

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes September 12, 2019

Attendance: Phil Blankenstein, Tom Mc Nelis, Mary Murphy, Mary King O'Leary, Deacon Greg Schneider, Jay Yohn, Mary Ann Zerkowski, Msgr. Ed Domin

The meeting began with a prayer.
The minutes from the May 23, 2019 meeting were approved.

Parish Mission 2021 - Update

Jay Yohn reported that he confirmed the Parish Mission dates March 21-23, 2021 with Father Bill Garrot. Father will touch base with Jay approximately 8-10 months prior to the Mission. Mary Murphy contacted St. Timothy Church in The Villages, FL and St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Brigantine, NJ where Father Garrot conducted Missions. The two parishes gave favorable comments about Father's presentations and his ability to connect with their parishioners.

Council Membership

Phil Blankenstein is in the process of updating the application form for prospective Council members. Information will be in the bulletin for those who wish to submit an application to serve a three year term on the Council.

Parish Retreat Day

Mary Murphy reported that the registration for the Parish Day Retreat at the McGlenn Conference Center on October 5, 2019 has been in the bulletin for several weekends. Tom McNelis offered to have flyers and additional registration forms printed for the gathering areas.

Music Ministry

Now that the summer is over, the schedule of Music Ministry coverage for the Masses was reviewed.

Health Care Facility Access

Challenges faced by Clergy, Eucharistic Ministers and volunteers when visiting health care facilities was discussed in regard to clearances, immunizations, TB tests, etc. Restrictions placed upon Parish visitors should be reported to the Parish Office.

Affiliations and Associations

Occasionally outside parties seek to partner with the Parish for any number of reasons. We must be cognizant in evaluating such requests that those entities do not support, either directly or indirectly, organizations, groups, or causes which conflict in any way with established Church teaching, doctrines, or positions.

Other Business

Meeting dates for 2020 will be selected at our December meeting.

The reception for Father Rother was held on the weekend of June 15-16, 2019 after all the weekend Masses. Approximately 500 parishioners came to express their gratitude and appreciation for the two years he enriched their lives and that of St. Catharine's.

Jay Yohn told the Council that the Christmas Boutique will be held on November 22-23, 2019. The committee is seeking volunteers to help that weekend. Gift baskets donations will also be sought to be raffled off at the Boutique.

Tom McNelis is going to invite the Parish Nurses to our December meeting to give us an overview of their ministry within the parish.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: December 5, 2019 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.
Mary King O'Leary has the opening prayer.