

Pastoral Council Meeting

November 9, 2020, 7:00 PM

Present: Steve Jesch (Chair), Diane Bradac, Sogah Dotsevi, Susan Hyatt (Vice-chair), Fr. Joe Marcoux (ex officio), Mary Crosley (ex officio), Tom Dunn, Ben Boynton, Jonathan Lunine, Mary Kay LaLonde, Mary Hutchens, Adriana Cardenas, Nick Scanlon

Guest parishioner: Betsy Root, Jennifer Karius

1. Prayer and Reflection (Diane Bradac)

2. Addressing the Pastoral Council

Betsy Root: Hearing-impaired devices no longer work in the Mass. Ann-Marie has done a lot of work to help, but still not working. Sherry will be looking into this tomorrow.

Jennifer Karius: Interested in participating in the council. Mass—open three doors rather than just one, could help to limit germs. Weekday morning is not her time, would prefer a 5 PM weekday Mass. Discussion about number of doors, increased air circulation, how to control numbers with more than one door. Fr Joe: Looking for a different Mass time? Jennifer: Would prefer multiple doors, reduces contact with sign in sheets/pens. Fr. Joe: We are following the CDC and Health Dept policy. Jennifer: Is this underlying principle? Fr. Joe: Yes. Mary C.: Sign in on-line? Fr. Joe: We are resisting this. Sue H.: voluntary online sign in? Intense discussion over the logistics of multiple doors and multiple vs remote sign-ins.

3. October Minutes

Any questions or corrections? None. Minutes approved.

4. Sustainability discussion Mike Redlin and Scott Doyle

Presentation notes: appended. Requesting approval for further investigation (2a). Yes by acclamation. Item 2b: One meter in the church combining all energy. Originally two meters but one removed. This was not reported to ESCO. May affect the rate. Gas: now NYSEG, but ESCO might provide it more cheaply. Fr. Joe—we don't know if it will be cheaper. Mike—we'll have to check and see. This will be referred to Kathleen (finance).

Item 3- in addition to original proposal. 3a Energy audit on any building. Council approves doing it on all three. 3b. LED lights. May not lower carbon footprint but would save money. Initial installation cost. But relamping lights in Church require a lift and cost thousands of dollars to do—every three months. Council agrees that they should go look at cost of LED which would require a much less frequent installation. (\$ 174,000 is current estimate for relamping church Up to the finance council.)

Phone ministry Thanks to Diane. Everyone has their two pages.

Mary C got several people, appreciate live streaming. Most people trying to stay safe and in their own family pod. No one asked to be called back.

Mary Kay L had a discussion with one parishioner who has an issue with leaving husband alone. Discussion of whether “Martha’s ministry” could help. People watching online. Several people wish the 5 PM weekday Mass could be reinstituted. Fr. Joe does not object to reinstituting it. 9 AM difficult for many people. Fr. Joe will reinstitute a 5 PM once per week.

Fr. Joe: Keeping a phone log of what happened is very useful. Two concerns: falling way behind on collections: \$7K short for two weeks each, then \$5K short this week Not sustainable. If continues would have to cut one staff member.

One hospitality minister served this week had been in contact with someone who tested positive. If the minister doesn’t show any symptoms by end of today, then no need to quarantine. If St. Cath has to close (to be determined by health dept), then can’t even live stream. Come to Jesus moment Emphasizes how important it is to control—single doors, masks, etc. Exposure issue is length of time issue. Bulletin there will be a warning that if someone has been exposed, don’t come to church!

Promote Thanksgiving dinner, please.

Question about Thanksgiving dinner at Sanctuary church. No one knows, but St. Catherine is providing groceries on its usual week. Mary Crosley will find out about Thanksgiving. (Update 11/14: Mary determined that they prefer Christmas be a special meal, not Thanksgiving).

Response to the parishioners: Betsy—someone will circle back.

Jennifer—5 PM Mass will be offered. Touchless sign in—have greeter sign in for them. Steve Jesch will reach out to Jennifer.

Diane: When parishioners come in, listen, engage but don’t feel obligated to give the answers right then.

Bulletin thanks:

- All those helping to create and find the activities within our Online Learning Playlists
- All Hospitality Ministers, Cleaners, and Lectors/Eucharist Ministers for your work
- The Choir who is going above and beyond in providing music for our liturgies during this difficult time
- The Shawl Ministry group that is bringing comfort to the community
- The originator of the Blue Cabinet for helping us to care for the community

Closing prayer.

Adjourned 8.40 PM. Next meeting December 14.

Presentation to Pastoral Council November 11, 2020

On September 14, 2020, the Pastoral Council approved the Sustainability Committee's proposal for "Framework Toward Carbon Neutrality".

Scope: Determine current carbon footprint from use of electricity and natural gas for all buildings on St. Catherine's campus and make recommendations for decreasing the carbon footprint from those buildings through cost effective investments.

Tonight, the Committee presents its Recommended Immediate Actions and asks for the PC's approval.

Recommended Immediate Actions:

1. Determine *baseline* utility consumption and carbon footprint of campus buildings by utilizing obtained NYSEG data.

- a. The baseline utility consumption and its cost are shown on page 2&3.
- b. Develop the carbon footprint from the baseline consumption.

2. Investigate added opportunities for switching electricity to clean, renewable sources which cost no more than the current costs.

- a. Investigate completing the solar panel project on the parish center. Based on preliminary information, this would reduce the amount of dirty electricity used, and the investment is viable over 15 years.
- b. Pursue with ESCO the dropped meter issue and adding gas in the church.

3. Added actions saving energy and likely being a viable investment.

- a. Commission an energy audit on the rectory with NYSERDA support. Effective July 13, 2020 through December 31, 2020, Green Jobs – Green New York Energy, such studies will be available at no cost for eligible customers (non-profits of any size).
- b. Investigate refitting church building with LEDs. This would save on consumption but may not lower carbon footprint because electricity to church is already generated by an ESCO oriented towards solar.

Baseline Pre-Covid Annual Data
St. Catherine's Annual Electric Use Mar 2019 - Feb 2020

Month/Year	Parish Center + 9 bollards, 1 pole light in parking lots & all pole lights in courtyards Acct 1004-3002-012				Church + 20 bollards & 7 pole lights in parking lots Acct 1001-0408-754		Sign Acct 1003-966-9360		Rectory Acct 1001-0758-372		Grand Totals		Average Temp
	Purchased KWH *	Generated KWH **	Total Use KWH	Cost \$	Total Use KWH	Cost \$	Total Use KWH	Cost \$	Total Use KWH	Cost \$	Total Use KWH	Cost \$	°F
March 2019	7422	420	7842	732	3614	346	2	18	239	47	11697	1143	24
April 2019	5347	585	5932	542	3764	365	2	18	225	45	9923	970	37
May 2019	4678	698	5376	497	5124	463	3	18	278	54	10781	1031	51
June 2019	4480	815	5295	456	10501	959	2	19	424	72	16222	1506	57
July 2019	5255	868	6123	549	10868	968	3	19	784	116	17778	1652	67
August 2019	4933	779	5712	499	7698	701	3	19	594	74	14007	1294	71
September 2019	4375	624	4999	441	4905	427	3	19	443	59	10350	946	65
October 2019	6490	373	6863	645	4781	431	4	19	336	60	11984	1155	58
November 2019	10348	187	10535	1022	4559	406	4	19	410	70	15508	1517	45
December 2019	11777	91	11868	1158	5052	459	5	19	379	66	17304	1702	30
January 2020	10791	96	10887	1052	3914	367	4	19	364	48	15169	1487	30
February 2020	9475	59	9534	930	4217	386	4	19	346	48	14101	1383	27
ANNUAL	85371	5595	90966	8523	68997	6281	39	225	4822	759	164824	15788	

* Note: Data from "St Catherine_10043002012 Parish Hall Elec Use 2019-03-2020-02.pdf" column "Amount to Bill".

** Note: Data from website <https://www.solarweb.com/PvSystems/PvSystem?pvSystemId=51f6d2dd-82f2-4d26-9b60-67663e43f579>

Baseline Pre-Covid Annual Data

St. Catherine's Annual Gas Use Mar 2019 - Feb 2020

Month/Year	Church + Parish Center Acct 1001-0408-754		Rectory Acct 1001-0758-372		Grand Totals		Average Temp
	Total Use Therms	Cost \$	Total Use Therms	Cost \$	Total Use Therms	Cost \$	°F
March 2019	1012	660	124	109	1136	769	24
April 2019	460	309	71	82	531	390	37
May 2019	171	125	46	59	217	184	51
June 2019	35	52	36	54	71	106	57
July 2019	38	54	30	48	68	101	67
August 2019	46	62	26	43	72	104	71
September 2019	163	115	20	36	183	151	65
October 2019	803	427	40	59	843	486	58
November 2019	1476	779	119	103	1595	882	45
December 2019	1499	855	127	109	1626	964	30
January 2020	1504	854	120	112	1624	966	30
February 2020	1261	705	119	110	1380	815	27
ANNUAL	8468	4996	878	923	9346	5919	