

Church of the Resurrection – Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Monthly Meeting Minutes  
March 9, 2022

**Members Present:**

Tom Bindi ('22), Tina Fesenmyer ('23), Adora Gallagher ('24), Christina Hefty ('24), Bill Hohman ('22), Travis Polk ('23), Mark Samborsky ('22-Z), Jack Spangenberg (Youth Representative), Katy Wyatt ('23),

**Pastoral Staff Present:** Father Denis Kigozi, Brad Romantic

**Members Absent:** Debbie Burke ('24), Lily Canales (Youth Representative), Tammy Foeller ('23), Sandra Tarullo-Jacobs ('24)

**Pastoral Staff Absent:**

The council met in the Ministry Center. Meeting began ~7:00 pm

TOPIC	DISCUSSION
Opening Prayer	Christina Hefty
Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes by Mark Samborsky, seconded by Tom Bindi. Minutes approved unanimously
Reports/Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Deanery Report – Al Hannum. Adora shared Al's report. Nothing new expected to happen with the Deanery until a new bishop is designated for the diocese. Al is meeting with Helping Hands to get their approval to place an ad in the bulletin asking for donations.</li><li>Youth Ministries Report – <i>CREED and MS Faith formation:</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Classes end the last week of April. RISE held a lock in in March that was planned and run by our High School Peer Leadership Team. The 20 middle school kids in attendance all had a great time – gametime, food, holy hour. We are fortunate to have such dedicated high school kids sharing their faith and serving as role models.</li><li>SACRAMENTAL PREP: There are 90 students preparing to receive their First Eucharist in April/May. The group masses will be held on Sat., April 23 and Sunday, May 1. The first communicants attended a First Eucharist Retreat with their parents on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. They spent the afternoon rotating through workshops of crafts, activities, reflection, and a tour with Fr. Denis. 60 fourth and fifth grade students will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. We will end with a Mexican Fiesta in the social hall to celebrate this event.</li><li>LITURGY: Journey with Jesus has not been able to meet this year – first due to COVID and then due to the chapel renovation. We hope to resume this</li></ul></li></ul>

ministry in the fall. In lieu of a Children's Mass due to Covid, we have been holding a Family Mass once a month. Family units have been serving as lectors, greeters, gift bearers, servers, EOM's, and choir members. The next family Mass is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>. We have also been holding a family event following the family masses. This month the Baptism Team has planned Lent Workshops along with a soup and bread supper.

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be held the week of June 19<sup>th</sup> – morning and evening sessions available. All registration will be done on-line and will begin in a few weeks.

*High School Youth Ministry:* We just had our winter retreat at Damascus – it went great- and are beginning to wind down. Our year ends in April. We are preparing for Living Stations on Good Friday. There will be a confirmation retreat on 8 to 8 at Heartland, April 9. The run-through practice is April 26<sup>th</sup> and confirmation will be on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Gospel Road will be July 24-30<sup>th</sup>. There will be announcement April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at which time it is expected that donations will begin to be accepted. We Share is accepting donations now. There are still some spots open for Catholic Youth Summer Camp.

- Evangelization Coordinator – Brad Romantic.
  - Seven-point evangelization plan launched and described at masses.
  - We have recently (~March 1) partnered with The Evangelical Catholic with a process called Reach More. Goal of Reach More is to train and equip the laity to create their own apostolate. This is a program of intentional discipleship making: 2 to 3 leaders working with a small group of 10-12 engaged Catholics to provide them with the confidence and tools to share their love of Christ within their sphere of influence. The plan is to start the first group this summer and then continue with hopefully three training sessions (three groups of 10-12 persons trained) in a year. 1) Connection with Christ 2) Building effective relationships 3) Intentional discipleship making. Currently working on finding point people to work with Brad in leading the trainings and then discern persons to form the group. Brad is happy to take suggestions for parishioners who might be suited to be in the first group of trainees. The hope is that after the first year some of the previous year's trainees may be able to lead training sessions so that several could be run simultaneously – each with 10 – 12, etc. growing in the same way that the first disciples grew the early church. Eight other parishes in the region have also signed on for this. We pay to partner with The Evangelical Catholic. Seeking a grant from the Catholic Foundation to cover costs for the first year.
  - Fr. John Riccardo (Rescue Project LIVE) is coming to Columbus Expo Center on June 18 (8:30 -5 pm) -June 19 (8:30 to 2pm) at Expo Center. Sign up is through AM 820 and the hope is to encourage as many people as possible to go and grow.

- Suggestion Box Items – Adora Gallagher. None

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor's Comments – Fr. Denis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ April 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a prayer service for immigrants.</li> <li>○ Like last year, there will be 40 Days of Adoration throughout the diocese but this year each parish chooses its own date. Our adoration date is Wednesday, March 23 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. For the full list of dates, go to: <a href="https://columbuscatholic.org/40days">https://columbuscatholic.org/40days</a></li> <li>○ The church office is beginning to actively discern who to add to the staff or how to address the pastoral care aspect of Suanne Getting's former position which included things such as visiting at senior living facilities. The number of volunteers that used to help with this is down to about 30. There were ~ 70 before the pandemic.</li> <li>○ March 14-16 Parish Mission with Fr. Blau</li> <li>○ Renovation continues to be on pace. Soon they will be doing work on the "church" side to complete the project so the green box will likely be replaced by some sort of screen. Structural engineers are ensuring that Jesus statue is stable. The artist that is doing the statues (6ft St. Joseph and both sacred heart statues) will finish around summer.</li> <li>○ March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 11 a.m. Fr. Denis will be on St. Gabriel radio for the Spring Spirit Drive. Call in!</li> <li>○ March 19<sup>th</sup> St. Joseph's Day</li> <li>○ March 20<sup>th</sup> Our deanery will host the Synod on Synodality from 1pm to 3 pm. First time laity have been invited to contribute to the synod. Register through: <a href="https://columbuscatholic.org/synod/meeting">https://columbuscatholic.org/synod/meeting</a>.</li> <li>○ March 25<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome Breakfast update</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Adora</b></span> Publicity for the Welcome Breakfast was placed in the bulletin, etc. Katy W. will reach out to Matt to put advertisement on FB. At the February meeting, PPC members selected breakfast they could be at (9 am mass: Adora, Mark, Debbie, and Tina. 11 am mass: Adora, Sandra T., Tammy F., Christina H). Adora asked that people show at 10 am and noon for the respective breakfasts. She will bring vases for some flowers at the tables. Sandy will make name tags. Next breakfasts in September or October. The goal is to have 3 per year: October, January, and April. Brad will ask about a date in late September early October. <b>ACTION: Katy W. reach out to Matt L. re: advertising breakfast on FB. Breakfast volunteers please show at 10 am or noon for the respective breakfasts. Brad R. will check about dates for late September, early October for the next breakfast.</b></li> <li>• <b>Welcome Calls</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Adora</b></span> Calls are going well – some called but did not use the Google sheet to record their calls. Adora will check. Brad noted that some new member packets arrived after the offertory envelopes were sent to them. To avoid this happening in the future it was suggested that the office take care of sending the welcome packets and that PPC deliver the crosses (welcoming gift) to the new parishioners.</li> </ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Elections: Lottery</b> - Selection of new members will be by lottery. Tom, Bill, and Mark will be rolling off PPC so they form the committee to run the lottery. Adora and Sandy will briefly meet with them to chat about what needs to happen. The</li> </ul>

	<p>first week of nominations will be the week of May 1<sup>st</sup> so bulletin announcement needs to happen then.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Easter Fun Event</b> – Peggy Kehres has asked if PPC would like to team up in offering an Easter Fun event on April 9 from 10 am to noon. The event includes Easter egg painting, wooden egg coloring, candy, etc. Help is needed the morning of the event to set up, delivering supplies to and help the participants, and helping with clean up). If someone would like to help in the boiling of ~100 eggs the day before – Adora is happy to have the help. Let Adora know if you want to help. Since pandemic restrictions have been eased, the event will be indoors. Volunteering is from around 9:45 a.m. to around 12:15 pm.</li> <li>• <b>PFC Reports</b> – Michael Smith floated the idea of no longer coming to PPC meetings for quarterly reports. Council persons indicated they still wanted to receive the information and really appreciated Mike’s clear manner in explaining the reports. It was suggested that since the pandemic restrictions have eased, perhaps the PPC and PFC could meet together for the beginning of their meetings to receive an update and then separate for their respective meetings. It was noted that this is similar to what was done previously – once per quarter the PPC/PFC would meet in to go over the financials together at the beginning of the meeting. Members indicated they wanted to keep quarterly reports – Mike will come in April. <b>ACTION: Adora will ask Father and Sue how they feel about joint PPC/PFC meetings which may mean a move of PPC meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week.</b></li> <li>• <b>Other questions/new business:</b> What has happened with our communication efforts? Brad noted that the office is actively working to figure out an appropriate way to address the communication needs of the parish</li> </ul>
Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tom Bindi</li> </ul>

**Meeting adjourned ~8:45 pm**

**Respectfully submitted - S. Doty**

April PPC Meeting: April 13 @ 7 pm Location: Ministry Center

April Opening Prayer: Bill H.

April Closing Prayer: Tammy Foeller