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April 24, 2019  
Parish Pastoral Council Agenda  
Upper Room  
7 – 9 PM

- Attendance: Maggie Beatty
- Present: Christa Bomeli, Fr. Tom Dragga, Chuck Maimbourg, Marylou Gall, Maggie Beatty, Beth Wolfson, Keith Miles, Mark Olszewski, Louise Cox, Michael Sreshta, Lisa McDougall  
Excused: Lisa Frey, Terry Battaglia, Toddy McMonagle, Barbara Long, Robyn Manchick, Janet Cardamone
- Mark Olszewski called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
  - Faith Sharing : Chuck Maimbourg (10 min) Gospel John 20: 19-31
  - Easter programming follow-up: What is *one* thing that stood out to you over the Triduum and Easter Sunday? – Mark Olszewski (10 min)
    - How full the church was, and the popularity/attendance
    - Holy Thursday service was excellent and it really stood out
    - beautiful voice of the cantor on Holy Thursday
    - loved the way the congregation joined the singing seamlessly without Julie’s cues
    - something powerful/magical about the Holy Thursday service -- music is very important and it makes a big difference as it sets the whole stage
    - Stations of the Cross with soup & bread allows for great interaction
    - real sense of belonging in the community
    - Blessing of the fire allowed for participation even if parishioners weren’t outside with group
    - Music was excellent & the attendance was so positive
    - Live stream allowed the holy week “filming” to feel connected
  - PSR/RTC reflection on the year – Christa Bomeli (5 min)
    - PSR change-maker carnival ended their year for Rainbow Babies & Children fundraiser -- we’ll find out how much money was raised
    - RTC ended the week before and went well and looking forward to next year and growing the mission trip.
  - Alpha Program reflection – Louise Cox, Keith Miles, Fr. Tom (10 min)
    - a good experience -- 3 components - movie, dinner & the discussion. 10 sessions all on different topics. Found it good because not a practicing Catholic for very long. Always had more to talk about at the time the program was over. Wasn’t with anyone from COTR, mostly from St. Rita.
    - It was open so you didn’t have to come all sessions. Conversations did grow deeper with the sharing based on the questions.

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- Not necessarily the way to get “new parishioners” but the way to deeper think and share and meet new people and realize you’re not alone. Their are still young people called by God and you feel like the Spirit of God is still here amongst us.
- 85 registered people, that would also include the 15-16 table leaders. 50-65 was the regular weekly attendance. St. Rita was a part of the collaboration/planning. Advent & Methodist were invited but no one came. 3 women from the evangelical church came somewhat regularly.
- Not sure it should be a program that is done every year, but maybe worth doing every 5-6 years. The model of video, dinner & discussion was good and very positive and worthwhile for other spiritual programming.
  
- Consideration to have a Girl-Scout troop at Resurrection – Fr. Tom (15 min)
  - Consideration to host a troop through the church. Questions would be for what age since the Girl Scout organization is split by grade. He’s a bit hesitant because if you look at the youth-related program, this may saturate the market and actually compete with other youth events sponsored by COTR and then space becomes an issue.
  
- Discussion on a memorial for parishioners’ sons or daughters whom have passed away – Fr. Tom (20 min)
  - a. Over the last 2 years, we’ve had a number of funerals for Parishioners who’ve lost children (Roughly 10). It isn’t natural for parents to bury their children. Joanne Green, social worker was reached out to to possibly start a group. A memorial garden -- somewhere on the grounds -- for those that have lost children (since some of the children buried are not “local”). Would like to link possibly a healing garden for those who’ve experienced abuse, and also the Bell Tower (because when it comes down - where would the components go?) We do have a parishioner who is a Landscape Architect who would be involved. There is also a morning mass group that used to buy memorial trees. The scope needs to be workable and fundraise.
  
- Discernment Process – Mark Olszewski (20 min)
  - recap at next meeting how reaching out went/ further interest or declined the offer
  
- Comments from Pastoral Team (10 min)
  - Fr. Tom - will be away during two weeks of every month (weekdays) in June, July & August for National Organization of Clergy.
  - Parish Futuring Committee report paired down to a one-page document
  - “Ministry Moments” every 2-3 weeks send out a short video 1-3 minutes to share with the community “Who is Resurrection” (food pantry, liturgy, youth...) - “Celebrating Our Past, and Sharing Our Future”
  - Went through Pinecrest & Lakes of Orange (within Parish lines) - a brochure about COTR and do a mailing to all these new neighborhoods. Would like to have a conversation with a designer (Shawn Beatty) in regards to this.

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- Roundtable Discussion (10 min)
  - Mission Trips are still planned -- 4 younger youth (6-8 graders) + older youth (more mentoring) to go to St. Al's - June 13-15 ; June 22 -- about 20 people going to AZ staying on Sakacos Flats Native American Reservation and helping with VBS and helping with a church renovation.
  - VBS - Roar theme - July 9-12 here at COTR
  - Refugee Display is in Trivison Hall - take a look!
  
- Closing Prayer – Marylou Gall (5 min)
  - A Prayer for Easter Eyes
  
- Meeting adjourned 8:35pm

Upcoming dates:

Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Shawl group – 9:30a  
Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> – Contemplative Prayer – 9:00a + 7:00p  
Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> – Red Cross Blood Drive – 2:00p  
May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Yoga - 9:00a + 5:45p  
May 6<sup>th</sup> – Contemplative Prayer – 9:00a + 7:00p

May 6<sup>th</sup> – Taize (Easter) – 7:00p  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – Breaking Bread & Sharing Faith - 7:00p  
May 7<sup>th</sup> – Labyrinth - 10:00a  
May 11<sup>th</sup> – Bake Sale – 11a  
May 11<sup>th</sup> – Labyrinth Fest - 9:00a