

Church of the Assumption

Minutes from Pastoral Council Meeting September 25, 2023

Present: Fr. Cyrus (Pastor), Fr. Yi, Jim Meehan (Deacon), Gracemary Avitabile. Cathy Romano. Michelle Harding, Juany Fumai, John LoRusso, Bill Macnamara, Craig Wiele.

Zoom: Jamie Malaterra Michelle Hopson

Absent: Mark Rubino Thomas Devine, Tom Bonaventura, Matt Fair

Deacon Jim: Opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Cyrus spoke about the launch for the 150-year celebration which will begin October 1. A new church seal has been created and necessary papers were signed by the pastor and six witnesses to complete the process. All correspondence from this time on will have the new seal.

As part of the 150th the air conditioning in the church will be replaced, the carpet at the front door replaced as well as the gutters at the Burr Road Church entrance.

Juany Fumai - Deacon Jim, and Fr. Yi train and retrained new Altar Servers. Juany said they recruited 3 new servers who were installed on May 28th at the 9am Mass. Training is now on going. There are 16 servers at the present. Juany also said the Shawl Ministry is doing fine with 3 new members that meet on Sunday and Thursday afternoons. The shawls are given to those in hospitals, Hospice and homebound.

Cathy Romano – gave an update of Religious Ed. First Eucharist was on May 7, at the regular 9 and 11am Masses it was very well accepted by the families and parishioners. We had 46 students who received Holy Communion.

Confirmation was on May 21, at 1 & 3pm. Bishop Caggiano Confirmed 48 students.

We applied for a grant from Foundations in Faith which is a grant program of the diocese for \$9,800 to renovate four small classrooms in the school into one large room. The grant committee decides who gets the grants late June. If we do receive the grant we will complete the project, if not it will not be done. At this time, we have not heard from the grant committee.

Registration for the fall is coming in

Michele Harding – is now part time at St. Francis in Weston and here at Assumption. Youth combine for service projects. The September kickoff went well with Confirmation and Youth Ministry combined.

Youth will meet for clean up the Sound, Lake Compounds, collaborate with St. Luke for a Halloween gathering. After the first of the year our combined St. Luke, St. Francis and Assumption will implement Holy Hoops, basketball in our gym.

Fr. Yi said the Saturday morning Bible study is going well. They prepare for the Sunday readings.

Fr. Cyrus– as part of the 150th year celebration, a committee was formed to look over plans for the best way to implement the renovation/addition of the back of the outside of the church. Matt Fair met with architects and builders and said at this time this project will be put on hold. There are many repairs to the church that need to be addressed first. Windows in the church, steeple repairs, large Rose Window in the choir loft needs

to be repaired also. It was suggested that we make a chart of repairs already accomplished and those that still need to be done so the parishioners can view it. Matt also met with a professional fund raiser and will look into the best way to raise the funds to accomplish the repairs. Craig Wiele asked how we were going to raise the money for all the renovations. Fr. Cyrus said through charitable donations, and n parish fund raising,

Also for the Eucharistic Revival Assumption will host over night the Blessed Sacrament which will be carried in the procession from the churches in Connecticut on the Feast of Corpus Christi, next May.

Fr. Cyrus listed upcoming events, December Lighting of the outdoor Christmas Tree and Advent Wreath and Blessing of the Crèche. December 9th Volunteer Christmas Party, December 17th after the 11am Mass the Christmas Pageant directed by Kim Woodard.

He also stated that our parish would be audited in the next few weeks

Fr Yi: adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Next Parish Council Meeting: to be announced

Respectively Submitted,

Cathy Romano, Council Secretary