



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, Kevin Catanoso, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Marie Zelinski and Bill Zipparo

Also in attendance: Trustees – Pat Johnston and Tim Murray

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Bill Zipparo

Approval of Minutes: Gary Mruz made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting and Marie Zelinski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Acknowledgement: The Parish Council wanted to extend our appreciation to Agnes Bross and the Catechists for the beautiful Mass for Confirmation on March 20th. Much work and preparation went into making this a special day for all involved.

Old Business:

- **St. Maximilian Statue:** Father Pete will be meeting with David Wurtz to find a more appropriate place for the statue; perhaps closer to the church.
- **Sacristy carpeting at COTR:** One confessional at the Church of the Resurrection has been re-carpeted, repainted and refurbished. Plans to complete the same for the second confessional are complete and as time allows will be done.
- **Saint Casimir Roof:** A new roof on the Rectory at St. Casimir was completed. Some repairs need to be made on the church roof; the contractor has been notified.
- **Cushions on Pews:** Gary Mruz stated he spoke with Jack Griffin but, to date, has not received an estimate. It was suggested that St. Joe's in Sea Isle City be looked at for types of cushions.
- **Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:** Father Pete and Steve Michalek of Ruotolo Associates presented the results of the Feasibility Study to Bishop Sullivan and the College of Consultors on March 23. No decision to "go ahead" with the capital campaign was given. However, Father Pete provided some

details should the campaign be allowed to “go ahead”. He stated that project was estimated at \$1,760,000; however, to begin the construction phase, there must be a minimum of \$1,500,000 pledged by October. Father has identified the co-chairs of the campaign and has received input from those on the cabinet for the raising of funds. This is in place if the permission from Bishop Sullivan is received. It was stated that the Parish is fiscally strong; more so than thought by many. Father Pete was thanked for his presentation and all the work that has already gone into this project.

- **Parish “Fun” raiser:** Agnes Bross has scheduled a Trivia Night for April 2nd at 6:00 in the pavilion. Marie Zelinski has found some bus trips available for \$75 per person and was discussing if parishioners would be willing to pay that amount for dinner and the bus.

New Business:

- **FaithFull:** Jacquie Olansen stated that the Diocese collection of food is scheduled for April 2nd. The goal this year is to exceed 1000 pounds of non-perishable food. Since the COTR food pantry does not receive any benefits from the Community Food Bank, all items donated remain at the COTR food pantry.
- **Parish Mission:** Fr. Pete indicated that Bishop Galante has expressed a willingness to give a night of reflection on a topic of his choosing. Details will be forthcoming in the bulletin.
- **Our Lady of Fatima:** Father Idler will be leading monthly services for devotion to Our Lady at St. Casimir Church. As plans are still being finalized, the details will be in the bulletin.
- **Palm Sunday:** Bishop Sullivan and Bishop Galante will be con-celebrating the Mass at 11:00 at COTR.
- **Penance Service:** The Easter Penance Service will be held on March 29 at 7p.m. at COTR.
- **Hospitality:** Jodi George and the Boy Scouts will be hosting the Sunday Hospitality in the pavilion on April 2nd. Having something after the 4:00p.m Mass on Saturday was discussed.
- **Seder Dinner:** The Ladies’ Auxiliary will host the Seder Dinner in the extension of COTR on Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00. Rabbi Kraus will be the guest speaker. Cost for the dinner is \$20 with tickets being sold after all Masses on the weekends of March 25/26 and April 1/ 2.
- **Holy Hour Vocations:** Father Michael Romano will be leading a Holy Hour for Vocations on April 6 at 7 p.m. at the COTR. All are invited to attend this devotion.

- **Fish Fry:** The Ancient Order of Hibernians will be hosting a Fish Fry in the Pavilion on Good Friday, April 7, from 3:30 – 6:30. The cost is \$10.00.
- **Easter Triduum:** April 13 – April 16. All services will be held at COTR. The Mass schedule is in the bulletin. Easter Sunrise Service will be at Williams Beach in Strathmere at 6:00a.m.
- **Deacon Santos:** Deacon Santos will have a book signing on April 20 in the extension of COTR.
- **First Holy Communion:** The Mass for First Holy Communion will be on Saturday, April 29.
- **May Crowning:** As a devotional ending for CCD for this year, the May Crowning will take place at 4:15 on Tuesday, May 2.
- **Father Pete's 25th Anniversary as a Priest:** Father Pete celebrates his 25th anniversary on May 16. For the Parish to recognize this event, a celebration will be held on May 21st beginning with the 11:00 o'clock Mass. Following Mass, food and beverages will be available; entertainment will be provided; and community gathering will take place in the pavilion and surrounding areas from 12:00 until 3:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend.
- **Open Meeting:** May will be scheduled to be an open meeting for the Parish Council.
- **Kneelers:** Gary Mruz stated that some of the cushioning on the metal feet of the pews is coming off. He was concerned about damage to the tile and the noise caused by this. Tim Murray stated the tiles would not be damaged but we could research some type of "boot" for the feet.

Final Thoughts: A lot accomplished; hoping tomorrow we get a decision; like the idea of the parish center; things for kids to do; thanks for all you do

Action Items:

- **St. Maximilian statute:** Father Peter Joyce
- **Parish "Fun" Raiser:** Jodi George – Fishing; Jacquie Olansen and Marie Zelinski – New York trip
- **Cushions on Pews:** Gary Mruz
- **Boots for kneeler feet:** All

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20, 2017 @ 7p.m. **in the Rectory.**

Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Refreshments: Marie Zelinski

Final Prayer: Father Pete