

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
7:00 - 9:00 PM, Monday 4 January 2016

Attendees: Pastoral Council

7:00 - Begin with Prayer – Come Holy Spirit

7:02 - Lectio Divina ("Divine Reading")

By its nature, Lectio Divina leads us to a personal, intimate encounter with God. Feel free to share your experience in the **first person** if/when you're comfortable doing that (3-in-1).

The 4 Steps of Lectio Divina (summarized from the earliest written account of Lectio Divina by Carthusian monk Dom Guigo II, 12th century):

1. **Reading seeks.** Read Scripture with all your will, seek insight with your mind, listen with your heart, allow God to speak to your soul.
2. **Meditation finds.** Think about & actively engage with deep thought those words or ideas that resonate with your heart and soul, previously concealed ...this is the treasure you found and desire in God's Word.
3. **Prayer asks** (knocks). In humility, ask God to give you the grace to attain the treasure you found and fervently desire through your meditation.
4. **Contemplation feels** (the door is opened). Prayer in turn may result in the gift of quiet stillness and peace in the presence of God, called contemplation, however it is not always granted or experienced.

Gospel

[LK 3:15-16, 21-22](#)

The people were filled with expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.
John answered them all, saying,
"I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven,
"You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased."

■ **Father Jeff Update**

- **Christmas was very good. Attendance was very good, KOFC did a great job with parking. They did not allow people to park on College Parkway due to the weather and safety.**

- Christmas collection – Finance committee was within \$600
- Doors project is moving forward – Architect is coming this month to look at doors and install a bathroom in the Coat Closet
- Winter Relief went very well – a few minor problems. Including the shower
- Guest had a seizure, went to hospital and came back and was OK.
- Two guests had to be dismissed due to a fight
- And a Third guest because he was being difficult
- Youth Ministry – had first lock in in a long time – it went very well
- January 17th- An Immigration workshop at 1:00 PM. Fr. Jeff will be there.
- Staff came back to work today
- Mary Jean – December 17 – 25 people went to downtown annapolis and took prayer requests and handed out information about 7 parishes in the Anne Arundel County area. Regnum Christi, wore a red scarf.
- Youth Group sponsored an Adoration that was beautifully done.
- Have approval for Doors and bathroom plan from the Archbishop
- We do not have approval yet for the parking lot yet, mostly because we're waiting for the rebate to come back from the Archdiocese Capital Campaign.
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- **PC Elections**
 - Rick will present more next month.
- **PC Constitution Review – [Chris, Mike]**
 - Brian is going to submit great suggestions to the Constitution.
 - PC to submit recommendations and questions by January 15th; then a final copy will be circulated.
 - We will vote on the Constitution at February Meeting.
- **Ministry Liaisons**
 - No news.
- **Caper submission from PC**
 - Mike & Brian to send Lent calendar by January 12.
 - Fr. Jeff to email Lent schedule to Mike and Brian
 - Include in Caper
- **Year of Mercy**
 - The lenten program is small faith sharing groups. This will take place in Friday's after the soup dinner, with baby sitting provided. People are to sign up 01/30/16 and 01/31/16 for times that they can meet. These groups can meet anytime through the week. The program is called Having Mercy. Weekly pamphlets will be sent out to everyone. People can also do this at home on their own, but group discussion is always a preferred way to share your faith. Groups will be set up and people will be notified on who wants to meet at the same time and day. This is a 5 week series. It is not necessary that you attend every week, due to commitments, but it is advised that you do try to attend all weeks.
 - PC to Contact ministry liasons to tell them about the Lent retreat and program
- **Parish Honors Mass – Saturday, February 27th – Dinner in the upper hall afterwards**
 - Committee formed, [Susan, Jen, Audrey].

- The form is ready to go.
- Jan. 9 and Jan. 10 Honors committee will talk before each mass.
- **Neighborhood Network**
 - No updates
- **Committee presentation to PC**
 - February potential committee?
- **Parking lot update**
 - Fr. Jeff is going to request an extraordinary request for funds from the Finance Committee for the seed money (\$2,500) for the grant request.
 - Timeline – If money is obtained – Hire Vernon to develop plan and Cathie will report next month.
 - Pilot project – to get people excited about the project. Maybe the area by the front parking lot
 - Can it be merged with a meditation area – probably not.
 - Possibly put a sign at the area, or advertise it in other ways.
- **Evening Daily Mass**
 - 15 – 20 people attended mass at the highest.
 - Childcare was provided for.
 - Fr. Jeff is going to do it during Lent.
- **Additional discussion topics**
 - Teaching Mass yesterday afternoon at 4 PM.
 - Well attended and very enjoyable and informative
 - Retreat was for the first communicants –
 - Christmas Mass was very reverent
 - Music was beautiful
 - Reverent Mass – Incense and Eucharistic Prayer One used.
 - Lisa Prout – Made food, drink, snacks for all of the people helping on Christmas Eve. Brought all her own supplies had the area very safe.
 - Mass attendance has been up all year long.
 - 4th year out of the Christmas trees – they continue to look beautiful.
 - “Fr Jeff – Most stressless Christmas he can remember”
 - Several people have approached the church as a result of Pope Francis making the church seem more approachable.
 - What is the “proper” position for praying the Our Father
 - Hands closed
 - Nothing wrong with parishioners holding hands.
 - Why don’t we have bells?
 - Bells were used to let farmhands know that it was the consecration and they would hear it and enter a small time of prayer even when they are not on the in the Church.
 - Most churches in Archdiocese in Baltimore do not use them.
 - Bells have a lot of baggage.
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- **New Business & Calendar**
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Important Upcoming Dates

January 2016

2, 3 – PC Meet and Greet

4 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

February 2016

1 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
6, 7 – PC Meet and Greet?
(10 – Ash Wednesday)

March 2016

5, 6 – PC Meet and Greet
7 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
(21 – 28 – *Easter Break AACCS*)
24 - 26 -- Triduum
27 - Easter

April 2016

2, 3 – PC Meet and Greet
3 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

May 2016

30. 1 – PC Meet and Greet
30, 1 – PC Election
2 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC
?? – SABB Leadership Potluck?
28 – New PC Orientation and Officer Election
29 – 3 year terms end/begin for 4 old/4 new PC members

June 2016

4, 5 – PC Meet and Greet
5 – Parish Picnic
6 – PC Meeting 7-9 PM, ALC

8:59 pm - Close with 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