

St. Catharine of Siena Church
4975 Boyertown Pike
Reading, PA 19606

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Attendance: Fr. Brian Miller, Deacon John Stapleton, Van-Vien Nguyen - Transitional Deacon, Michael Balla - Chair, Paul Bassler, Emmanuel Geishauser, Robert Hoffman – Vice-Chair, Lisa Ianni, Lisa Siciliano - Secretary, Deanna Stratton, Michael Wertz, Michelle Wunder, Marci Zambito - DRE Ex-officio member

Absent: Fr. Matthew Kuna, Michael Lenhart, Karen McDevitt, and Troy Rudy

The meeting began with a prayer.

Assigning Committee Chairs:

Committee chairs will be the lead person from Parish Council. They should work closely with Father Miller, recruit members, hold meetings, and present committee reports at Parish Council meetings.

- Communications/Marketing: Robert Hoffman
- Facilities: Michael Balla
- Faith/Spiritual: Deanna Stratton and Lisa Ianni
- Fundraising: Michael Lenhart

Old Business:

- Fr. Miller indicated he plans to continue with the events put in place last year and that he plans to add more events in the coming year.
- Ideas collected from Parish Council members were organized by committee areas and distributed. This document will give the new committee chairs a starting point to review and prioritize actions. Edits and additions to the document should be given by the committee chairs to the Parish Council Secretary to revise and keep up to date.
- Bible Study – plans are to study “The Kingdom” of King David in the Fall, and afterward, move into the New Testament
- Monthly marriage seminars are being planned
- FORMED was renewed
- Family catechesis for prep and catholic school families will be offered. Marci Zambito has a meeting scheduled for August 15th after Mass to educate parents about the program. It will allow students to complete chapters at home if they miss lessons and

will include family activities and e-mails to the coordinator with sections completed and test scores.

- Monthly breakfasts will be starting in the Fall on one Sunday per month after the 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM Masses.
- Father Miller is forming a 100th Anniversary Committee.
- The new carpet and tile are completed in the Church. Special thanks to Mary Murphy for coordinating to make sure the project went well.
- Marci Zambito reported that the end of the school year and prep went well.
- Father Miller is coordinating the liturgical calendar with Dave Kostival to plan ahead. He will also share the calendar with Deanna Stratton and Lisa Ianni to assist with planning faith and spiritual based events. Father Miller suggested that Deanna and Lisa contact Bryan Scollick in the Knights of Columbus as he is the faith program director.
- A series on the Mass in Advent will be presented by Father Kuna and Father Miller.
- A new automatic gate is being installed at St. Mary's. The gate will remain locked other than when people are coming to Church.
- The no parking signs have been effective to maintain a safe area in front of the main entrance to the Church for when Emergency vehicles are called.

New Business:

- It was suggested that the sign on Boyertown Pike be changed to update the current Mass times.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Parish Center

The meeting ended in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Siciliano
Secretary