

Meeting Minutes: October 15th, 2024

Attendees: Fr. Joseph Pham, Fr. Alfred Mungujakisa, Sr. Michele DiGregorio, Frank Gramenzi, Richard Macdonald, Jim McGuinness, Pedro Guzman, Elie Kandle, Al Pisanelli
In Absentia: Lisa Rice

Parish Council Membership

- Resignation of Denise Dietrich - Thank you!
- New member Jim McGuinness - Welcome
- Need new Parish Council Secretary -Still vacant – Frank Gramenzi to keep minutes.

Review minutes from previous meeting

Called for More - Disciple Maker Index Survey

- Survey was conducted from July 30th – September 3rd, 2024
- 162 respondents
- Webinars for next three Wednesdays to analyze data & plan next steps
- Discussion on what to expect from the survey.
- Data will be available after webinars
- Will analyze at next meeting

National Eucharistic Congress

- July 17th - 21st, 2024 at Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana
- The First National Eucharistic Congress in 83 Years - 80,000+ Catholics
- Recap by Richard Macdonald
 - Mass & Adoration
 - Eucharistic procession
- Speakers - Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Father Mike Schmitz, Chris Stefanik
- Events to continue virtually
- Brief talk by Richard Macdonald who attended the NEC on his experience
- Parish needs to continue with events that highlight the Eucharist
 - Discussion on how to promote the Real Presence in the Eucharist
 - Schedule Bl. Carlo Acutis exhibition on Miracles of the Eucharist
 - We need to prepare to answer questions about the Eucharist. We now live in a “why” culture, where everything is questioned – nothing is accepted just on faith anymore.

Eucharist Revival - Eucharistic Processions

- Feedback
 - Contact parishioners in advance
 - St. Margaret – ~~November 2024~~, April 2025, June 2025
 - St. John Vianney – November 2024, ~~April 2025~~, ???
 - Need good popular religious music and advance notice to parishioners along the route
 - Canopy need to be kept taut and level
- Upcoming
 - November 24th, 2024 at St. John Vianney
 - **Palm Sunday** - April 13th, 2025 at St. Margaret – Palm Procession
 - **Corpus Christi** - June 22nd, 2025 at St. Margaret

- Plan for multiple (preferable 3) Altars along the route
- Promotion for processions
 - **Reminder:** Put banners out the weekend prior to the procession
 - **Reminder:** Remove banners the weekend of the procession
 - Flyer in bulletin
 - Altar announcements
 - Email to Ministries (including Altar Servers)
 - Instructions from Ambo prior to exposition and procession
- Additional needs
 - Check List (items needed)

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

Bible Study

- Will continue with Faith Formation / Bible Study
- Consider some content on the lives of saints
- Currently scheduled
 - The Chosen Season 2 – Mondays in October 2024
 - The Chosen Season 3 – Mondays in November 2024
 - Christmas with The Chosen: Holy Night – December 12th, 2024 (in SMC) (1 hr. 36 min.)
 - The Chosen Season 4 - Fridays, starting January 10th, 2025
- Potential - Fridays starting in February and leading into Lent
 - Lectio: The Case for Jesus with Dr. Brant Pitre (9 episodes)
 - Lectio: God with Dr. Elizabeth Klein (9 episodes)
 - Lectio: Prayer with Dr. Tim Gray (6 episodes)
 - Lectio: Mary with Dr. Brant Pitre (8 episodes)
 - Lectio: Philippians with Dr. Tim Gray (6 episodes)
 - Lectio: Mark with Dr. Tim Gray (14 episodes)
- Other options
 - Jesus & The Eucharist (8 Episodes, 2 hrs. each) - USCCB & Augustine Institute
 - Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Robert Spitzer
- Need program for children
 - Consider Formed resources
 - Consider catering to different age groups
 - Come up with a structured program

Adoration

- First Fridays
 - Need someone to coordinate schedule - requires some follow-up each month
- Need to encourage Adoration for SMRS school children
 - Setup schedule by grade on Fridays, except First Fridays (School Mass)
- **Need pamphlet explaining the significance of Adoration**
 - 3 Parts - Thank you, Lord. Teach me, Lord. Take over, Lord.
 - Jim McGuinness to help with this

Lenten Activities

- Soup and Scripture
 - Bible Study continued
- Outdoor Stations of the Cross
 - Consider scheduling Outdoor Stations prayer service
- Living Stations procession
 - Consider man who carries a cross on Woodbury-Glassboro Rd; he lives in Jericho neighborhood of Deptford
- Witness Crosses

Other topics?

- Presentation on Eucharistic Miracles and on Relics of Saints
- Received a thank you card from Sharon Sandone for he retirement reception
- Passing of Mike Collins' mother
- Father Al's nephew Moses will be ordained to the priesthood next year
- Front doors of St. Margaret Church in need repair and painting

Schedule next meeting – January 27th, 2025

Closing prayer – Fr. Al