

Minutes of PPC Meeting- 06/17/20

Meeting convened at 6:30 pm In the rectory basement

Present-Father Joe, Rose Grieco, Beth Schuman, Don Pierini, Meghan Amend, David Iaccino, Karen Salasblancas, Matt Deneen

Opening Prayer- Karen shared from the works of Father Ripperger on how to protect oneself and one's family from the demonic influences that exist in the world today. The best defense spiritually in his words "...never ..leave your state of grace". Ways to accomplish this include the praying the rosary, receiving the sacraments and remaining vigilant to not let shortcomings or sins fester as to keep one's self from staying in a state of grace.

Old Business

- **Reading- conclusion**

Amongst the takeaways from this book was the emphasis on accountability needed for effective leadership in the working of a growing parish, trying to place the right people in the right position to be successful, all the while maintaining a sense of humility. Learning as an ongoing part of parish life & the importance of creating the proper environment to lead people back to church. Also noted that a sense of fun is not all bad when dealing with day to day parish life, remaining humble and acknowledging that no one individual, pastor , or lay volunteer can do everything for every parishioner.

- **Counseling-** Now that face to face meetings are an option, Father Joe will connect with Shane regarding the possible scheduling of small group session to discuss peoples experiences and feelings as we enter this new case of the Covid crisis.
- **Fall Fundraiser-** many questions remain regarding feasibility for the planned November event. Some alternative ideas include auction via zoom, providing pre-packaged meal “kits” for a shared dining experience again via zoom. Suffice to say no conclusion was achieved!
- **Mass Re-opening-** Acknowledging that perhaps there were “bumps” in the process the overall feeling was positive & the experience in returning to mass in the church overrode any problem. With time and experience we hope that attendance will increase, in these times it is worth noting the personal touch or reaching out to fellow parishioners to remind them that mass is again available and even with rules and restrictions the celebration with the Eucharist remains a positive and fulfilling experience.

New Business

Race discussion-Father Joe solicited written testimonial from our parish members regarding their experience with racism living in the city.. These can found on the parish website and suffice to say these discussions will require more time and energy from all of us in the parish.

- **Commitment Sunday-**discussion on how and if possible could this be a viable option to provide for a consistent funding mechanism for the health of the parish. Again no conclusion was reached this time

August meeting - while not on the agenda the tentative plan is for the council to meet sometime in August to plan for the council next year term - TBD