

# Mother of Perpetual Help Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 3, 2021

A meeting of the Mother of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council was held in the Gymnasium at the Parish Center on 106th Street on Monday, May 3, 2021.

Council members in attendance were: Fr. Alan Jurkus, Temporary Administrator, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Maberry at 6:28 PM.

1. Opening prayer, “Lord God of Holiness” was provided by John Gomez and read by all
2. St. Al’s Closing – Laurie Cosson gave an update since the April 19th committee meeting:
  - Liturgy to be coordinated by Kathy Luty, Liturgy Chair, and Jan Gregory, Co Chair
  - Wednesday, May 12th – cleaning day
  - Sunday, May 16th – last Mass at 7:00 PM, celebrated by Bishop Don Hying
  - Tuesday, May 18th – Rosary at 7:00 PM, lead by Trish Schickert, music by Sam Skogstad
  - Friday, May 21st – Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM with Closing Prayer Service at 1:30 PM
  - Sunday, May 23rd
    - School will be open for walk-through (classrooms not available)
    - Rite of Closure with Mass at 3:00 PM, celebrated by Fr. Alan Jurkus, which will be live-streamed as well as video recorded
    - Memory cards, compliments of Bevsek-Verbick
    - Letter mailing to former Priests and School Sisters of Notre Dame
    - *Catholic Herald* and local paper articles

At this time Laurie Cosson left the meeting

  - Doug gave an update on the pending sale
    - Tentative closing date to take place the last week of June
    - At last two Masses Doug will provide verbal communication regarding the change in location for the 7:00 PM Mass, with an invitation to attend Mass starting June 6th at the 106th Street location
    - Stained glass removal scheduled for May 24th
  - Signage listing all Masses will be posted at East and West entrances of St. Al’s
  - Outside signage changed to reflect closing Mass times
  - 92nd Street Ushers and Music Ministry to continue providing services at 7:00 PM Mass at 106th Street location
  - Pictures, vestments, chalices, etc. – what to take, what to donate

3. Priorities – September Move to One Worship Site
  - Handicap Parking – proximity of parking to church entrances is a concern; perhaps handicap parking on Lincoln Avenue and/or the possibility of angle parking on West side; John Gomez will contact city to explore possibilities
  - Ministry Consolidation – to be discussed further at June meeting
  - Welcoming portion for Members to be discussed in more detail at June meeting
4. Expand Communication – Continued from April Joint Meeting
  - Bulletin Updates could possibly include
    - Susan and Mary Lou volunteered to author (possibilities include staff introductions, ministries, etc.)
    - Property sale update
    - Column from Pastor – check with Fr. Matthew
    - Hard copies of Council Minutes to be available at sites
  - Website Update – St. Al’s closure is current focus
  - Suggestion Box, Posters – Gil volunteered to design and handle
5. Finance Committee Council Representative – Gary Jensen was nominated and accepted
6. Deanery Meeting Report – Representatives Mary Lou and John Czepulis
  - John gave a detailed synopsis of the zoom meeting held on April 19th
  - Discussion on use of the *Living Gift of Sunday* pamphlets
  - Some parishes resuming social activities including parish picnic
  - Mary Lou gave update on MPH including Congo Helping Hands Lenten collection, baby ministries and food pantry
  - What is the Archdiocese doing?
    - Positive:
      - Supportive of MPH merger
      - Providing the *Living the Gift of Sunday* to all parishes in diocese
    - Negative:
      - Lack of reporting on Clergy issues
  - Next Deanery meeting scheduled for September 29th
7. New Business
  - Discussion on replacing outside message board with digital; will need to check with City for approval
  - Explore inviting Seton families to bring up gifts at Mass
  - Consideration on possibility of July Council meeting
8. Closing Prayer, “Lord of Day and Night” was provided by John Gomez and read by all

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 7, 2021, at 6:30 PM  
Gymnasium at the Parish Center, 106th Street

Respectfully submitted,

*Susan M. Scharmach*

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