

## February 2022 Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

**Present:** Father Paul, Clare Charzewski, Jordan D'Amato, Robert Dills, Robbie Doran, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Jon Hamilton, Juan Saiz, Julie Andrews, Catherine Glisson (phone), Scott Phillips, John Russell, Rose Williams

**Absent:**

- I. Opening prayer – Jon Hamilton
- II. January 2022 minute's update and approval - Jordan D'Amato
  - a. January 2022 minutes were approved.
- III. Pentecost – Chrissy Glisson
  - a. Use feedback from Synod to do a Year of the Family celebration at QOA.
  - b. Use Easter to announce. Plan BBQ cookout and bouncy houses.
  - c. Julie suggested using this as an opportunity to connect families and officially welcome Fr. Paul.
  - d. Suggestion to do outside Mass again, but decision has been made to do it inside to get families into the new church to see it (many haven't been yet).
  - e. Chrissy will form committee for ideas and to continue engagement throughout the year.
    - i. Robert, Rose, Clare, and Jon volunteered to be on the committee.
  - f. In discussion about fellowship and engagement, we are beginning to bring back Coffee & Donuts, Community Breakfast soon... If not before, definitely Easter.
- IV. Parking Lot / Traffic – Claire Charzewski
  - a. Clare asked if we can open breezeway or create a sidewalk for people to walk from the front of the church parking.
    - i. Father Paul agreed to opening breezeway.
  - b. Traffic is getting worse, so consider bringing ministry back. Will continue to monitor.
- V. Fr. Paul's News, Topics, and Updates
  - a. Synod of Bishops
    - i. Theme on communion, participation and mission.
    - ii. Invite people from our community to share their thoughts.
    - iii. Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – morning time of prayer and reflection.
      1. Focusing on 3 questions to ask our members.
      2. Break into small groups to discuss and then come together as a big group to share.
      3. Refreshments provided.
    - iv. People need to be in person to share feedback.

- v. Tom Calabro leading for QOA and will take our thoughts and share with diocese.
      - vi. Chrissy asked for PCC help in gathering participation.
    - b. Lenten experience
      - i. 7 AM, 12:15 PM, 5:30 PM and 7:15 PM Ash Wednesday services
      - ii. Continue to have Symbolon Wednesday nights.
      - iii. 12:15 and 7:15 PM Stations of the Cross on Fridays
        - 1. Will not be live streamed.
      - iv. Tuesdays Mass added at 9 AM
      - v. Confessions on Friday and Saturday.
      - vi. Robbie suggested next year we plan a Soup & Substance event or hold a weekly Fish Fry and Lenten reflection.
- VI. Question for prayerful reflection and PPC discussion:
- a. What would the ideal new parishioner onboarding process look like at Queen of the Apostles?
    - i. Currently, new parishioner provides name/number to parish. Colleen, Michelle, and team attempts to contact them twice to welcome to parish and answer questions. They also meet the new member before Mass.
      - 1. Gifted wine, bread, and salt.
    - ii. In the future, could we make announcement at Mass and invite new families to join in small room with couches to be greeted by hospitality team, meet each other, and meet Father/Deacons?
    - iii. We'd like to bring back welcoming new members at the beginning of Mass.
      - 1. Father would announce something like this: "If you're new here, we'd like to welcome you. Please stand to tell us where you're from."
- VII. Proposed topics for discussion for the March meeting
- a. Email Robert with topics.
- VIII. Closing prayer – Scott Phillips