

Our Lady Queen of Peace/ St. Margaret of Cortona
Pastoral Council Notes, January 20 2025

Attendees: Christopher Ajiduah; Kathy Barrans, Fr. James Belogi, James Dominelli, Michael Krahula, Mark Malone, Shirley Neet, Sue Rudzinski, JoAnn Stankavage.

Not present: Dcn. Joseph Brennan, Maureen Colose, Barb Dunigan, Ron Longo, Fr. Anthony Onu, Frank Ranucci, Linda Vaughn.

Committees met from 6:30 to 6:45.

Meeting called to order at 6:45.

- Kathy delivered the opening prayer.
- 12/18/24 council notes accepted.

Discussions.

- Building & Grounds- Both Ron & Frank are in Florida presently. Ron will update us on his return.
- Communications- Mike again edited the proposed census form by removing extraneous fields to make it a 1 page form. Jim has been tweaking the form so that people can access it and complete it online from their cellphones which is the main method of accessing our website based on the data he has seen. Fr. Jim said that the QR codes to access our website and to the census form can be posted in the vestibule. Kathy said that Barb and Michelle have been working to fill the hospitality hour schedule with volunteers. She also suggested that a teaser question about the Pastoral Council meetings could be put in the bulletin as The Pastoral Council Corner.
- Faith Formation / Religious Education - JoAnn said she will be discussing Adult Faith Formation in February with Fr. Jim and Dcn. Joe between SMC, OLQP, STG and SMS. Fr. Jim said that RCIA would still be held at SMS on Wednesdays. JoAnn told us that Our Lady Of Fatima was willing to lend us their 35 foot long labyrinth tarp to walk and pray as Pilgrims of Hope. The common sense precaution of using it indoors and that those using it to remove their shoes would be in place to protect the tarp. She then explained an interesting fact that in a labyrinth one enters and exits at the same point, whereas in a maze ones enters and exits on opposite

sides.

- Prayer & Worship- Kathy said printed prayers on slips of paper for the 3 take-out Fishfry Dinners or on eat-in placemats would be a good idea. Shirley agreed and said colored paper would make it stand out more. The idea of including a contact person on the prayer slip came up. JoAnn recommended getting a list of names of those both willing and comfortable in sharing prayer or discussing prayer and faith with others would be advisable. Kathy said that they like to do Stations Of The Cross and have soup afterward at SMC during Lent. It was then suggested that this could also be done at OLQP, but to compare schedules with SMC to make sure that they don't overlap. Shirley suggested alternating the Stations with soup afterwards with the 3 Fish Fry dinners. Also suggested was that the Jubilee Prayer might be added during Mass. Chris said that it would be better to be consistent and keep our Parish Prayer in the Mass as it is. Fr. Jim said that he did not want to add the Jubilee prayer to the Mass, but that it could be shared at other Parish events. Fr Jim said that Triduum would be held at OLQP at 5:30PM on Thursday & Friday and 8:30 PM on Saturday.
- While Barb was unable to attend the 1/20/25 meeting, she did give me the following update: Michele Zotta and Barb Dunigan worked on the Hospitality Ministry list. The list is now finalized and all ministers have been called and provided an explanation of the change to the Hospitality process. Michele divided the ministry list into groups and assigned a coordinator for each time slot. Each month the coordinator will contact the volunteers on their list. The first hospitality weekend will take place on February 15 & 16. Announcements for hospitality are posted on the parish events page on the website at the following link:
<https://www.olqprotterdam.org/parishevents>
- Fr. Jim delivered the closing prayer.

Announcements/ Reminder: Next meeting 2/24/2025.

Mark Malone, Recorder, 2/05/25

