

**Mother of Perpetual Help Parish**  
**Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – Monday, June 1, 2020**

A virtual meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held on Monday, June 1, 2020.

Council members in attendance were: Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Fr. Jeff Prasser, Fr. Thomas Vathappallil, Gil Van Blaricom, Grace Elliott, John Czepulis, Jon Leonardelli, Mary Lou Hopkins, and Nancy Wilde; also in attendance were Darryl Draeger, Trustee, Mary Wenger, Parish Business Manager, Doug Barnes, Council Advisor, and Susan Scharmach, Recording Secretary.

1. The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:33 PM
2. Opening Prayer: Mary led the Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer
3. A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Darryl Draeger, seconded by Mary Lou Hopkins, and unanimously approved
4. Review of First Weekend Return to Mass
  - Fr. Jeff provided the following:
    - 106th Street – 4:00 PM 49/50 attendees; 8:00 AM 37/38 attendees; 11:00 AM 39 attendees; all but 1 wore mask in all 3 Masses
    - 116th Street – 4:00 PM 38/39 attendees; 9:30 AM 36/38 attendees; most wore masks
    - 92nd Street – 7:00 PM 45 attendees; most wore masks
    - 1-page Order of Worship available which was to be tossed or taken home
  - Discussion
    - Limited singing by members
    - Personal preference as to whether or not priests wear mask at homily
    - Presider and cantors wearing masks sets a good example
    - Announcement will be made regarding collection and communion process
5. Brief Financial Review
  - Mary Wenger will send April financials to Council
  - Fr. Jeff provided information on Marion termination; leaving all equipment, including cameras, whiteboards, screens, desks, etc.
  - Seton will take over financial portion of school effective July 1, 2020
  - Repair work ongoing
6. Council Elections
  - Mary Maberry suggested doing Council nominations via web or mail
  - Fr. Jeff stated no update has been received from Archdiocese
    - Even with delayed elections terms will be treated effective as of June
    - May be wise to move forward in the event there is another shutdown in fall
    - Issue of how to assure all have an opportunity to be nominated when 50% did not open the letters (with stamps) regarding Return to Mass
    - Discussion suggestions made included robo calls, announcement before Mass

## 7. Parishioner Phone Calls

- Grace reported on the results of parishioner phone calls
  - A total of 300 calls were made (to all members without emails listed and eliminating those requesting phone numbers not published)
  - Volunteers left 114 voicemail messages
  - Received from Parishioners were the following:
    - Many requests for prayers for family members
    - Asked questions
    - When will Eucharistic Adoration be available
    - When/where will a farewell for Fr. Thomas take place
    - Grateful for Mass streaming
    - Acoustics at 116th make it difficult to understand
    - Appreciative of the call; great thing for the Parish to do

## 8. New Business

- Grace reported the Deanery meetings has been scheduled for October 28th at St. Augustine's
- Target dates for Fr. Thomas' farewell – August 1st & 2nd, looking into renting a tent
- Eucharistic Adoration
  - When will Eucharistic Adoration be available
  - New Tabernacle will be placed in church during weekdays
  - Juan could open church
  - Time: 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM – Mon-Thu at 106th Street site
  - No books; most do bring their own reading material
  - Usually not more than 4 individuals
  - Participants to use disinfectant wipes at seating area
- Mary Maberry inquired if Council reviewed the Catholic Comeback Matrix provided
- Acknowledgement of Mary Queen of Saints graduates
- Preregistration for 2020-2021 school year to date is 205
- Over 118,000 meals have been provided by Seton Schools to the needy. Our food pantries are going well
- Tot Lot at 92nd Street to be moved to 116th Street
- Thank you to Fr. Thomas for his service to our parish and the Pastoral Council for the last 7 years.

## 9. Closing Prayer – Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM with the Our Father

Next Meeting – Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM  
Venue Dependent upon Archdiocese Catholic Comeback Directives  
Whether In-Person or Virtual Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Scharmach,  
Recording Secretary