

St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

Methuen, Massachusetts

COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 7, 2019

The Collaborative Pastoral Council assembled in the Conference Room at St. Lucy School House; the following people were in attendance: Fr. Darin Colarusso, Dcn. John Kobrenski, Dcn. John Pierce, Andrea Bradstreet, Rachel Voiland, Mary Jo Farelli, and Sandra Freitas.

Excused: Sharon Walsh

Fr. Colarusso opened the meeting with a prayer.

Last month's minutes were accepted.

Pastor's Update:

- Chapel Update: the pews will be returning Friday, November 8 and they will be fully installed. The Floors were cleaned, walls were repaired and painted. The altar will be returned, and the Chapel will reopen for Advent. Stations of the Cross were found in the basement and they will be hung on the walls of the chapel. There is one station missing, which Fr. Colarusso will try to replace. The total cost to renovate the chapel was approximately \$40,000; of which \$26,000 was given as a gift. Also, the Blessed Mother statue will go in the Chapel. There will no bulletin boards, collection bins, etc. in the chapel – it is to be used as a place of prayer. The collection bins will be placed at the side entrance to the church instead. The Chapel will be open daily during the day.

St. Lucy:

- Capital Campaign: Fr. Colarusso got concerned over fidelity of information and therefore we will not be using an outside company for the campaign.
- St. Lucy's is in a crisis stage with operating expenses.
- Grand Annual will be done in-house and will be put into the Capital Campaign. Through private events and special invitations, Fr. Colarusso will approach and ask specific individuals in the church to contribute to this Campaign. There will be two functions. Fr. Colarusso will ask two people to donate \$5,000 for the Grand Annual this year and next year, along with keeping up with their offertory. Additionally, he will ask people for \$1,000 and \$2500 for the Grand Annual this year and next year, along with keeping up with their offertory.
- Fr. Colarusso will also appeal to the whole church to donate double what they did last year for next two years.

Upcoming Events:

- Turkey Shoot at St. Lucy's on Sunday, November 23, 2019.
- Lessons and Carols at St. Monica Church on Sunday, December 15, 2019 from 4-5pm.

Miscellaneous discussions:

- We need help with event planning.
- Names were given as suggestions for additional council members: Trish Rafferty, Rachel Zubricki, Larry Giordano, Ann Carson.
- Father Colarusso has already asked Ann Carson and Larry Giordano to join the council and they accepted.
- Andrea asked for a sensory-friendly mass. Father Colarusso indicated he may possibly plan a rotating mass for Sundays. Once a month of the following: healing mass, sensory-friendly mass, Latin Mass, Praise and Worship.
- We have achieved a level of advanced scheduling, which Fr. Colarusso is happy about.

Fr. Colarusso closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 7:15pm in the St. Lucy School House.