

**Our Lady Queen of Peace/ St. Margaret of Cortona**  
**Pastoral Council Notes, December 16, 2024.**

Attendees: Kathy Barrans, Dcn. Joseph Brennan, Maureen Colose, James Dominelli, Barbara Dunigan, Ron Longo, Mark Malone, Shirley Neet, Frank Ranucci, Sue Rudzinski, JoAnn Stankavage. Not present: Christopher Ajiduah, Fr. James Belogi, Michael Krahula, Fr. Anthony Onu, Linda Vaughn.

Committees met from 6:30 to 6:45.

Meeting called to order at 6:45.

- Deacon Joe delivered the opening prayer.
- 11/18/24 council notes accepted.

Discussions.

- Building & Grounds- Ron will be able to cover for Frank when Frank is not available. Frank said that the Spectrum issues continue such as security cameras not working properly. Despite Donna Denny and Karen Vitagliano being listed administrators of the new system, they can't directly access the voicemail system. Donna has been following the Spectrum instructional links but told Frank that they don't work.
- Communications- Jim has some experience working with websites and has built a census form that is compatible with the parish website. He will provide Barb with two versions: one which can be completed on a PC, and the other on a mobile application. Barb & Jim also discussed possible website changes. It was suggested Barb return to entering parish events on the parish event page as she did in the past. Earlier this year she began entering all events on the homepage, thus making the homepage too long to navigate. Kathy suggested posting 1 topic from our council meeting per week in the bulletin. Jim suggested posting a 1 sentence update in the bulletin along with the website QR code for people to get more detail from the website if interested. The monthly Hospitality at OLQP will return to being hosted by the various ministries with some tweaking to the process. Barb can complete the combined list of ministries upon receipt of the remaining names and email addresses/phone numbers.
- Faith Formation / Religious Education - JoAnn summarized the subcommittee meeting of 12/06/24. Donna and Katie told JoAnn that the

9th & 10th graders were very involved in service related projects, and are generous with donations and baked goods for other service organizations. They volunteer to be waiters for the fish fry dinners and greeters at Mass as well as the Called to Serve Family Sunday. The elementary children are invited to bring donations but are in need of more participation. She added that much of the activity in the Faith Formation Program and in Sacramental Preparation and reception occurs privately and behind the scenes, so that our parish community doesn't see it happening. She is hopeful that new ideas may be welcomed into the program. Fr. Jim, Donna, Katie and JoAnn then brainstormed and came up with the following ideas:

- How might we increase & encourage more participation especially at Mass for both children/youth and their families?
- How might we engage and educate the parents of the children/youth who are preparing for the sacraments?
- How to encourage and provide materials for parents to help them teach their children at home (possibly send materials home for kids and parents)?
- How to provide Catechist training to support the Faith Formation of our Catechists?

These ideas support our Pastoral Council goal of increasing participation and supporting at least one aspect of Faith Formation. The next subcommittee meeting will look at further Adult Faith Formation ideas from sister parishes of St. Madeleine Sophie and St. Gabriels.

- Prayer & Worship- Shirley said Fr. Belogi suggested we needed 200 additional parish prayer cards to be placed in the pews. Kathy was able to order them and Shirley purchased them from donations previously made from the pastoral council. She placed them in the pews in time for the Vigil Mass. She also noted that the Lectors speed in delivering the parish prayer is smoothing out and matching the congregants. Kathy said that the Jubilee will be held on 01/05/25 at the Cathedral and if interested in attending you can contact her. Barb will put a flyer for it in the bulletin. JoAnn said that 2025 is to be a Pilgrimage of Hope and suggested a Prayer Labyrinth. These were developed in the the Middle Ages for those who could not go on an actual pilgrimage, but wished to pray and support those who did so. It could be laid out in the gym for example and small groups could quietly walk and pray it.
- Kathy delivered the closing prayer.

Announcements/Reminder: Next meeting 1/20/25.

Mark Malone, Recorder, 01/05/2025