

NOTES

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pastoral Council

March 3, 2021 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Co-Chairs: Fr. Daly and John Glancy; Notes: Kate Mason

Attending: Fr. Daly, John Glancy, Silvia Dudziak, Teresa Coda, Charlotte Gilson, Marilyn Hausammann, Claire Ramsbottom, Kate Mason (notes)

Next PPC Meeting: April 7, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom

Return of in-person Mass starting March 6-7

Fr. Daly

Decision was based on the numbers of COVID 19 coming down. Both Sunday and Saturday Masses will be in the church with the windows open. OLOS purchased a fogger to clean up the rows after the Masses. May consider adding a third weekend Mass if needed.

We are currently doing funeral Masses with limited numbers of attendees. Not starting daily Masses as of yet...more decision later as vaccines continue.

Upcoming Parish ZOOM Events

Fr. Daly/Staff / All

Evening Prayer live-streamed	March 4 7 pm
Adult Faith Formation "The Eucharist"	March 15 7 pm via Zoom
Lenten Reconciliation Service	March 18 7pm Fr. Spicer Zoom
Community Conversation (like New Year's)	March 20 7 pm via Zoom

Other parish events in the works?

Confirmation sessions - three dates are planned in late spring. Teresa is discussing the protocol. There are still about 20 to be confirmed from last year; half of last year's class were confirmed; Bishop Reed is scheduled for May 12 to confirm this year's class...still under discussion.

Considerations: What are the learnings between confirmations that are smaller versus the traditional. Teresa will include questions in the 'end of year' faith formation survey.

Monica and Teresa are discussing what next year's faith formation will look like; what worked during pandemic and what can be renewed. Zoom Adult Faith Formation has some benefits for levels of connection, i.e. parishioners in CA, northern VA and PA.

First Eucharist - Monica is planning to continue with the plans for this

Parish Pastoral Plan

No update since January meeting. John Glancy to ask Ann Marie Rosa for an update.

Grand Annual conclusion

Grand Annual - total \$85K

Catholic Appeal

The Appeal was just announced on Feb 28 and info is on OLOS website. OLOS is getting a substantial abatement from the Archdiocese.

Finance Council - Fr. Daly

Weekly donations are down. Electronic giving at OLOS went up by 50% during COVID.

Substantial gift (\$60K) for upgrades to church including re-do flooring, cleaning benches. Contractor will create a drawing of changes to be presented to the parish - end of March at earliest get a drawing. Flooring - carpet or composite? Contractor will look at each of the buildings and provide a prioritization plan. Concrete work; parking lot; rectory stairs; handicapped bathroom in O'Connell.

OLOS Commissions (if applicable):

Faith Formation Commission

Teresa / Monica

- Adult Faith Formation March 15 - The Eucharist
- Possible April session - Women in the Church, maybe Rosemary Mulvihill

Liturgy Commission

Fr. Daly

- Commission meeting about Lent and more decisions for Holy Week. Ideas: Holy Week might be livestream or video and be left available until Easter vigil
- Daesik planning an Easter Sunday Mass similar to the Christmas Mass

Christian Services Commission

Kate

- Card making - Happy Spring and Easter Greetings
- Collecting Easter Baskets for Evelyn House and two of the Salmeron children
- Next meeting is Tuesday, March 9: topics: Spring collection Food pantry; Personal Care Kits

Youth Commission

Charlotte

Youth Commission continuing to meet and grow together. Rinaldo is 11 years old. Charlotte will send an update on Rinaldo.

Parish Opportunity?

Silvia

Sharon Soup Collaborative is a Facebook (FB) group founded by two Sharon women who are supporting the East Boston Food pantry that serves 500 people/families. Most of these families have lost their housekeeping jobs (for example) during the pandemic and are without any income. One of the FB founders is Miriam, an OLOS parishioner.

The Sharon FB group is collecting many items including perishable and non-perishable food; clothing; toiletries and personal hygiene items for women. Wards Berry Farm has donated perishables and a local restaurant donated 200 cups of soup.

Silvia has been active for over a month and wanted to raise awareness of this group to the PPC and see if the OLOS Community could be involved specifically as a location to collect perishable food once every two weeks. Donors drop off on Saturday and Silvia and Miriam pick up on Sunday.

The discussion raised a few concerns: how to ensure perishables at Bullock would not lead to rodents and next, do we know how much need there is locally in Brockton, as an example. Would this conflict with the current food pantry donations?

Next Step: Fr. Daly asked that this be discussed at the Christian Services Commission and come back to next PPC with a suggestion.

Future 2021 PPC Meeting Dates:

April 7

May 5

June 2