

October 18, 2017
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Upper Room
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance:
Present: Fr. Tom Dragga, Terry Battaglia, Louise Cox, Lisa Frey, Maggie Beatty, Christa Bomeli, Janet Cardamone, Dottie Eidam, Mary Lou Gall, Barbara Long, Robyn Manchick, Toddy McMonagle, Keith Miles, Marty Motsco, Mark Olszewski, Michael Sreshta
Excused:
Unexcused:
- Call to Order – Marty Motsco called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
- Attendance/ Review of Minutes - Christa Bomeli
- Faith Sharing : Marty Motsco read from the Gospel of Matthew 22:15-21
- Update on Saturday mass times Survey – Fr. Tom Dragga (10 min)

	Oct. 7 th	Oct. 14 th
4pm	10	11
4:30pm	16	22
5pm	43	40
5:30pm	62	57

If the question had been rephrased, “do you would be prefer a 5:30pm or earlier mass”, then the totals for the other times is slightly greater. There does not seem to be a clear mandate to change the mass time.

- Update on Building Survey Process – Fr. Tom Dragga (30 min)
The staff had a meeting with Tom & Rick Ziska a week ago today at the Jesuit Retreat House. Wonderful day to talk about the vision of the parish and what we are looking for. Also talked about issues around the survey. On Monday, Nov. 6th, 7:30pm in Trivison Hall, there will be a special meeting of PPC, FC, Buildings & Grounds committee, staff and architects to discuss in more details the issues found with the building. It will also be a visual presentation. They would like to know what we have spent in the last 3 years on a/c, plumbing, masonry, and bell maintenance. They also want to look at building usage, specifically at October and the season of Lent. The goal is to get an idea of how often each space is used during a week and for what purpose. After that, we can all talk about what the next step. A further step will entail a Town Meeting for the parish.
- Second Service Day Proposal – Marty Motsco (20 min)
Last meeting was a review with many positive comments. An idea was presented about having a Second Service Day. However, the original Service Day takes about 9 months to plan. So a secondary suggestion was about choosing a single location for an additional Service Day to simplify the day. It sounds like a wonderful idea and some parishioners will be receptive and

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those would participate, but we probably would not get 200 people for this day. Barbara Long volunteered to help organize the day and suggested the Cleveland Food Bank. We would need to meet there at 8am and it would last about 3 hours. It is set up for large groups to volunteer. We would need to check on an age limit for children. We would also need to check on what the max limit of people. Per their website, they have an age limit of 12 (but special opportunities for those 6-11) and accept groups of 20. Another suggestion was to find an area like a playground or a park to clean up. Cuyahoga Valley National Park has groups come in for light trim maintenance. Catholic Charities is another suggestion. Hiram House also accommodates large groups very well. Another suggestion was St. Aloysius and Habitat for Humanity. Habitat has an age limit of around 16. Barbara will follow up looking into the details on these locations and will come back at the November meeting with details. As this is the first time, perhaps we should look at accommodating 20-30 people. Barbara is looking at Cleveland Food Bank, St. Aloysius, CVNP, Catholic Charities, and Hiram House.

- Overview of Youth Mission Trip – Terry Battaglia (10 min)

We have decided to go to Texas to do disaster recovery during the week of June 17th. There will be an information meeting before the holidays and a number of fundraising events have been planned. The first is a Fall Festival this Saturday where they are asking for donations. The second is to sell Mason jar mixes of soup & dessert. The RTC kids will be putting the jars together in November and they will be sold before holidays. February will be a dinner and May will be the bake sale. Funds will help pay for flights and other expenses. Terry is working on getting a location to stay and sites to help. There will be a number of meetings for community building. Participants will need to be current on their tetanus shots. The typical age is high school/college due to time away from home and the type of work we do. Maggie will send Terry the contact of a pastor in TX. Barbara suggest a Texas BBQ dinner in Feb and perhaps even a BBQ Competition.

- Comments from Pastoral Team

Fr. Tom – Nov. 7th is the mass for the SE Suburban District to welcome Bishop Perez at 7pm at St. Rita's. Please let Fr. Tom know if you can attend. Fr. Tom shared the mass count for the last 7 years and would like to discuss this further next meeting. Each parish is asked to take a mass count for the first 2 weeks of October. Our ushers walk through and count the parishioners. In 2010, the average was 923 and this year, our average was 650. Most concerning is the 5:30pm mass, which has dropped over 100 since 2010. We have recently stopped offering Children's Liturgy at 5:30pm. Pastoral team could identify 35 families that they do not see coming to church anymore. It's a concerning issue. Please come back next meeting with thoughts.

Terry – This Saturday is the Family Fall Festival. There will be a pumpkin patch with games and prizes. That evening is the RTC scavenger hunt for the food pantry and bonfire. There is an upcoming afternoon for women with a speaker and painting of blessing plates on Nov. 18th from 11:30am-3:30pm. There will be an evening of blessings for families to make a centerpiece. On January 27th, Project Love from the Duct Tape Company will be here. The idea of sticking together to prevent bullying. It will be open to all youth of our interfaith group. 7th & 8th grade RTC retreat will be in November and the PSR will have their Saints parade before Halloween.

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Lisa – The bake sale from Turkish-American society generated a donation for Catholic Charities. The Turkish-American society asked if we would be interested in hosting a cooking class. Lisa would like to know our interest. The feeling is that there would be people interested in doing so. Social Justice Commission is pursuing on how to sponsor a refugee family through Catholic Charities. A representative of Catholic Migration Services will come to the next Social Justice Commission meeting to discuss the details. All will be welcome to attend. Coping with the Holidays Bereavement on Nov. 5th at 1:30pm. The program is not just for those with a recent loss, but also for someone anticipating a loss. It is open to all. Trivison Scholarship Fund appeal is this weekend. Keep an eye on the bulletin.

- Roundtable Discussion

Mark – as a first time RTC parent, the program has started well and is well received by his child. Louise – it's a wonderful how much our facility being used and that all of these need to continue.

Dottie – a parishioner asked her to bring up: How nice it would be to place a person's name who is ill or having surgery in the bulletin in order to allow others to pray for them.

Michael – the music at church is wonderful, but is not seeing a lot of participation from the congregation and suggested that Father to wait a little before leaving to encourage people to stay and sing rather than leave immediately after Father.

Barbara – Catholicism 101 is enjoyable and well organized.

Robyn – how can someone suggest ideas for the agenda? You can tell any of the officers or discuss during the roundtable.

Maggie – Loves the Contemplative Prayer and is excited for the next two Mondays.

Marty – We have so many activities here at our church and it's wonderful. And she feels the communication is going well. The response to the Food Pantry requests has been fabulous.

Louise – are we going to ask parishioners to bring pictures of loved ones for November? Yes, it will be announced this weekend.

- Closing Prayer – Barbara Long

Upcoming dates:

Oct. 19th, 26th, Nov. 2nd, and Nov. 9th – Men's Scripture Sharing 6:30am

Oct. 19th and 26th – Scripture Study Paul: the Messenger and the Message 12pm

Oct. 21st – Halloween Festival for families 11am

Oct. 23rd and 30th – Contemplative Prayer 9:30am and 7pm

Nov. 1st – All Saints Day mass 8:30am & 7pm

Nov. 2nd – All Souls Day mass 7pm

Nov. 7th and 21st – Women's Spirituality

Nov. 7th – K. Calby Singing Bowls

Nov. 8th – Taize Prayer

Nov. 14th and 21st – Catholicism 101 7pm

Nov. 15th – PPC Meeting 7pm