

## **Our Lady Queen of Peace/ St. Margaret of Cortona**

### **Pastoral Council Notes, September 16, 2024**

Attendees: Christopher Ajiduah, Kathy Barrans, Fr. Jame Belogi, Dcn. Joseph Brennan, Maureen Colose, James Dominelli, Barbara Dunigan, Michael Krahula, Ron Longo, Mark Malone, Shirley Neet, Fr. Anthony Onu, Frank Ranucci, Sue Rudzinski, JoAnn Stankavage, Linda Vaughn.

Kathy photographed members to put on the parish website or in the bulletin along with a brief biography of each of us. If you haven't emailed your short bio to Kathy yet, please do so.

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

- Fr. Belogi delivered opening prayer and blessing.
- New members kindly committed to the following terms:  
3 years- Chris Ajiduah, Shirley Neet, JoAnn Stankavage and  
for 2 years- Jim Dominelli, Barb Dunigan, Sue Rudzinski.
- Kathy chosen for Chair, Barb for Vice Chair and Mark for Recorder.
- The recorder to send the minutes to members for review and correction. Members send back to recorder for necessary edit. Approved minutes can be posted in the vestibule, and possibly on the parish website.

Discussions.

- Jim asked who parishioners can contact with questions about the minutes. Kathy said that they can email her their questions to [kathybarrans@gmail.com](mailto:kathybarrans@gmail.com).
- Dcn. Joe suggested opening the council meetings to the public if people would like to attend.
- JoAnn saw that the parish's needs list compiled during the August discernment meeting could be divided into categories of similar needs/functions, and she kindly offered to do so for the council.
- Fr. Jim asked that Outreach be included on the list. Fr. Anthony suggested the same for Administration Communication.
- Kathy noted that 2025 is the Jubilee Year for the Albany Diocese, and that

the Pope has called for 2025 to be a Year of Hope. Fr. Onu added that 2024 was a Year of Prayer which is leading to the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope.

- Shirley recommended 2 books to parish members. The first being "Beautiful Eucharist", possibly to be given at Advent with any remaining being given to First Communion parents, and the second being "33 Days To Eucharistic Glory". Fr. Jim said that the Igniting Your Faith fund may have funds available if it is decided to buy these books. JoAnne and others suggested that a book may not be read, and that shorter sections of the book could be shared with members. It was then suggested that short Church trivia questions be placed in the bulletins along with the answers which may be more widely read and appreciated.
- JoAnn stated that while the bulletin lists the meeting time of a Ministry, it isn't clear who to contact. In her prior parish every ministry wrote a brief summary of their function and listed the contact person. Barb remembered that a similar list was created by Rich Putorti and we can update it with current information.
- Kathy said that our proposed parish prayer for OLQP/ SMC is being considered for use during services. Fr. Jim said that it might be added after the prayer of the faithful.
- Jim recommended different parish councils to work together on projects in common.
- Fr. Jim said the network between OLQP/SMC and SGA/SMS worked well with the recent picnic at Tawasentha Park being well attended.
- Fr. Jim also stated that different ministries can host hospitality hour, and that the Pastoral Council could as well. Maria Cimino is the contact for Hospitality at 518-355-5162.
- Kathy closed the meeting with a prayer

#### Announcements:

Linda reported that repaving and striping of the SMC parking lot has been accomplished after many hours of interviewing a number of vendors, as well as the generous donation of a contractor's time as a gift to SMC.

Fr. Jim said that the next Confirmation at OLQP is on Sunday 11/24/24 at 2:00PM. For those who are available please attend if you are able to show support for the candidates and their families.

Mark Malone, Recorder, 10/02/2024