

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2020 via Zoom Conference**

PPC members present:

Fr. Jerry Boland	X	Mark Cullum	X	Steven Schmidt	X	Cindy Moody	X
Fr. Nick Kostyk		Tim Daniels	X	Tom O'Brien	X	Bob Pirsein	X
Fr. Patrick Kizza		Laura Flentye	X	Susan Logan	X	Mike Wycklendt	X
		Maria Grable	X	Tom Monticello	X	Mark Ruchniewicz	
		Marti Guerrero		John Nicolau	X	Lisa Salemi	X

PPC Mission: OLPH is a family of believers in Christ who strive to live according to his teachings. We take as our mission in the world the living out of the Gospel of Jesus.

Opening Prayer offered by Susan Logan

Approval of Minutes

Lisa Salemi presented the April minutes, with a revision, and the May minutes to the members of the PPC. Bob Pirsein made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected and presented and the motion was seconded by Susan Logan and approved by all participating PPC members.

Update from the Pastor

Searches for Director of Religious Education and Director of Finances and Operations

Jim Dollard, the current Director of Finances and Operations, tendered his resignation after three years in the role, to move to Pennsylvania to be with his fiancée. A parishioner, who has a recruiting company, has offered to conduct the search and vet the resumes for the position pro bono. After the resumes are vetted, a search committee will interview the candidates; Father anticipates this process to take at least two months. Mr. Dollard has kindly offered to work with the parish in the interim until a replacement is finalized.

While the Director of Religious Education search had just begun at the start of 2020, it was stalled once the shelter-in-place order went into affect. The position has been reposted and Father has asked Dr. Mills' to assist with the hiring process and vetting of the candidates.

The Reopening Process

Father Boland shared that over the past month, the parish has moved from Phase 1 of Reopening to Phase 2, which allows for up to 10 people to attend a public mass. The parish is utilizing Signup Genius and taking phone reservations for mass attendance. Father Boland shared that the Reopening Task Force continues to expand and improve on processes to include all parishioners

and are adopting more efficient sanitizing measures. Father also shared that masses will continue to be live-streamed as the parish slowly reopens.

John Nicolau inquired about how Communion will work once public masses include more people. Father shared that there is a procedure where the pastor sanitizes his hands, wears a face shield, and individuals processing down the aisle will sanitize their hands once they approach for Communion. There will be no Precious Blood and Communion will only be placed in hands.

The School and Religious Ed Program

Ideally, Father would like to confirm the 8th Graders and administer First Communion to 2nd graders before they begin their next school year if the parish moves into the next Phase. To that end, Father Boland shared that the Cardinal has decided to allow pastors to confirm outgoing 8th graders because the Bishops' 2021 calendar is fully committed to confirming raising 8th Graders. Father hopes to confirm the outgoing 8th graders over a series of weekends in August in small groups.

Additionally, Father would like to give First Communion to outgoing 2nd Graders via an outdoor mass this summer, and if there's increment weather the 2nd Graders and families could be divided between the church and playdium to experience the mass and sacrament.

Father shared his hopefulness that the parish school will reopen in the fall. He said that OLPH is very fortunate that the school's campus is divided among various buildings, which lends itself to keeping children in small groups and perhaps having teachers rotate through the buildings.

The Appointment of a Newly Ordained

With Father Nick's departure to explore his interest in the Ukrainian Rite, Father Boland applied for a newly ordained priest; knowing that there would only be five available candidates. Gratefully, the Cardinal appointed a newly ordained priest to the parish - Deacon Larry Basbas.

The Passing of Father Flavin

Father Boland shared how a motorcade of hundreds of cars passed by Father Flavin's casket that was placed outside the church steps and that a more public funeral mass will occur as soon as possible.

Programs Affected by Social Distancing

Father Boland shared that certain ministries events, such as Kairos and Christ Renews His Church, will unfortunately be held on until social distancing measures are modified because of the inability to stay at retreat complexes.

PPC 2020-2021 Dates/Roles

Susan Logan thanked Maria Grable for her leadership over the course of this extraordinary year and Lisa Salemi for her organizational skills in the secretary role. Ms. Logan then shared the preliminary meeting dates for the 2020-2021 Pastoral Parish Council calendar year. Maria Grable expressed gratitude for Laura Flentye's commitment to the PPC for the last four years and everyone's willingness to work together for the parish.

Closing Prayer offered by Lisa Salemi