

Minutes from Pastoral Council Meeting

January 17, 2022

Present Via Zoom: Fr. Cyrus (Pastor), Gracemary Avitabile, Thomas Devine. Cathy Romano. Zoom Michelle Harding, Michelle Hopson, Juany Fumai, Tom Bonaventura, Joe Malaterra.,

Guest: Cynthia Pasenick, Michael Rafferty

Absent:, Bill Macnamara John LoRusso, Michael O'Loughlin, Mori Han-Lemus.

- **Fr. Cyrus:** Opened the meeting with a prayer.
- The minutes from the last meeting were accepted by Michele Harding and seconded by Tom Devine.
- **Fr. Cyrus:** -150 Anniversary Committee Members are Cathy Romano, Michele Harding, Bill Macnamara, Gracemary Avitabile, Michael Rafferty. Planning will launch in the Fall.

Father said Assumption, St. Francis (Weston) and St Philip (Norwalk) parishes are planning to launch an Adult Mission trip this summer. We could include this next summer along with a Pilgrimage and end with a gala, as part of our 150 Year Anniversary

- **Young Adult Outreach:** Cynthia Pasenick gave us her vision on how to build a Young Adult Ministry here in the parish. Some suggestions she presented was to invite people from the 21 to 35 age group to a Holy Hour and a Meet and Greet coffee to get input as to how they want to see this group evolve

- **Synod for Synodality:** The Pope has asked to hear from all of us on the Church's mission in the Third Millennium through the Synod on Synodality. Our delegates, Michael Rafferty, Mary Welsh Leman, Craig Wiele, Juany Fumai, Michele Harding are preparing opportunities for parishioners and beyond to participate through various ways. At the end of this month and going forward there would be a series of meetings. People will be invited gather to give their input as how they see the church. Town Hall, small group, one on one gatherings are some of the ways this information will be gathered. The information will be sent to the diocese, compiled and sent to Rome.

- **Grace Mary Avitabile** spoke on the need for prayer for vocations to the priesthood and what we can do to foster that.

- Fr. Cyrus** - gave an update on the parish buildings: Hvac is completed, Air-conditioning is ok for now but needs to be addressed in the future, monies for the pew

renovation and cushions is being donated, school doors, windows, main lobby, and sidewalks are being addressed.

-Joe Malaterra, our current Parish Council chairperson has resigned and is relocating to Florida. Father Cyrus has appointed Michelle Hopson as our new chairperson and she accepted.

- Joe Malaterra: adjourned the meeting with prayer.

- Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday March 21, 2022 at 7:00pm in McGrath Hall.

Respectively Submitted,

Cathy Romano, Council Secretary