



St. Lucy and St. Monica Parishes

Methuen, Massachusetts

COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 9, 2020

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

Excused: Ann Carson

Fr. Colarusso opened the meeting with a prayer.

Last month's minutes were accepted.

Pastor's Update

Christmas – went very well and will be replicated in the future.

Improvements – have the St. Lucy Triduum transition into and Advent Mission.

Day 1 -- St. Lucy is a witness to the world; she's the light to spiritual blindness. The church hall will be open. Promote Mass for the departed faithful, somewhat of a flip to the celebration of Mass for the faithfully departed in November.

Day 2 – Penance service with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Day 3 – Lessons & Carols

Christmas Potluck had about 18 in attendance and may need others to get involved. Grand Annual/Parish Finances

St. Lucy's had a major push that was extremely successful. A total of \$100K was received from just two donors. The boiler was repaired for \$25K. Oil consumption Nov-Dec as compared to 2018 was higher by \$5K.

The Grand Annual is within \$10K of goal for both parishes.

St. Monica had a major donation of \$136K. These funds will possibly be used to paint the interior of the church.

Stations of the Cross that had been purchased years back and kept in the basement at St. Monica's have been placed in the Eucharistic Chapel, however, Station 12 is missing. The thought is that someone may have borrowed it for a retreat or some such thing. Fr. Colarusso will put a note in the bulletin, with a photo of one of the other stations, asking if anyone knows of its whereabouts. If it can't be located one will have to be custom made to match.

Fr. Colarusso will also place a note in the bulletin asking for suggested religious names for the parish to consider for the Eucharistic Chapel. The 5 top names will be determined by the CPC. Ballots will be distributed at both parishes for a final vote.

St. Lucy's candle shrine also needs to be named, info will be placed in the bulletin. Five Saints need to be determined to be placed in the shrine.

Events/Fundraisers

All events need to be open to all parishioners of both parishes, not just to the group hosting the event.

How can the St. Lucy craft fair and turkey shoot be enhanced?

All events will be a cooperative venture between parishes and hosting group; funds raised benefit the parishes not the sponsoring ministry.

Larry spoke about the St. Lucy Men's Group plans for a springtime raffle. They hope to sell 100, \$100.00 tickets to raise \$10K, with half going to the parish and the other half divided amount 3-4 winners.

During Lent the hope is to have Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday at St. Lucy Church for one hour sponsored by various group/ministries.

The goal for all standard events/fundraisers is to establish a strong foundation, and then just leave in place. We need to create a philosophy of the calendar.

Go Around/New Business

Fate of Presentation of Mary. Fr. Colarusso will contact Mayor Neil Perry. He has already been in touch with the PMA Provencal.

Fr. Colarusso closed the meeting with a prayer.

The next meeting will held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 7:15pm in the St. Lucy Schoolhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon A. Walsh