

Minutes from Pastoral Council Meeting

November 8, 2021

Present In Person: Fr. Cyrus (Pastor), Gracemary Avitabile, Thomas Devine. John LoRusso, Cathy Romano. Zoom Michelle Harding, Michelle Hopson, Juany Fumai, Tom Bonaventura, Matt Fair.

Absent: Joe Malaterra, Bill Macnamara, Michael O'Loughlin, Mori Han-Lemus, Mark Rubino

- **Fr. Cyrus:** Opened the meeting with a prayer.

- The minutes from the last meeting were accepted by Michele Harding and seconded by Gracemary Avitabile.

- **Fr. Cyrus:** Passed around the new parish information card and was approved by the council. The card has our mission statement, parish information, and a place to request prayer. We will use the card as part of our evangelization effort.

-There will be a Staff and Volunteer Christmas party on December 18, in the school gym.

-150 Anniversary Committee Members are Cathy Romano, Michele Harding, Bill Macnamara, Gracemary Avitabile. Planning will begin after the first of the year.

-**Father Cyrus:** spoke about the Family Mass at 9am. We will begin after the first of the year when the Mass schedule changes to 7:30, 9, and 11 on Sunday mornings. Coffee and donuts will follow in the hall every Sunday. A parish ministry will sponsor each week. This is an effort to build community.

He also spoke about inviting Ethnic Choirs to sing at our parish.

Filipino Community on November 21, 2021 at the 5:00pm Mass

Hispanic Community, December 12, 2021 at the 9:00am Mass with a "Mexican Breakfast " after Mass.

Vietnamese Community, Jan 3. 2022 TBA

Regina Pacis School Children Choir and Haitian Community Choirs TBA

-**Father Cyrus:** we will remember Jean Donovan who grew up in Westport and was a parishioner of Assumption. Jean was a lay missionary, who was killed in El Salvador during an uprising in December of 1980. She will be remembered at all masses and a banner in her honor will be displayed outside on the church.

-**Cathy Romano:** Cathy spoke of a new way we will celebrate the Advent and upcoming Christmas time. This year we will have a Christmas Event Weekend featuring a boutique and bake sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday and Sunday mornings. On Sunday evening (December 5, after the 5:00pm Mass), The Parish will gather outside for the lighting of Christmas Trees,

The Blessing of the Crèche, Eating a light supper, Music, A visit from Santa, and more. The entire parish is invited.

-New Business:

-Juany Altar Server training has ended. Installation is on November 28, 2021 at the 9:00am Mass.

Advent Evening: of Recollection with Father Peter Towsley, November 30, 2021 from 7:00pm-9:00pm in the Church.

Senior Luncheon: will be held December 8th, 2021 after the 12:15pm Mass.

Synod for Synodality and Ambassador Program members: will invite people for dinner in the Rectory.

Young Adult Outreach: (invite young adults for dinner in Rectory with Fr. Cyrus to discuss ideas

Faith on Tap: was discussed. Possible use of a local bar to invite people from the 21 to 35 age group, in an effort to reach out to them and get them involved in a parish ministry.

Young Families Support Group: Wine and cheese social, babysitting provided by our Youth Ministry.

New Mass Schedule: Beginning in 2022.

John LoRusso: Brought up a possible problem with the new flooring. He will meet with Father on Tuesday to discuss further.

Father Cyrus: ended the meeting with prayer.

Next Parish Council Meeting : Monday January 17, 2022 at 7:00pm in McGrath Hall.

Respectively Submitted,

Cathy Romano, Council Secretary