

Parish Council meeting 9/5/23 – Minutes

Present: Fr. Joe Pham, Fr. Al Mungujakisa, Sr. Michele DiGregorio, Richard McDonald, Lisa Rice, Al Pisanelli, Frank Gramenzi, Denise Dietrich, Elie Kandle, Pedro Guzman

1. Review of Minutes from 6/6/23 meeting
2. Eucharistic Revival – Parish Phase
 - a. Processions
 - i. Review: June (SM), July (SJV), August (SM)
 - ii. Recommend:
 1. Length <1mile
 2. Route: consider driving to more distant locations and then walk in procession
 3. Contact parishioners in advance
 4. Planning:
 - a. Altar servers for candles
 - b. KoC for carrying canopy
 - c. Music ministers for rosary recitation and music
 - d. Speakers/microphone function – to be checked in advance
 - e. Police escort
 - f. Traffic wardens
 5. Promotion:
 - a. Ambo talk at end of mass week before the procession
 - b. FACEBOOK and bulletin announcements
 - c. Lawn sign/banner to be on lawn the entire week before hand; Richard McDonald has a contact who can create these for us. Council voted to have picture of monstrance with stand and Eucharist, full view preferred
 - d. Emails to ministries for support
 6. Instructions day of procession
 - a. From ambo re: procession, gathering, route etc.
 - b. Gathering outside all who want to attend, prior to starting the procession
 - iii. Upcoming processions
 1. September 24th SJV moved to September 30 after 8:30 am mass SM due to St. Margaret 60th anniversary celebration on September 24 at SM [later moved to 9/30/23 due to inclement weather prediction.]
 2. October 29 at SJV
 3. November 26 SJV
 4. None in December, January, February
 5. March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday procession TBD
 6. April 28, 2024
 7. ? May and June TBD

- b. Monthly presentation on the Eucharist
 - i. 3 held so far: re: Presence, well received, but attendance plateaued; good faith sharing, especially meeting #3
 - ii. Upcoming
 - 1. Hostia (42 minutes) from Formed
 - 2. Lectio: The eucharist – might be too academic, lecture-like and 1hr
 - 3. Other options
 - a. Alive—the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist (subtitles)
 - b. The Lamb’s Supper by Dr. Scott Hahn (audio only)
 - c. Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer
 - d. Outreach with talks/presentations for youth
 - c. Parish Phase Plan
 - i. Submitted to the Camden Diocese on June 7, 2023
 - 1. Adoration
 - a. 24 hour on first Friday
 - b. Other Fridays from 9 to 4pm
 - c. Pamphlet to be prepared explaining the significance of Adoration to include suggestions on what to do in adoration, 3 parts:
 - i. Thank you, Lord
 - ii. Teach me, Lord
 - iii. Take over, Lord
 - d. Review:
 - i. Attendance/coverage has been good over the past 3 months
 - ii. Mrs Ramsey brings her class to adoration for brief period of time, 15min
 - iii. Consider First Friday adoration during religion period for the school children
3. National Eucharistic Congress
- a. First national eucharistic congress in 83 years – projected 80K+ Catholics
 - b. July 17 to 21, 2024 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, IN
 - c. More info on www.eucharisticcongress.org
 - i. Passes available here
 - ii. Speakers
 - 1. Bishop Barron, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Sr Josephine Garrett, Sr Bethany Madonna, Fr Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanik, Patrick Madrid (Relevant Radio), Drew Mariani (Relevant Radio), Andres Arango (Diocese of Camden)
 - 2. Parish Delegation - TBD

4. Other topics
 - a. Presentation of Eucharistic Miracles from Blessed Carlo Acutis' research and on Relics of the Saints
 - b. Movie Night TBD
 - c. Other
 - d. Stations of the Cross in the church parking lot
5. Next Meeting: 10/30/23
6. Closing Prayer