

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
700 - 9:00 PM, Monday December 05, 2016

Attendance: Brian Jordan, Mike Riggan, Chris Mireni, Cathy Tengwall, Marc Mckenna, Mary Jean Mollen, Denise O'Neill, Susan Michaud, Traci LaValle, Fr. Jeff Dausen, Rita Ferry
Absent - Rick Brewer, Mary Vartain, Roger Crane

1. Began meeting with a Prayer.

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.

2. Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading") Matthew 11:2-11

Council members read and shared their insights on the Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading")
When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John,

"What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing?

Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet?

Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

- Great deal of Tension. John the Baptist disciples very loyal to him.
- Expectation was that the Messiah would come in and lead the overthrow of the Roman rulers.
- Did John know he was about to die?
- Why did John not know he was baptizing Jesus?
- John was arrested not too long after the Baptism
- John was connected to Jesus; he would do whatever was asked of him.
- "Blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." Fr. Jeff shared that this could also be stated as "Blessed is the one who does not see me as a stumbling block"
- Everyone is still looking and trying
- Then what did you go out to see? How did they respond to this question?
- "Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces." This quote has ties to our readings for this week in the Divine Renovation – Page 105 "For if a person with fine rings and clothing comes into your assembly...."

3. Father Jeff Update

- Discussed potential Department Of Labor impact concerning Overtime Pay and Pastoral Staff; no impact at this time. Currently in appeal but may have to restrict staff to 40 hours a week if it becomes law.
- Sacred Tree Program – 90 volunteers, 60 trees; still waiting to hear about the Grant

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- Spoke about Archbishop Lori introducing the new auxiliary bishops - Monsignors Adam J. Parker, born in the 70s, great Administrator from Severna Park) and Mark E. Brennan (older, great with people, rapport with Hispanic community) will serve the Archdiocese of Baltimore as auxiliary bishops.
- Discussed Archdiocese Reorganization.
- Feedback from Parishes impacting proposal.
- Final Decree will be January or February. Movement of Priests, attrition, etc. will impact that decision
- All decisions on sale of property, churches are being made at a lower level
- Staff is doing well; Kristin will go in for her surgery later this month; please keep her in your prayers

4. Divine Renovation – Chapter 5, Laying the Foundation pp. 87 – 122

- “Foundation is not just about believing or trusting; it includes actions”.
- SABB seems to follow a number of the ideas/themes in this chapter; appears to be on target in a number of these areas. A great deal of volunteers.
- Ten Common Values-touched on the first three of these values:
 - Giving Priority to Weekends
 - Giving Priority to Weekend Masses – people leaving Mass early on weekends; we have some of that at 5 PM Mass on Saturday.
 - Hospitality
 - How do better at reaching out to people – Welcome Packet in Church. It appears that some people have hidden agendas – they may just want to have a Wedding and then they are never seen again.
 - How do we improve our Welcome process? Change process during announcements – Introduce yourself and ask their name versus just saying “Good Morning”
 - How do we reach out to the younger generation, including those in their 30s and 40s, as a whole?
 - Can we use an ad that gets folks to focus on Church versus Sports and Practice
 - How do we help out those new to the Church?
 - Spoke about page 105 – Homogenous Parish
 - Chapter also speaks about reaching out to this less fortunate; how are we doing in that area?
 - How does one tie in the different parts of the Mass; can we explain why we do things at Mass?
 - Discussed a Teaching Mass; possibly doing a series of Homilies on Ordinary Times or other topics, small groups, instructions
 - Uplifting Music
 - This chapter also speaks to diversity in music; how do we reach out to the younger generation where our music is concerned?
- **Please read the pages 123 - 153 of Chapter 5 for the next meeting – January 9**

5. Sister parish in El Salvador, San Francisco de Asis

- Discussed Parish Council interactions with Father Benjamin and Jorge Delgado and ideas for closer relationship.
- Talked about relationship building
- 3rd party Charities – Unbound, Catholic Charities
- Scholarships, backpacks, medical supplies, monthly support for our Sister Parishes

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- Traci will contact Helen about some of these ideas on San Francisco de Asis, including reaching out to the Parish in Missouri that is also a Sister Parish to San Francisco de Asis.
- Can we write letters to some of the children through Father Benjamin.

6. Parish Honors Committee

- Susan agreed to take the lead with this committee. Cathy and Mike volunteered to work with her on the committee.
- Will make an announcement in Mass and the bulletin – Parish Honors Mass will be on March 5 at 11:30 Mass.

7. Updates, New Business & Calendar

- Discussed dates for Parish Honors; see other key dates below
- Denise also passed out the Ministry Profiles; please review and provide feedback.
- Discussed holding another Ministry Fair maybe doing something during the Lenten Soup Suppers.
- Mike provided an update on the Winter Shelter. Things are going well. Majority of the shifts are covered. They need about 10 more people for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

8. Closing – Parish Prayer to St. Andrew

Dear Holy Patron, St. Andrew, We pray to you for our Parish, our Community, and our Families.

Our Parish honors you because of your faith-filled response to the call of Jesus. As you brought your brother Simon Peter to the Lord, help us to lead the Community to a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus, O Holy Fisherman, guide us in our daily work and protect us when the waters of life become stormy.

Care for us as a Parish touched by the beautiful waters of the Chesapeake and named in your honor.

Intercede for our families; provide for our sick and needy; love our children; and lead back to the Lord those who have faltered in their religious duties; And bring us all at last to the joys of your company in eternal life, through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Important Upcoming Dates

December 2015

- 3, 4 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
- 5 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
- 5 – Appoint Parish Honors Committee?
- 18 – SABB Leadership Potluck Dinner at Denise O'Neill's house, 5 PM
(23 – 2 Jan Christmas Holiday AAC Schools, SABB preschool closed 19 – 2 Jan)
(26 – 2 Jan – Winter Relief Shelter, UH)

January 2016

- 9 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC (Brian may be on Travel)
- 9 – Need to discuss Discernment Process and Timing and Roll Out
- 7, 8 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
(15 – Volunteer Appreciation Event, 12:30 – 5 P.M. in the Upper Hall)
(23 – March for Life)

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February 2016

- 4, 5 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
- 6 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
- 6 – Need to discuss Discernment Process and Timing and Roll Out

March 2016

- (1 – Ash Wednesday)*
- 4, 5 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
- 5 – Parish Honors Mass – March 5 (11:30 AM) followed by lunch in the Upper Hall
- 6 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

April 2016

- 1, 2 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
- 3 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
- (10 – 17 – Easter Break AACCS)*
- 13 - 15 -- Triduum
- 16 – Easter
- 18, 25 or 25, 2 March – Discernment meetings, in ALC ????????????????

May 2016

- 1 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
- 7 – PC Donut Sunday [Need to get volunteers for set-up and breakdown and check availability]
- ?? – SABB Leadership Potluck?
- 27 – New PC Orientation and Officer Election
- 28 – 3 year terms end/begin for 4 old/4 new PC members

June 2016

- 2, 3 – PC Meet and Greet (PC members make themselves available after Masses)
- 4 – Parish Picnic
- 5 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC