Garrot and he has agreed to preach the Mission. Father conducts Parish Missions throughout the United States and is an accomplished musician. He will speak at all Masses the weekend of the retreat which will run from March 21-23, 2021.

Council Membership

The process of recruiting new Council members will begin in September. Tom McNelis and Michelle Wunder are assuming this task.

Music Ministry

All music ministries will be reviewed during the month of September or October.

Reception for Deacon Giuseppe Esposito

The reception for Deacon Giuseppe was held on Palm Sunday after all the weekend Masses.

Healing Our Church

Tom McNelis reported that 72 parishioners signed up for the discussion sessions "Healing Our Church". The program ran smoothly and Tom felt the attendees were extremely interested and spiritually engaged in each topic.

Council Changes/Intervals

Tom McNelis will assume Chairmanship of the Council in September. The Council will meet quarterly.

Other Business

A reception will be held after all the Masses on the weekend of June 15-16, 2019 for Father John Rother. The annual Parish Retreat Day held at the McGlenn Center is October 5, 2019. Sister Patrice Klausning will again be our presenter. A suggested topic for the retreat is Thankfulness.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: September 12, 2019 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.
Mary Murphy has the opening prayer.

