

**ST. MICHAEL PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
PASTORAL CENTER - SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

**Meeting opened at 6:07 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT** - John Bobrowiecki, Peter Bourque, Beatrice Dostie, Gina Czerwinski, Suzanne Olmsted and Fr. John Skehan. **ABSENT** - Diane Steward and Patrick Carter.

**OPENING PRAYER** – Gina read a Prayer of Oscar Romero with everyone participating.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES** - Pastoral Council Minutes of August 9, 2021 were approved with corrections.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES**

**Social Justice and Peace** – Peter reported from the August Meeting. One of the new things, we had, on our zoom meeting, was that Elizabeth Keene had Chris West, from Catholic Relief Services (CRS) tune in. He's in Baltimore and he was looking to see if St. Michael and perhaps maybe other groups such as Social Justice Committee would be interested in forming an affiliation with them, kind of like a Chapter for (CRS). They are more involved with, maybe not immediate community social needs, but more organizing support for national action that might take place through the Congress and what have you and other States and other parishes that do have staff. There will be further discussions, in detail, at the next meeting. The thought was that perhaps we might contact other Social Justice committees throughout the Diocese and see if they might want to form a statewide chapter for this. Gina indicated that they were leaning towards clustering with other parishes or doing the statewide parish chapter. They don't feel they have enough with our Parish who want to do a Chapter, right now. Maybe later.

**Bridging the Gap** – They are in between 2 weekend collections. Made out very well. Collected 440 shampoos; 507 toothpaste; 31 hair conditioners and 128 toothbrushes. More will be added as Gina has numbers of what came in late. These will be reflected in the Bulletin and reported at the next Council Meeting. A bunch of diapers (about 200) were donated as well. The Gardiner Knights donated \$100.00 which Frank Cuff took to the Center. Bridging the Gap was very appreciative and is very thankful.

**Day of Reflection** - Peter reported on the ½ Day of Reflection at the Hermitage. Gina and Elizabeth were the presenters. It was a very well planned retreat. More in Old Business.

**Angel Food Supper** - Peter reported that they are still gathering information from the people who worked on the Angel Food Supper. Gina indicated that they have a dinner meeting coming up on October 30<sup>th</sup> and will be discussing this.

Bill Wood brought up “Civilize It” in 2021. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Frank Cuff reported on the garden. Nice write up in the Bulletin.

**Parish Life** - Gina finally heard back from Jason. We need a new chair. Jason is unable to keep going, but will still help when he can. He will help this weekend for the Event on Sunday.

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He will provide the list of those who had signed up for this commission. Not much has happened, not sure group are still interested. We will need to revisit now that we are coming out of the pandemic.

**Worship and Spirituality** – had a meeting in August. Went over what we did over the Summer. Did training for serving Eucharistic Ministers, also those who bring Communion to the homebound. Also did some refresher training for some of our Altar servers, did 2 sessions for anyone interested in Altar serving. Actually, sent letters home to all the children who made their Sacraments this year and last year. So, we now have 14 new Altar servers in the Parish. That does not include those from St. Francis that are technically new this year. Not sure, but went to training. Gina and Peter are hoping to develop a quarterly training session for all the children. Teach them what each role is and what it means.

**Liturgy Day** - In the process of planning a Liturgy Day, in the morning of October 16<sup>th</sup>, for all Liturgical Ministers. Don't have an Agenda yet, but sure it will come together. Some reflections, prayers, meditations and sharing.

Peter asked about having a full choir in Church. Full choirs are on, starting in June or mid July. Guidelines are pretty much same as pre-pandemic, except Bishop Deeley wants to wait receiving from the cup. He's worried all leftover wine has to be consumed. Wearing a mask at Mass is not required, but highly encouraged. Contact free sign of peace.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI)** - need to take a look at what our goals were. A lot of work needs to be done. We need more integration.

**New Staff** - We have 3 new staff members. Need to re-introduce current and introduce new staff to the Parish. New staff members are as follows: David Hayward, Maintenance Director; Lisa Dumais, Administrative Assistant, (started in July and Sandra Parlato, Cathecal Leader.

How to introduce new staff. In the Bulletin with photo and a brief Bio or maybe on Monday Morning with Father John? Maybe both.

**Covid-19** – Bishop Deeley will be asking how attendance at Mass and Masking. With masking membership has declined. Numbers are down since masks are recommended.

**Day of Reflection** – it was a very good day. 16 attended. Elizabeth Keene and Gina spoke. Had a good mix. Prayers, reflections, activities and some sharing, so that together, we can rally our parish community to put our faith in Christ into action.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Parish Celebration September 19, 2021** - Gina is preparing. It has been in the Bulletin. Still looking for help. Has a program for the Mass. She will be baking the day before.

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Father Samy is excited to be here for the celebration, but may not be able to stay for the Mass. Father Modlin, not sure as Father has not heard from him and not really spoke with him. He will contact him.

The Group, Doug and Dave, will be available after Mass to meet and greet.

**FYI** – someone from St. Denis Community approached Father and asked if their Mass could be moved to later on Saturday and St. Francis move to earlier.

Peter asked if the Parish has any bite on the building. Father has someone who would be interested but would like to reduce the selling price. The Diocese agreed to lower the price by \$15,000.00. It needs a lot of work and a new roof.

New Grand Knight from Whitefield would like a new bathroom . St. Denis is on the National Register of Historic Buildings, so this may not be able to do. Father will try to get the particulars.

**Faith Formation** – Gina indicated that she had made an effort to reach out to the children of the Parish to join Faith Formation. A mailing went out to the majority of parishioners who are beginning School Age. An invitation also went out to youth to come to a Youth Ministry Pizza Night.

**Date of next Pastoral Council Meeting - November 8 at 6:00 pm**

**CLOSING PRAYER** – Fr. John

**Opening prayer for next meeting will be Fr. John Skehan and closing prayer will be**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beatrice Dostie  
Recording Secretary