

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2020 6:30 PM
(Virtual Zoom meeting)

Attendees: Katie Biese Oleinic, Father Bill, Cindy Boyer, Adelyn Carney, Elsa Johnson, Nancy Lindo-Drusch, Ted Suess, Charlie Voissem, Brian Wallace, Kelly Wilda

Absent: Tricia Miller, Ron Schreiber, Tracey Van Stippen

Opening Prayer - Father Bill's Prayer of Dedication to St. Joseph

Updates were provided on the **parish status** during the covid19 pandemic.

- **Staff** have been holding virtual meetings and many have been working at Church but in a socially distanced way, in order to continue to serve the parish during this difficult time. Staff are participating in Diocesan meetings to respond to the pandemic, and St. Mary is at the front edge of response. So far no decision has been made to reduce staff hours.
- Starting first full week of April, the Church will only be open from 9-1
- **Virtual outreach** is vital, and daily emails from Father Bill have begun, as well as streaming Masses. Holy Week will have livestreamed Masses for the Triduum.
- **Outreach to our elderly members** is a priority, and the staff could use more volunteers to call people to check in and identify any needs.
- Staff are also identifying ways to provide virtual **resources and support for children and youth**, such as online Children's liturgy of the Word, recordings for children of stories read by Father Bill, Zoom sessions for First Communion preparation, and Zoom discussions with high-schoolers.
- A walk-through of the **website** was also provided, highlighting where people can view Masses, find info on Covid19, and find resources to help keep prayer, faith, and perspective in our daily lives while we are physically distant from our Church community.

Diocesan status / recommendations were also discussed:

- No **palms** will be available for Palm Sunday. A few parishioners will take the ones that were already ordered and braid them to save for future use
- Diocese has obtained lines of credit to help churches stay financially solvent. It is not yet clear how **financial giving** will be impacted during this time. St. Mary is encouraging giving via Faith Direct, and also trying to find a way to add a one-time gift option on the website for those who are able to give during this time.
- St. Mary's is currently \$5000 short on our **Bishop's Appeal** goal; 75% of anything over the goal would go directly to our parish.
- Remember to **provide a circle of love and support for everyone during this time**; we are working to make sure that people know that St. Mary is there for them

Human concerns committee update: the quilting committee is making masks out of quilting materials.

Upcoming dates:

May 5 - Pastoral Leadership Council meeting 6:30 (likely to be Zoom)

Motion to approve: Nancy Lindo-Drusch

Second: Kelly Wilda