

Our Lady Queen of Peace/ St. Margaret of Cortona

Pastoral Council Notes, April 28, 2025

Attendees: Kathy Barrans, Fr. James Belogi, Dcn. Joseph Brennan, .Maureen Colose, James Dominelli, Barb Dunigan, Mike Krahula, Ron Longo, Mark Malone, Shirley Neet, Fr. Anthony Onu; Frank Ranucci, Sue Rudzinski, JoAnn Stankavage.

Not present: Christopher Ajiduah, Alesio Fasullo, Linda Vaughn.

Meeting called to order at 6:30.

- Fr. Anthony delivered the opening prayer.
- 03/24/25 council notes accepted

Discussions

- Building & Grounds- Frank and Ron told us the TV in the rectory is working again after 3 months. The wind damage to the roof which was initially estimated at \$6500 was completed for \$4000 of which we pay a \$1000 deductible. They will ask our landscaper to spread new mulch..
- Communications- Parish Secretary Donna Denny attended to offer input regarding the proposed census form. She indicated that we may need 2 address fields as some people have a POB and a street address. She also said that the question "Do you want envelope box mailed to you?" should first ask if they are already on the list. Jim said additional fields are limited and it should probably remain a "Yes" or "No" question. The census to start Saturday 5/10/25 and Kathy to ask for volunteers to set up a table in the vestibule to help members with census questions. There will be 3 boxes to collect completed census forms at OLQP (at the vestibule and both side doors" and 1 box for SMC. Fr Jim said that there should be a note that completing the census doesn't register you in the parish and both should be completed. Fr Anthony added that there should be a reminder on the online census form to also complete the registration if not already a member. Jim said that both the census & registration should probably be completed in a few minutes each. Kathy suggested that on the online census that a drop down box be added that states if you aren't already a parishioner to complete the registration form.
- Faith Formation / Religious Education- JoAnn told us that she has continued the Adult Faith Formation meetings (1 person for the afternoon and 2 people for the evening session). She added that interest & attendance should increase in the Fall. JoAnn said that we may be able to pick up the Pilgrimage Prayer mat the week after Pentecost.

Mike volunteered to use his truck and Mark will help pick it up and lay it out as well. Sue said that the duties of greeters, ushers and collectors may not be clear for those wishing to volunteer. Maureen said that ushers used to seat people in the pews when attendance was higher. Kathy said that greeters are most often middle schoolers who are earning credits for community service, and that ushers and collectors are a single category presently. Shirley gave 20 copies of "33 Days To Eucharistic Glory" to Rachel and Tim for their group Mohawk Catholic comprised of younger Catholics. .

- Prayer & Worship- Fr Jim and/or Kathy to ask Sister Eleanor to lead a Discernment meeting of new Pastoral Council recruits. Hopefully the meeting would be in June or July instead of September. Kathy suggested that our priests could briefly discuss the Discernment process before or after Mass so that parishioners may consider what talents they have to offer by joining the council and in other areas as well.

- Kathy invited Rachel Stagnitti and Tim Zarecki from Mohawk Catholic (MOHAWKCATHOLIC518@GMAIL.COM) which is a group of younger Catholics who meet once a month for bible study and to socialize with each other. They were inspired by Queensbury Catholics which meet in Queensbury once a month. Tim and Rachel spoke to Tom Cronin at the Diocese who helped them organize their group. Currently they hold their meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at St Gabriels. It usually starts at 7:00PM and ends around 8:30PM. They said that since there are other similiar faith groups in the area they coordinate meetings so they aren't held on the same night. Kathy suggested they may want attend Mass at different parishes as a group to bring attention to the Mohawk Catholic group.

- Fr Anthony delivered the closing prayer.

Next meeting Monday 5/19/25

Mark Malone, Recorder, 05/12/25

