

Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, March 1, 2021

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held via Zoom on Monday, March 1, 2021.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Jeff Prasser, Mary Maberry, Council Chair, Gary Jensen, Gil Van Blaricom, John Czepulis, John Gomez, Jon Leonardelli, Julie Barkow-Peck, Mary Lou Hopkins, and Susan Scharmach, Secretary. Also in attendance were Trustees Doug Barnes and Grace Elliott, and Mary Wenger, Business Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:29 PM.

Opening prayer was Psalm 100 giving praise to God for his greatness and power which was read by Gil.

This meeting was an open discussion relative to moving to one worship site and our new parish community.

Fr. Jeff began discussion regarding St. Al's sale progression. Proxy via email was received and Cardinal Capital is pursuing closing date as soon as possible.

Planning for the closing of each site will include liturgy coordinated by Laurie Cosson, Andy Vaughn and Joe Dusick with possible participation by 4 historic St. Al's cantors; final Mass celebrations to take place at 2:00 PM on Sundays with coordination of liturgy planners and Council coordinators: St. Al's in April (Doug, Gil & Susan), Immaculate Heart of Mary in May (Jon L., Julie & Mary Lou), and Mary Queen of Heaven in June (John C., John G., Grace & Mary), and will include Mass booklets. All Masses at Worship Site (106th Street) will commence weekend of July 4th.

Strides have been made regarding statuary—some to be consigned and some to be moved to the Worship site on 106th Street, windows have been measured, and seat cushions to be ordered with two cushions per pew.

Discussion on communication to parishioners regarding Holy Week services to be held at 7:00 PM with Holy Thursday at 106th Street, Good Friday at 106th Street, and Holy Saturday at 116th Street; Easter Sunday Masses will be 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM with notice in the Bulletin notifying members they will need to register ahead of time for the Mass they plan to attend (there will be color-coded tickets which will be picked up at the business office).

Flocknote and Engage discussion: Mary Wenger has received positive feedback, a bulletin notice inviting all members to check it out during our Lenten trial period will run the next two weeks. Great tool for increasing messaging to members. We currently mail 989 monthly newsletters and we have 500 member email addresses (will need to request members to confirm).

1% Challenge: A special thanks to all who did Mass presentations. Mary, Gil and Grace have received positive feedback, including how the readings are examples of how we should be living today and enjoying the meditative time. John Gomez will put a brief reminder in the Bulletin.

Mary sent the latest Archbishop's Matrix on the Catholic Comeback for our review which outlines what can and cannot be done at the present time with regard to moving forward.

Grace asked about having Stations of the Cross and Fr. Jeff agreed to have them scheduled and listed in the Bulletin. Grace also mentioned a parishioner suggesting video with members saying "hello" to Fr. Jeff.

Brief discussion on the possibility of "take out" fish fry's with limited sides at the 106th Street site; this would be coordinated by Jim Peterson with Mary Wenger and/or Fr. Jeff.

Continued discussion on the move to one Worship site with a celebration of our faith to be held the weekend of July 4th. Discussion on handouts as well as signage to be placed on all doors to include an invitation to come worship together at the MPH 106th Street location. Maybe include something on kindness.

Council bios and pictures to be placed in the Bulletin.

New Council badges will be ordered for all to wear whenever at a parish function.

Lastly, Fr. Jeff gave an update on his latest health condition and requested our continued prayers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM with the Mother of Perpetual Help Prayer.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:30 PM

Venue: Notre Dame Room at 106th Street or via Zoom

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Scharmach, Secretary