

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday (8/29)

Attendees: Roger Crane, Brian Jordan, Mike Riggan, Chris Mireni, Cathy Tengwall, Marc Mckenna, Mary Jean Mollen, Denise O'Neill, Traci LaValle, Susan Michaud, Mary Vartain, Rick Brewer, Fr. Jeff Dauses

Welcome Back – Brian Began With Prayer - Opening Prayer: Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading") **Luke14: 25-33** – Shared feedback on Luke's Gospel

Father Jeff Update

- Jen Minor has resigned her position on the council, to assume her new role, leaving the office of President vacant. Mary Vartain accepted the open vacancy on the Council, and Brian Jordan assumed the office of President (he has been serving as the Council's Vice President).
- Construction on the doors has been completed; overall construction went well. Classroom doors can no longer be use and are now alarmed.
- Erin Tate has taken a position with Anne Arundel County schools. Jen Minor will be taking over as the new Coordinator for Religious Education/Elementary Faith Formation/
- Jim Bors has begun his 2nd year in the seminary had a good summer assignment experience.
- Spoke about the Parish Restructuring Plan as a follow-up to the letter from Archbishop Lori
 - Archbishop Lori wants Archdiocese to "Be Missionary Disciples."
 - Father Jeff will be the county representative on the Presbyteral Council
 - Reconfiguration of the Arch Diocese within the next 10 years
 - Identified 90 pastorates, in the next 10 years, 25% of priests will retire.
 - After the restructure, the new parishes are going to be called "pastorates".
 - Goal the plan is configure parishes in a way that leads to more vibrant, sustainable, and evangelizing faith communities. This will require a more concerted effort to bring parishes together to share in this mission and to share resources.
 - Each pastorate will have one or more parishes with a single assigned leader (pastor, administrator, or pastoral life director) and their leadership team who, together, are responsible for parish life and structure in the parish(es) that comprise the pastorate. I believe that having the planning work be guided by a single leader and team, rather than several different pastors each with their own team, will be the most effective and efficient approach.
 - 36 of our 142 parishes already share their pastor with at least one other parish. As a result, the Archdiocese currently has the equivalent of 120 pastorates. Given the trends at work in the Archdiocese, this number is likely to shrink in the next five years to less than 90, as fewer priests and smaller parishes
 - Every parish will be part of a pastorate.
 - Pastorates will consist of either a single parish or a group of parishes.
 - Each pastorate will have a single pastoral leader and leadership team.
 - In October, the recommended pastorates will be made public, with region-level consultation to take place throughout the Archdiocese November 9-11.
 - Biggest impact will be in Baltimore City
- Fr. Jeff also spoke of his meeting with Joshua; he will let everyone know if he hears from him.

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday (8/29)

Vice President Election – Election did not last long as Chris Mirezni agreed to step up to that position.

Ministry Liaisons – Brian walked through the names assigned as the different Liaison roles and updated the list. He also discussed the roles of the liaisons. Ongoing communication is essential!

Caper Submission from PC – Mary Jean will be the liaison - Stephany Crane and Trina Everitt are the contacts for the Caper updates

Update on Picnic – Parish Picnic this year was held at SABB and was well attended; over 200 people. It was much easier on everyone to hold the picnic at SABB, feedback from parishioners was very positive. Future picnics will also be held at SABB-First Sunday in June.

Update on Sister Parishes – Fr. Jeff shared with everyone that both Sister Parishes are doing well.

- SABB donated about \$12,000 dollars to our Sister Parish in El Salvador-San Francisco De Asis.
- Visit from our Sister Parish in El Salvador, San Francisco de Asis, is tentatively set for five days in November. Helen Maher is the committee lead
- San Francisco de Asis has a new Pastor and has experienced a number of challenges; including Drug Wars in that country.
- About \$6,000 dollars was donated to our Sister Parish in Baltimore –Transfiguration.
- Sister parish in Baltimore, Transfiguration, will be with us for the 5:00 PM Covenant Mass on Saturday, October 22nd and the Potluck Dinner afterwards. Unfortunately our guest from San Francisco de Asis will not be here. Sister Parish Committee is working with them for November dates as they are unable to be here for the Covenant Mass. Sister Parish Committee invited three guests but does not know who will be coming as it depends on who is able to obtain a visa. There is an organization on the ground there that is helping with the process.

Neighborhood Network – Neighborhood Network (Fall Small Faith Groups), 4 weeks during the Fall. For 4 weeks beginning Sept 29th, groups throughout our faith community will gather to turn their attention to the Scriptures of the coming Sunday.

Neighborhood Network: Mary Jean is thinking of in October for Atlantis

Parking Lot Update – Grant process is moving along.

- Letters of support from representatives and county executives. Kathy Tengwall will be doing a radio show in conjunction with the Alliance
- Likes to see us partner with another group. Met with another group Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church
- The main grant we are applying for is the Chesapeake Bay Trust Restoration Grant is to install a bioretention garden and a conservation garden to the left of the parish hall.
- The second grant is 60 trees from Alliance for the Chesapeake to plant on our property.

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Monday (8/29)

- The third grant is a Unity Grant which would be for \$1,000 for plants. We would use those plants for the rain garden in the CBT planting.
- 80 people signed up to help plant and keep up with the rain gardens

Pastoral Council Retreat – Retreat is Saturday, September 24th from 9 am until 3 PM. at the Franciscan Friary

- Meet at St Andrews at upper parking lot if you want to car pool; will leave around 8 AM
- Think about your two truths and a lie for the Ice-breaker game.
- Fr. Jeff will be the facilitator for the Retreat.

New Business Calendar

- Saturday, September 24 – Retreat
- Monday – October 3 – Pastoral Council Meeting
- Saturday, October 22 – Covenant Mass

Intercessory Prayer Intentions

- Intentions to be distributed separately

Closing-Parish Prayer to St. Andrew

Important Upcoming Dates

Parish Council Retreat – Saturday (9/24)