



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AGENDA
December 5, 2022 @ 7pm
St John's Room

I. Welcome

II. Opening Prayer – 90 Day Challenge Prayer

III. Finance Committee Report – **Kevin Sullivan**

- ***2023 pledge cards sent - 400+ received – 7% increase***
- ***60% have pledged – 50% electronic***
- ***Diocese appeal at 106% - rebate potential \$9-\$10k – 2023 anticipated soon***
- ***Under review: landscaping, paving & school phone system***

IV. Father Deeley's Remarks

- ***Synod on Synodality – parish report sent to Arch Diocese, all Arch Diocese reports sent to DC and where consolidated into a 15-page report***
- ***Synod reports from all continents have been sent to Rome. US report was combined with Canada***
- ***The original Rome scheduled for October 2023 has been extended to October 2024***
- ***The St. Michael, Archdiocese, USCCB & Continental reports are all available on the parish website***
- ***Requested continued support of the 90 Day Challenge***
- ***Involvement with Open wide Our Hearts which will be continued in the parish***

- ***Asked for comments on the masked/taped area with the Church as well as receiving both species at masses – please email Fr. Deeley or speak with him directly to offer your thoughts***

V. Highlighted Ministry – Faith Formation - Bonnie Spurr

- ***Overall numbers have declined since Covid – this year is down compared to last year***
- ***Faith Formation classes are Sunday and Monday – appears sports/other activities are taking precedent***
- ***Some brainstorming took place on next steps to better understand the trend***
 - ***Debra Sullivan – Confirmation 1 & 2:***
 - ***Recommended class length and course length be reduced***
 - ***Incorporate service into the class time***

VI. Updates on Parish Life:

- **90 Day Challenge – Dominic**
 - **September 25, 2022, start – mass attendance has improved 195 attendees vs. the previous three weeks which does include Faith Formation**
 - **The school has been active targeting messages student families**
 - **The same for those receiving sacraments**
 - **Mass attendance has reached 1,395 – an increase of 231**
- **Annual Report and Sacramental Statistics – Mary Alice**
 - **Baptism: 180, 3% higher than 2019/pre-Covid**
 - **Confirmation: 140 – First communion: 150, Marriage: 19 and Funerals: 150**
- **Parish Life – Dominic**
 - **Advent small groups with Edward Sri**
 - **Lent Mission March 2-3, 2023, with Edward Sri**
 - **Lent/Ash Wednesday book – Edward Sri author**
 - **Night in Bethlehem - December 16, 2022**
 - **Lessons and Carols - December 9, 2022**
 - **Penance service – December 12, 2022**

- **Transform and Love – Pre-Cana**
 - **Open Wide Our Hearts – racial justice program**
 - **Christmas Mass schedule: Saturday: 4:00, 6:00 & 9:00. Sunday: 8:00. 10:00 & 12:00**
 - **There are six participating in the Christ Seekers program**
- **PPC Ministry of Presence – Welcome Sundays**
 - **PPC ministry/Mass participation will continue this Sunday, December 11, 2022. Brian will be making a sign to identify where PPC attendees will be available**

VII. Comments from PPC members – helpful suggestions, comments, solutions or ideas

Deb: Suggested intinction with Eucharist

Brian: Suggested 1) 90 Day Challenge communication take place at Christmas Masses. 2) Re-evaluation of confirmation classes, 3) Coat drive and 4) Hybrid/Zoom PPC meeting

Fr. Yoon: Commented on what most diocese parishes are experiencing and that he added the success St. Michaels is having with the 90 Day Challenge

Dave: 1) Experiences with 90 Day Challenge, 2) Recommended some new classes as a means to increase participation

Joan: 1) Suggested some practice for new mass songs just prior to mass 2) Hold First Aid classes again

Pat: reiterated Joan's remarks

Ann Marie: 1) St. Michael prayer, 2) Activities like “make your own wreath”, 3) Music; missing old favorites, 4) Has a recommendation for mass of Remembrance

Jess: Use kids to invite family and others to Mass

Steve: Suggested parish survey for engagement i.e., Covid, alter servers, bring up the gifts, Adoration availability, etc.

VIII. Father Deeley's Comments

- **Asked for support for Christmas season**

IX. Closing Prayer – Debra Sullivan