CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2021

	Parish Staff	Present
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Vincent Tran	yes
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	yes
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	Parishioners	•

Meeting began: 7:05 PM

Opening prayer: James Brown

PPC Matters:

- Christmas gathering will be hosted on Sunday, December 19th, 6:00 to 9:00 PM, in the Youth Room. Please mark your calendars.
- The PPC said farewell to Grant, Tim, and Patrick as their term of service comes to an end. Fr. Sean thanked them for their service to the PPC.
- Fr. Sean asked members of the PPC to submit names of parishioners who they believe would be good candidates for the PPC. Discernment for the new members is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2022.

Open Forum: No members from the parish were in attendance to address the council.

Information sharing from Fr. Sean & Dcn. Kerry:

Spring Festival

• Spring Festival 2022 will be a transitioning year for Mike and Camille Havelka who have been the chairs for nearly 20 years. Members of their Core Team, the Croes and Bells, will also be stepping down from their primary roles.

- It is time to re-imagine the Spring Festival. The Parish Council will have a greater role determining the new format of our future Spring Festivals. Two changes for Spring Festival 2022 will be the elimination of the car raffle and a smaller live auction.
- Fr. Sean wants to maintain the balance between the Spring Festival being an event that brings our community together and, at the same time, serves as our largest annual fundraiser.

IGNITE Campaign

- As of Friday, November 5th, 130 donors have donated ~\$800,000. Through the end of 2021, there will be periodic announcements reminding parishioners to join the campaign with their pledge/donation. IGNITE will also be highlighted on Giving Tuesday.
- Fr. Sean commented that we are close to reaching our 2021 DSF goal.
- A preliminary budget for the Marian Grotto and Prayer Garden Extension is ~\$800,000. As we track the pledge tally, a plan for a phased construction will be considered. No debt is our goal.
- IGNITE will continue through 2022, 2023, and 2024.

<u>Trunk or Treat</u> was a great success. Marjorie Maloney's car/trunk won first place with a Harry Potter theme. Fr. Sean noted that a lot of young families were in attendance.

Stewardship Saturday is scheduled for January 8th. More information to come.

Ministry Fair is scheduled for the last 2 weekends of January.

ACTS Retreats

- The future of ACTS has been discussed at length with its leadership. It has been difficult to find people to fill the roles of the ACTS Core Team. There has also been a decline in the number of parishioners wanting to attend. Has ACTS reached its "limit"? Is it time to end this ministry or take a "pause"?
- Assuming that most parishioners who were interested in the ACTS Retreat have attended and served on the Core Team, it is time to reach the current needs of parishioners for this type of engagement. Alternate retreat formats and days of prayer may be the best way to serve our community in the future.
- While it is sad for this ministry to come to an end, as a parish we should celebrate the many successes of the ACTS Retreat Ministry and how it has served to further engage many parishioners in Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.

Open Discussion:

- Due to scheduling issues and priest availability, there will not be an Advent Reconciliation Prayer Service.

 The hours of Reconciliation at CtR will be extended during Advent.
- Currently, there is no direction from Cardinal DiNardo regarding the current Mass dispensation due to COVID.

- CtR will have its normal Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass schedule with overflow seating available in the Parish Hall. Christmas Day is a Saturday so there will be no 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday evening. The normal four Masses on Sunday will be celebrated for our Sunday obligation.
- Fr. Sean addressed a question on Mass Intentions and proper protocols. It is a difficult issue meeting parishioner requests while following the diocese guidelines.

Next Meeting: January 25, 2022

Prayer Volunteer for next meeting: TBD

Closing Prayer: James Brown

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 PM