

**Our Lady Queen of Peace/ St. Margaret of Cortona**  
**Pastoral Council Notes, October 28, 2024.**

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

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

- Dcn. Joe delivered opening prayer.
- Michelle Zotta, Maria Cimino and Helene Stachewicz from the Social Committee attending as well.

Discussions.

- Hospitality Hour- Michelle had initiated going back to having the ministries host hospitality. The Social Committee has been hosting it since the pandemic ended. The Social Committee was never the inclusive host of the Hospitality weekends. Barb said that prior to the pandemic, Hospitality was hosted by the various ministries on a rotating basis. This worked well at the time, since we had a substantial number of individuals in each of the ministries. Over the years, the number of individuals in each ministry dwindled significantly. Consequently, to return to having the ministries once again host Hospitality would require some tweaking. She then proposed we combine the names of all participants in the different ministries into one list. This would give us a larger pool of individuals to divide into groups of 9. The easiest way to create this list is alphabetically. Currently Barb is typing that list. To date, she has finished combining altar rosary, bereavement, and most of the weekend ministries into one list. As she receives more of the names she will combine them onto this list. Michelle is contacting different members on the ministry list to catch them up to speed. Joanne said that family members on the list should be assigned together to the same weekend, and Fr. Jim agreed. Fr. Jim also recommended that members who usually volunteer involve new people. Kathy said that at SMC they have a coffee hour, and parish members volunteer to bring food, and that having a sign-up sheet for volunteers may bring in those who have not done so before.
- Phone and IT upgrades- Frank told us that there was an unexpected delay in Spectrum installing the IT and phone systems which were contracted

for. Spectrum is currently working on completing the job at present. For a monthly fee we will have a modern IT & phone system (phone numbers to remain the same) as well as six security cameras which should cover about 80% of OLQP property. Spectrum will train staff to operate the new system. New computers have been ordered from a separate vendor for office use.

- Joanne has kindly combined the Pastoral Councils needs listed at our Discernment Meeting as: Communication; Building Community; Education Formation; Prayer and Worship; Administration & Building and Grounds and Finance Committee as well as the qualities conducive to meeting these needs. Sue said that communication should be direct and that you should know your audience, and also that presentation such as printing in colored print or on colored paper can make the message stand out. Kathy has software which can highlight announcements (such as our new proposed Parish Prayer which she created and printed on laminated cards).
- Shirley proposed buying 200 copies of the book "33 Days To Eucharistic Glory" for which there maybe funds available in the Igniting Your Faith fund.
- Volunteers- Barb, Sue, Jim, Mike and Mark volunteered for the Communication Committee to discuss ways to improve parish network communication and how to update the parish census. Kathy can give us a contacts name (Kevin?) in the Rochester Diocese on how they updated their census.

JoAnn volunteered for Education/Faith Formation.

Ron volunteered for Building and Grounds.

Shirley volunteered for Prayer and Worship.

- Advent & Christmas Planning- Fr Jim reminded that 2025 is to be the Jubilee of Hope and that the Diocese is creating a website with resources for the parishes. Kathy said that the Vatican website may have this kind of information as well.
- JoAnn said that Social Action should be another subcommittee we would add to our list of subcommittees which would also include the stewardship committee and environmental issues along with the food pantry and other social justice activities. Fr. Jim agreed and said cited Stewardship as another example.
- It was then discussed when the new Parish Prayer should read aloud. Fr.

Jim suggested at the end of the Prayer of The Faithful. Sue said the Parish Prayer could be said as Father walks from the sacristy to the church entrance before processing down the aisle for the beginning of Mass. Frank said that a lector can introduce the new prayer, and then everyone reads it together at the beginning. Fr. Jim recommended beginning the new prayer on the first Sunday of Advent. Dcn. Joe estimated that we would need about 80-100 laminated prayer cards to be provided in the pews.

- Fr. Jim delivered the closing prayer.

#### Announcements/ Reminder:

The next Confirmation at OLQP is on Sunday 11/24/24 at 2:00PM. For those who are available please attend and bring your family if you can to show support for the candidates and their families.

Mark Malone, Recorder, 11/11/2024