

SABB Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday April 03, 2017

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

1. Began Meeting with 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") Gospel Matthew 21 4-5

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her.

Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once."

This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: *Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."*

The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them.

They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them.

The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road.

The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?"

And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Council members read and shared their insights on the Lectio Divina

- Jesus comes in as humble not as a king.
- One would not think that riding on an ass would shake the people of the city
- Theme of disbelief comes into play again as in the last three weeks when they ask, "Who is this?"
- Recognize Him as the Messiah; focus on what Christ did for us.
- "This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled" Matthew was all about fulfilling prophecy.
- Spoke of the beast of burden recognizing God but people often did not; another example of this was the animals at Bethlehem with Baby Jesus.
- Jesus knew he was a wanted man when he entered Jerusalem yet continued his journey.
- "The master has need of them". What is Jesus saying here?
- "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." Jesus is not recognized as divine but as a prophet.

- Still did not realize at this point what is about to happen.
- We spoke of folks being alright with things until they get hard.
- Put yourself in Jesus' place; was he feeling empty knowing what was about to happen.
- Will folks remember this day; we will not know until we see him?
- Some theologians felt that Jesus did not know about the Resurrection.
- Moment of adoration – Jesus coming in on beast of burden and then Jesus takes on our burdens.
- Say to daughter Zion – Israel – God still loves us as his daughters and sons- does not turn his back on us. God gives us his Son!
- What were the disciples wondering when Jesus sent them to get the ass? IN the end, they still did it!
- When we say the words, "Holy, Holy, Holy" during Eucharist prayer – Who is this? What is this? Represents Manna from Heaven.

3. SABB Update (*Fr. Jeff*)

- Update on Archdiocese Reorganization
 - SABB will remain as a single Parish Pastorate.
 - We are ahead of the curve in terms of our strategic planning vis-à-vis, the Be Missionary Disciples Plan of the archdiocese.
 - 2022 – Formal strategic planning process begins.
 - Fr. Jeff had requested long term assignment – terms are usually six years.
 - Fr. Jeff's first term is up in June of this year; may possibly be moved in 2022.
 - May want to wait to move Fr. Jeff until the process begins; continue to move forward.
 - Do not have a list of the final configuration for the Archdiocese. Reorganization; there is a meeting tomorrow (4/4) to discuss further.
 - Each Council member was asked to read the update from the Archdiocese.
- **Update on Projects**
 - **Parking Lot Project** - A formal letter was sent to the Archdiocese to start the Parking Lot Project.
 - Any project over \$50,000 dollars has to go through the Archdiocese; Archdiocese has assigned a Project Manager.
 - Looking to start the parking lot this summer.
 - To be paid with cash in hand with donations collected, etc.
 - **Steps – leading to the Parish Office** will not be done. Estimates were cost prohibitive.
 - Sign for the office will be moved to the main entrance.
 - **Doors** - will also replace the doors at the classroom wings.
 - **Lights** – lights in the Church and the Upper Hall, will be replaced.
 - **Wooden Siding** – Wood at the back of the Church is mildewed; will replace with aluminum siding.
 - **Storm Water Renovation** – Mel is still working on this; hope to move it forward. This project does not impact the other projects.
 - **Audit Results** - Results came back as great; one exception was the Segregation of Duties section.
 - As discussed before Kristin Walsh writes all of the checks; bank statements are reviewed by Fr. Jeff. Kristin is not supposed to make the deposits but does during the week. Fr. Jeff always checks the deposits.
 - Neither Kristin nor Fr. Jeff has access to the collection counting.

- **Ashes** – Fr. Jeff spoke about a Family who recently asked to have their family members ashes placed in the Church garden rather than a cemetery.
 - A Parish family can have their family member’s ashes placed in either St. Mary’s garden or the Church garden. **Ashes Only!**

4. Pastoral Council Discernment Process

- Announcement was published in the bulletin and Fr. Jeff is announcing before Masses
- Discernment Dates are set for **April 18 and 25**
- Check with Pastoral Council member availability – members will be available at one meeting or the other.
- Need to get the word out again; Fr. Jeff will add to FaceBook, Flocknote and My Parish App.
- We are losing three members and we only have three replacements at this time

5. Divine Renovation Chapter 5, pp. 197 – 253

- May Council Meeting will focus on Divine Renovation – Traci will facilitate; Flip Charts, post it notes, markers to be made available.
- Ministry inventory and questions and outreach process.
- Reviewed Ministry Profile Template prepared by Denise; want to finalize by the end of April, and then Pastoral Council members to send out the first week in May. Concurrent with this, we need to reach out to Ministry committee chairs to inform, get feedback, and discuss the process.
- Ministry Leaders should complete profile by the end of June.
- Want to schedule the Ministry Leadership Summit at the end of September or October.
- How do we help those leaders who are so entrenched in their ministry-we will have to help with that transition. Ask questions as in, “What happens if you are sick and there is no one to continue that ministry?”
- What are the red flags that a person has been a leader for too long? Ministry Leader has been Chair for more than three years, ministry continues to lose members.
- Need to create a letter introducing the Ministry Profile and the intent. Will send out to Council members in ten days for internal review.
- We can notify the Leaders such as Stephany, Zach, Chris and Marie in advance.
- What should the message to be? We can use the letter from the Archdiocese as an introduction into the intent behind the profile.
- Missionary disciples-serving the community’s needs.
- Divine Renovation Guide asks some very challenging questions; how do we as Council members answer those questions.
- Fr. Jeff spoke of a young man in his thirties who wants to come back to Church; look at building relationships through the Men or Women’s ministries.
- Also discussed taking another look at how the sacraments are done.
- Need to look at using technology to reach the next generation.
- Brian and Rick spoke about the Catholic Men's Fellowship of Maryland Conference – they used screens, videos, etc, for a number of the presentations.
- Scott Hahn was a fantastic speaker; may want to look at having him come to SABB one day. He wrote the book “Lamb’s Supper” which discussed the biblical basis for the Mass, and the book “Consuming the Word,” which is about the institution of the Eucharist and the connection between the Last supper and Death on the Cross.

6. Updates, New Business & Calendar

- Fr. Jeff mentioned that they will have a Memorial Service for Sister Mary T after Easter.
- Cathy asked about SABB Parish Directory; discussed digital photographs.
- Also spoke about Alpha; St. Johns Severna Park is going through Alpha now
- "NOT MY CHILD" - St. Andrew by the Bay will host a meeting to be held on April 30 at 5:30 PM. The Office of County Executive Steve Schuh (AACO) will sponsor with the focus on Substance Misuse in our community. "NOT MY CHILD"and save a loved one's life. Fr. Jeff will send out an email with more details and add the event to Facebook to get out the message.
- Pastoral Council Donut Sunday – PC Donut Sunday (5/7). Roger agreed to pick up donuts. 8AM Mass: Mike and Roger; 9:30: Brian and Mary Jean; 11:30 – Rick and? Need to coordinate on drinks and set-up; breakdown will be easy as the tables can be left for the Eagle Scout meeting in the afternoon.

7. Intercessory Prayer Intercessory Prayer Intentions

- Suggested format: At the beginning start by saying "For whom shall we pray (please be comforted by letting us pray for those who are in need)," after each name the person speaking would say "Let us Pray" and everyone responds "Lord hear our prayer."
- **See Intercessory Prayer Intentions in a separate email.**

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

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 – Discernment meetings, 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