

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes: October 30th, 2023

Opening Prayer

In Attendance: Fr. Pham, Fr. Mungujakisa, Sr. Michele DiGregorio, Frank Gramenzi, Pedro Guzman, Ellie Kandle, Richard McDonald, Al Pisanelli, Lisa Rice, Denise Scaringe-Dietrich

Meeting minutes 9/5/23 accepted

Eucharist Revival - Parish Phase

- **Eucharistic Processions**

- Feedback
 - Consider driving to more distant locations and then walk in procession
 - Next one on Feast of Christ the King, plan is to drive to a nearby neighborhood, (Denise’s Street), walk 0.8 mile, and drive back to SJV for Benediction
 - Contact parishioners in advance –This has been working well; need to cull some of the addresses that are not current. Give to Sharon Sandone for edits in databank.
- Five held so far
 - St. Margaret - June, August, September (10/1)
 - St. John Vianney - July, October (SJVC)
- Upcoming
 - November 26th, 2023 at St. John Vianney
 - NONE in December, January & February
 - Special Adoration December 8th, 2023 - 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- Promotion for processions
 - New banners available - this worked well to advertise locally at SJV. We will continue to do so both at SJV and SMMA
 - Flyer in bulletin - Will be updated to simplify
 - Altar announcements made – helpful to notify parishioners – ideally the week before and at the end of mass.
 - Instructions from Ambo prior to exposition and procession
 - Email to Ministries (including Altar Servers)
- Additional needs
 - Check List (will create and distribute)

Monstrance (for SJVC)	Banner pole/ stand from KofC	Cooler & water
Canopy (for SJVC)	Cart & straps	Pastor/priest-mobile 😊)
Parish banner	Speaker, mics (& batteries)	

- Prayers and Music
 - In absence of cantor/designated vocalist, Spotify list of eucharistic procession list is a good option. It connects via Bluetooth to the speaker and plays at adequate volumes.
- Parish Banner carrier / Canopy bearers / Traffic wardens
 - SJV 2 candle bearers/altar servers
 - 4 drafted canopy bearers, may id to advance or choose the day of the procession

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- few retired or active police officers to help with traffic warden duties. We can identify in advance in future.
- Police escort (not present for past three processions)
 - Overall good, Fr. Pham recommends police presence for traffic control. This is challenging due to police staffing issues locally. We can try to pay them. Rich Macdonald will reach out to Deacon David Harkins, who is the police chief at Gloucester township/Blackwood.
- **Monthly Presentation on the Eucharist**
 - Five held so far
 - Presence - 3 Episodes
 - Hostia - The Power and Presence of the Eucharist (42 min.)
 - Lectio: The Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre (10 episodes)
 - Episode 1 – Source and Summit (40 min.)
 - * Attendance has been dropping though maybe due to recent local sports action.
 - **PLAN** – Lectio presentations will continue through the Fridays in Lent in place of soup and scripture see tentative schedule
 - **Marketing**
 - **Sr Michele to invite SMRS parents and students to attend**
 - Pulpit talks on weekend of 11/11/23 and 11/12/23
 - LR: SMMA 4pm Saturday mass
 - RM: SMMA 8:30 and 10am masses
 - DSD: SJV 11:30 mass
 - FG: SMMA 4pm Sunday mass
 - Upcoming:
 - Lectio: The Eucharist with Dr. Brant Pitre (10 episodes)

2 – In the Beginning (45 min.) 11/17/23	7 – Bread of Life Discourse (47 min.) 3/1/24
3 – Lamb of God (47 min.) 12/15/23	8 – The Last Supper & the Cross (47 min.) 3/8/24
4 – Miracles of the Exodus (47 min.) 1/19/24	9 – The Mass (45 min.) 3/15/24
5 Mysteries of the Tabernacle (47 min.) 2/16/24	10 – Revelation (45 min.) 3/22/24
6 – Miracles of Jesus (45 min.) 2/23/24	

- Other options [well done by Augustine Institute and USCCB](#); see [Formed for details](#)
 - Jesus & The Eucharist (8 Episodes of 2 hours each)
 - Produced by USCCB & Augustine Institute for National Eucharist Revival
 - Alive – The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist (subtitles)
- Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer

- **Adoration**

- Schedule Adoration for SMRS school children
- Need pamphlet explaining the significance of Adoration
 - Suggestions on what to do in Adoration
 - 3 Parts - Thank you, Lord. Teach me, Lord. Take over, Lord.
- First Fridays - Not enough commitment each month – many open slots each month
- Encourage Friday Adoration
- [Consider blog, bulletin section, or pulpit talk on the importance of the Eucharist](#)

Advent Events

- Parish Advent Mission?
- Adoration with Religious Music (TVs)
- Christmas Carol sing-along [12/9/23, Saturday after 4pm mass. Invite people to come to this festive social. Vivien Aversa, a local vocalist, may organize/lead](#)

Lent Events

- Outdoor Stations of the Cross?
- Soup and Scripture (Fridays of Lent) [substituted with Formed materials – see above schedule.](#)
 - Presentation on the Eucharist continued
 - Need involvement for children too

National Eucharistic Congress

- The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years - 80,000+ Catholics
- July 17th - 21st, 2024 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana
- More information and passes available at www.eucharisticcongress.org
 - Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Sister Josephine Garrett, Sister Bethany Madonna, Father Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanik, Patrick Madrid (Relevant Radio), Drew Mariani (Relevant Radio), Andres Arango (Diocese of Camden)
- Parish delegation?

Other topics

- Presentation on Eucharistic Miracles and on Relics of Saints
- Movie night
- Other
 - [DSD gave update on book discussion](#)
 - [11/15/23 Bishop Cozzens's USCCB white paper on "The Miracle of the Eucharist in the Life of Church"](#)
 - [1/15/24 and 2/21/24 The Lamb's Supper by Scott Hahn](#)
 - [All men and women are welcome to come; could develop daytime gathering is someone were interested in doing so for men only, women only or mixed](#)

Schedule next meeting [1/15/24 7pm to 9pm](#)

Closing prayer