

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes January 18, 2023

Attendance: Phil Blankenstein, Mary Murphy, Michelle Wunder, Deacon John Stapleton, Fr. Brian Miller
Nominees for Council membership – Michael Balla, Paul Bassler, Robert Hoffman, Lisa Ianni, Karen Mc Devitt, Lisa Siciliano, Deanna Stratton, Troy Rudy, Michael Wertz

The meeting began with a prayer.

Council Membership

Phil Blankenstein welcomed all the nominees to the meeting and they introduced themselves. Some of the expectations that Fr. Miller presented to the nominees included being the eyes and ears of the parish to get a sense of where people are at, ideas for community building, promoting a welcoming atmosphere, fundraising, and listening to comments on how to improve our parish spiritually and temporally. Father explained that he would like to establish sub-committees to address these topics as well as others at the next meeting. Fr. Brian Miller invited all the nominees to join the Council at the end of the meeting. Everyone present accepted.

Parish Mission 2022

In the future, Fr. Miller would like to have follow-up sessions after a Parish Mission.

100th Parish Anniversary 2025

Our 100th Parish Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on May 18, 2025. Bishop Schlert will celebrate the Mass that afternoon. Father Miller suggested inviting former Pastors and Parochial Vicars to celebrate a Sunday Mass during the year of 2025. In exchange for their service, he would celebrate Mass at their parish.

Father Miller shared the following information.

- **Advent/Christmas** – More priests for confession prior to Christmas and include afternoons.
Lent and Easter Season Confessions
Additional confessions
 1. 25 minutes before Sunday Masses
 2. Two weeks prior to Easter 2 priests on Monday evening, 3 priests on Monday of Holy Week
 3. Monday of Holy Week 2 priests at 1:00 p.m.
- **Special Stations of the Cross on Good Friday**
Stations will be blessed and held outdoors by the newly renovated stations constructed as an Eagle Scout project.
- **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday**
No Masses are scheduled and in its place Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours will be held at 8:00 a.m.
- **Divine Mercy Novena and Divine Mercy Sunday**
 1. Begin Novena on Good Friday and continue for 9 consecutive days after morning Mass (except Sunday)
 2. Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 p.m., adoration and benediction, recitation of Divine Mercy Chaplet, homily, and veneration of image
- **40 Hours Celebration in the Fall**
 1. Need to set a date (Sunday to Tuesday)
 2. Priests will give reflection each evening
 3. Adoration in Church and Mass each morning in the church for those days
 4. Begin 40 Hours after the 11:30 Mass until benediction at 7:00 p.m.
 5. Adoration on Monday and Tuesday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church
 6. We will continue to have a month long Adoration with the last three days dedicated to the 40 Hours Celebration

Father Miller explained that the convent is falling apart, carpet for the church will be replaced in the spring, and new rectory will still be constructed. He would like to include Marci Zambito (Director of Religious Education) on the Council as an ex officio member.

The meeting ended with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary C. Murphy
Secretary

Next meeting: April 19, 2023 in the Parish Center at 7 p.m.
Father Miller has the opening prayer.