



Parish of Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2017

Members in Attendance: Father Peter Joyce, George Dudzek, Gary Mruz, Jacquie Olansen, Linda O’Gorman, and Marie Zelinski

Opening Prayer: Father Pete

Pastoral Council Facilitator: Father Pete

Approval of Minutes: George Dudzek made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting and Gary Mruz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 finish the second confessional are complete and as time allows will be done.
- ***Cushions on Pews:*** Gary Mruz stated he spoke with Jack Griffin but, to date, has not gotten back to him.
- ***Kneelers:*** To date, nothing has been researched.

- **Capital Campaign for the Parish Center:** Father Pete met with Steve Michalek of Ruotolo Associates regarding the Capital Campaign. We were given the “go ahead” on Palm Sunday to institute a capital campaign by Bishop Sullivan. At present, we are in the “quiet phase” which involves private solicitation by Father Pete which is hoped to determine leadership donations. This phase will continue through the May/June time frame during which Father Pete will also host at least three receptions to meet with the top tier donors. The week of August 12/13 Father Pete will speak at all Masses at which time the “general phase” will begin. The full push will take place in September, after Labor Day. During June/July the campaign committee will meet and begin their efforts to support the campaign. The completion goal date for the campaign is late October. The goal will be 1.7M. Father Pete will provide information in the bulletin on a regular basis and will talk to the contractor to obtain a date for “putting the shovel in the ground”. As for the existing pavilion, options are being considered and whatever is deemed best for the parish will be the factor for its ultimate disposition.
- **Parish “Fun” raiser:** Agnes Bross had a very successful Trivia Night on April 2. It is hoped that an Adult Trivia Night be planned. Other “fun raising” ideas were the fishing trip Jodi George was hoping to plan; a trip to NYC for Christmas in the summer; a dinner cruise in Philly; a Philly’s baseball game, especially one with the fireworks display; the KofC Horse Shoe tournament; and, of course, the Annual Feast Day. Various members of the Parish Council will be considering specific details to make these “fun” ideas a reality.

New Business:

- **Mass Schedule:** Beginning Memorial Day and running through Labor Day, the Masses on Saturday will be: 4:00 – Resurrection; 5:00 - Bishop McHugh; 6:00 – St. Casimir. Sunday Masses will remain the same at Resurrection; 8:30 at St. Casimir; and 10:00 at Bishop McHugh. These changes are necessary due to limited availability of priests.

- **Parish Mission:** Donna Britt is again planning a five-week Parish Mission leading up to the Feast Day. The mission will be held on Monday evenings with more information to follow.
- **Palm Sunday:** Bishop Sullivan celebrated the 11:00 on Sunday at COTR and Bishop Galante celebrated the 4:00 on Saturday. Parishioners were delighted to have two bishops celebrate Masses at our Parish and to begin Holy Week with us.
- **Easter Triduum:** All the Easter services were well received. Comments such as beautiful, moving, emotional, heartfelt were just some words used to describe how very blessed our Parish was for those special holy days. The Sunrise service was again extremely well received. It was suggested that we try to have either a sunrise or moonrise service at another time on the beach. It was also suggested that anyone who is able attend the Chrism Mass celebrated by the Bishop might consider this; It was a beautiful, moving experience.
- **Hospitality:** The parents of the CCD students will be hosting the Hospitality Sunday on May 7. This is the end of the CCD school year.
- **Seder Dinner:** The Ladies' Auxiliary hosted the Seder Dinner in the extension of COTR on Wednesday, April 5. Rabbi Kraus was the guest speaker and all enjoyed his stories. This year's turnout was the best to date. It has been suggested that the date be changed to a Tuesday so as not to interfere with the Ecumenical Lenten Soup Dinners and to host it the week before Holy Week.
- **Fish Fry:** The Ancient Order of Hibernians hosted a successful Fish Fry in the Pavilion on Good Friday, April 7. Everyone enjoyed the food. The one suggestion was that two separate lines be used—one for those who made a reservation and one for those who came that day to make a purchase.
- **FORMED:** Father Pete has purchased a computer program for all parishioners so that we may be better informed about our Catholic faith. This weekend, April 22/23, Father will provide more information to all during the Masses.
- **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.
- **Deacon Santos:** Deacon Santos' book signing was moved from April 20 to a date in June. Specific information will follow.
- **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 an open meeting for the Parish Council. We will meet in the extension at 7:00p.m.
- **Defibrillator:** Gary Mruz asked if a defibrillator was available in the church and who was trained to use it. The Parish nurses are trained; however, it was suggested that all EMs and Lectors be trained to be sure that someone who is trained is at all Masses. Marie Zelinski will speak to Michelle Sampson and coordinate with Father Pete on providing this training.

Final Thoughts: So many things going on; looking forward to all of them; I'm going to buy you a case of vitamins; we need to clean up the hall closet; everyone is going to be busy; good luck in all the things we hope to do; it was a great Easter

Action Items:

- **St. Maximilian statute:** Father Peter Joyce
- **Parish "Fun" Raiser:** Jodi George – Fishing; Jacquie Olansen – Philly dinner cruise; Philly's game; Trivia night - All
- **Cushions on Pews:** Gary Mruz
- **Boots for kneeler feet:** All
- **Capital Campaign:** All

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 2017 @ 7p.m. **in the Extension. OPEN MEETING**

Prayer: Jacquie Olansen

Refreshments: Linda O’Gorman

Final Prayer: Father Pete