

## PPC Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2020

**Attendees:** Msgr. Dempsey, Chris Kelley, Jennifer Boldry, Jim Pink, Mary Kelly, Judy Kozak, Chris Puszynski, Krista Testwuide, Pat McCaskey, Ramiro Roman, Heidi Christen

**Absent:** Walt Falkowski

**Opening Prayer:** Chris

**Approval of February Minutes:** Approved

**Welcome New PPC Members:** Judy Kozak, Pat McCaskey, Chris Puszynski, Ramiro Roman

**Thank you to departing PPC Members:** Chris Kelley, Tom Condon, Eliah Najjar and Mike Shapiro

### **Pastor's Report (Monsignor Dempsey):**

- Current practices and policies: Archdiocese has allowed masses and other activities to continue with new rules and guidelines.
  - Masses: Daily masses are held Mon through Friday about 40-50 people are typically in attendance which is close to pre-COVID levels. Currently there are 2 Sunday masses. One hundred people is the limit for these masses due to social distancing. The Saturday mass is averaging ~66 attendees and the Sunday mass is averaging ~80 attendees. The maximum amount of 100 has not been reached yet. No shows account for ~10%. This has not been an issue as no one has been turned away from attending mass. A third mass will be added when attendance reaches capacity.
  - Confessions are being held on Saturday. The face to face option is properly socially distanced and the confessional has had cloth put over the screen for further protections.
  - Weddings and Funerals can now be conducted with a limit of 100 in main Church and 34 in the old Church. There have been 3 or 4 weddings and several funerals.
  - Baptisms are currently being held in the new Church only due to social distancing rules.
  - First Communion was held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Several children were on vacation and they are making their First Communion on various Sunday masses. Several communicants decided to move their first communion into next year.
  - Confirmation of the 40-50 young adults will be held in September when school starts back up. Monsignor Dempsey will be conducting the ceremony as the Cardinal has given the pastors the authority so the Archdiocese can catch up on the back log created from the shut-down. The date for next year's confirmation has already been set.

- Religious Education plans – Archdiocese is working on religious ed new rules and guidelines for conducting in person and on-line classes. Currently their priority is getting the schools back open. The policies for Religious Education will be similar to the schools. A quick survey of parents reveals the majority of parents would prefer in home instruction. The parish is currently looking at hybrid model between on-line and some in person. Due to social distancing requirements, classroom seating in the O’Gara Center is very limited. In order to teach on-line classes the parish will need to be certified by the Archdiocese. This is a priority right now getting this organized and recruiting catechist for the upcoming year.
- Current financial status: Sunday collections have fallen off ~8%. Easter was 75% of the prior year. Christmas was off a little. Investments are off slightly. Operating revenue is down 24% this year. The new fiscal year starting July 1 operating revenue is down 31%. Lower revenues also impact the Archdiocese as they are funded by collections from parishes. The parish received \$152,000 in PPP funding.
- Annual Catholic Appeal seems to be coming in strong.
- Due to some personnel changes, Fr. Vince Costello has been named the acting Vicar for Vicariate 1.

#### **Renew My Church:**

- Archdiocese is going full speed ahead with Zoom and other remote meetings. Marginal parishes are probably more in danger due to the recent events. Timelines maybe accelerated given current financial status.
- Still anticipating start of process in the Spring of 2022.

#### **Old Business: ON HOLD**

##### **Database of parishioners’ emails at St. Pat’s**

- New database is up and running. The idea was to look at ways to use the information to reach out to parishioners to try and enhance participation across ministries.

##### **PPC Website and Guidelines**

- Website was updated.
- Chris will send new PPC Guidelines to Jim so he can include in the minutes.

##### **Annual Dinner w/ St Mary and Holy Cross**

- Potentially look at trying to get something on the calendar for next year.

**Ministry Fair:** Decided that we should look at doing every two years.

**Security of Parish in Emergency Events** – In January Commander Lange from the Lake Forest Police Department came to discuss what type of training they offer and what other organizations are doing for emergency preparedness. This includes items such as weather,

illness and active shooter. Next steps for current PPC is to determine what and where to take the information and determine future actions.

**New Business:**

- Heidi has volunteered to be new Chairperson Heidi and Krista has volunteered to be the new Vice Chairperson.
- Need to take photos of new members at the next meeting.

**Suggestion Box:**

- The sound system needs to be improved. The cantor can be heard but not the lector.

**Up Coming Meeting Schedule**

September 21, 2020  
November 16, 2020 (need to change)  
January 18, 2020  
March 15, 2020  
May 17, 2020

**Opening Prayer**

Jim

**Closing Prayer**

Need Volunteer

All meetings to begin at 7 pm and are held in the Community Room

**Closing Prayer:** Mary

Respectfully submitted,

*Jim Pink*