

**OLPH Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 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	X
		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 Father Boland

Lisa Salemi presented the February minutes to the members of the PPC. John Nicolau made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and the motion was seconded by Bob Pirsein and approved by all participating PPC members.

Ministry Appreciation Reflection

Susan Logan expressed her gratitude for everyone's participation and dedication to make the Ministry Appreciation Mass and Dinner a successful event. She stated that she would be sending out a survey soliciting everyone's feedback about improvements for next year's event. Father Boland shared the overwhelming positive feedback that he received from various ministry participants. Steven Schmidt recommended reminding the ministry leaders repeatedly to invite their participants so that everyone is aware of the event and can partake.

Proactive Procedures Regarding Coronavirus

Father Boland shared that the parish has implemented all the recommendations issued by the Archdiocese and the state of Illinois, and the maintenance staff has completed a thorough deep cleaning of the parish campus. The parish is extremely fortunate to have the incredible ability to live stream daily mass and Father has received an enormous amount of positive feedback regarding the live streaming. He expressed his gratitude for the heroic efforts of those that have helped make the live streaming a success. In addition to the liturgies for Holy Week, Holy Thursday will have live streaming of the adoration and on Good Friday there will be live streaming of the Stations of the Cross in addition to the masses.

While we have had some parishioners test positive for COVID-19; fortunately, none of them have been hospitalized. The priests have been calling on parishioners—those homebound, elderly, etc.— that they were regularly visiting in person to keep in touch and have also conducted funerals via live stream. There remains some uncertainty about whether OLPH's school will be able to re-open before the end of the school year, but Father has heard encouraging feedback regarding the e-learning. Sadly, the religious education Confirmation was cancelled on short notice and the date for the 2nd graders' First Communion and Mary Crowning has been pushed back.

Father Boland feels that overall we are very fortunate with OLPH's adaptability with technology and from a financial prospective; however, collections have been down; and historically, Holy Week generates larger collections. Mike Wycklendt recommended that during the live-streamed masses Father continue to mention the collection during the normal time rather than excluding it from the mass framework as a way to remind parishioners to give via Give Central.

Father wanted to note that the sharing ministry has worked with the Northfield Township Food Pantry to ensure that individuals that would otherwise be served by Sister Paulanne and OLPH are getting their food needs met.

Finance Update

Tom Monticello shared that the Finance Council met on February 24th. He provided a brief summary of what Tom Hart, from the Needy Family Fund, does to work with needy families via budgeting and counseling on spending. Mr. Monticello also shared that the school budget was due to the Archdiocese by the end of April but expects there many be modifications to it based on the effects of the coronavirus. Father Boland shared that he expects the Finance Council to resume their meetings via teleconference next month.

Deanery Update

Laura Flentye shared that the last Deanery meeting was on March 11th. Ms. Flentye provided a brief summary of the Renew My Church efforts and the overall downward trend of church attendance.

Engagement Ministry

Cindy Moody shared that the Engagement Ministry hopes to reschedule Lisa Fortini-Campbell's presentation that was cancelled on March 18th. Mark Cullum recommended that Engagement Ministry again send handwritten notes to those that are homebound and the elderly as they were so well received the last time they were sent out around the holidays.

New Member Recruitment

Maria Grable shared that it may be difficult to recruit and interview new members during this time. Father Boland stressed the importance of interviewing candidates and assessing their strengths. Father recommended that because we are going through uncharted waters, Council membership remain the same for the time being. John Nicolau made a motion to add a "stay" in

current membership to the April meeting agenda. Bob Pirsein seconded the motion and all participating members agreed.

Goal Setting for 2019-2020

Unfortunately, adoration and the meeting with our Renew My Church grouping is on hold because of the current coronavirus situation.

PPC Positions for 2020-2021

Susan Logan, Chair

Tom O'Brien, Vice Chair

Mike Wycklendt, Secretary

Closing Prayer offered by Tom O'Brien