

Linked Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Holy Trinity Church Hall – 6:30 pm

Attendance: Fr. Matt Wetsel, Mike Shrader, Jamin Clemente, Ann Simonson, Rich Nigro, Mike Nichols, Sal Giarrizzo, Mike Long, Dave Connolly, Julie Popp, Mia Franko

1. Opening Prayer (Fr Matt) - 18:33
2. Review of Minutes From Previous Meeting - Long, Jamin > unanimously approved
3. Old Business:
 - a. Christmas Eve & Day Masses – Anticipating a new Christmas Eve & Day schedule for 2025 - past few years we've been able to offer 4 pm Masses at both parishes thanks to Fr. Don, next year (2025) we will look to adopt a 2pm, 4pm, and 8pm Christmas Eve schedule just in case the pastor is the only priest available at the parishes to offer Christmas Eve and Day Masses
4. New Business:
 - a. Director of Evangelization & Strategic Planning Report (Fr Matt mini presentation) - RCDA personnel pointing out the “perfect storm” for financial needs, looking ahead to the possibility of Fr. Matt having to take on Fort Plain masses (eliminating one HS mass, adjusting FF/YM schedule, etc – Fr. Matt declined), still all business as usual for the time being
 - b. Adult Faith Sharing – Jubilee Year-themed - Veronica Quinn leading sessions W/Sa, three cohorts starting Jan, Mar, May
 - c. Brief Overview of Some Lent Liturgies (Holy Week) - Lenten letter went live this week on FB and the parish websites

d. Lent/Holy Week Schedule

- i. Friday Stations 3/7-4/11 12:10pm HS, 5:30pm HT
- ii. Holy Thursday 4/17 5:30pm HT
- iii. Good Friday Stations 4/18 3pm HT
- iv. Good Friday 4/18 5:30pm HT
- v. Easter Vigil 4/19 8pm HS
- vi. Easter Masses 4/20 9am HT, 11:30 HS

5. Round Robin

a. Mike Shrader - Pope Francis is doing a lot better

b. Jamin - Friday's Table/Holy Spirit kitchen renovations ran into a [financial] snag and the Helpers Store covered it

Emmaus is 3/14-16, closing mass Sun 3/16 4:30pm HS (48 team members, 20 candidates from Fulton/Montgomery County)

c. Ann - pizza sales 3/21, 3/28 4-6pm HS, money to SOHS and FF

Confirmation Mon 5/12 6:30pm Auriesville, First Communion Sun 5/4 9am HT, 11:30am HS

Emmaus prep in full swing, lots of FF classes being cancelled for snow

Cafe Chocolat made \$800 for Emmaus (Julie's daughter made the front page of the paper), month (March) of raffles for NCYC in progress, chicken BBQ Fri 5/16 for FF/YM, Easter basket raffle for Breakaway

d. Rich - no news is good news

e. Nichols - who is Tom Cronin? (Fr. Matt: works for diocese in strategic planning, pointing out parishes to the bishop that might need to be

consolidated and/or suppressed, organizing events for young adults, director of office for evangelization and strategic planning)

People should know they are able to come to church, events without being confirmed Catholics (Mia had already created a graphic, copies at HS that were handed out at the Fun Fest)

- f. Sal - not everyone is on FB so looking for other methods of promo
 - g. Long - happy to hear there's a lot going on
 - h. Dave - Helpers Store is thriving but looking for substitute shifts
 - i. Julie - nothing to report
 - j. Mia - nothing to report
6. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 19 at 6:30pm, Holy Spirit Church Hall
- a. No April meeting, May 21 HT
7. Closing Prayer - meeting concluded at 19:21

Minutes submitted by Mia S. Franko, MBA