

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes
January 15, 2025

Present: Fr. Andy Switzer, Colin Hayden, Patrick Green, Vanessa Santiago, Christine Wiegman, Shana Harris, Brendan Jarrell, Cate Hershey, Gerry Fitzgerald, Blanche Landry, Heather Garcia

Not present: Connie Bonner, Bassell Franks

Roles: Pastor: Fr. Andy; Co-chairs: Colin Hayden, Christine Wiegman; Prayer leader: Vanessa Santiago; Recorder: Brendan Jarrell

Opening Prayer: The Jubilee Prayer was led by Vanessa

Opening Question: What do we hope for St Agnes in 2025?

Some thoughts shared: St Agnes - a beacon of hope, Bring people more joy, enlarge the tent.

St Agnes ought to be the lightest place you come all week.

UPDATES/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

Advent events reviewed

- CFF and 3 Kings Mass, Las Posadas attended by Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala, Bishop Stowe visit and the Jesse Tree Project – positive feedback given and good turnouts mentioned

Parish ministries review and manual

- Purpose statements for Music ministry, Peace and Justice ministry were collected by Shana and Gerry and read to the council. Discussion on purpose statements to be gathered by other council members for assigned ministries/committees.
- Cate will work on compiling all of the Ministry write-ups that have been gathered.
- Welcome Committee discussed and making a fillable registration form available online suggested to streamline for new prospective parishioners. Registration form is currently online but not fillable.

PC report

- The revised PC report was presented and all pastoral council members were encouraged to be willing to be present after the Mass they attend this coming weekend to answer questions. The report will be read aloud at the beginning of each Mass.
- The report was presented and feedback was given. Edits to be made by Christine and then submitted to Fr. Andy for final review. Vision statement will also be reviewed and edited by Christine, Brendan, Colin and Cate, and then included in the PC report. The report will be printed, put into the bulletin and read at the Masses on Jan 11/12th weekend. PC council members are asked to attend as many of the Masses as they are able that weekend.

Parish directory

- Should be ready to distribute within a few weeks. It is currently being checked for accuracy by staff.

NEW ITEMS:

- Fr. Mat 50th anniversary celebration – planned for weekend of April 26/27. Fr. Mat will be the presider at all the Masses. He prefers a low-key event. Fr. Andy floated some names for potential parishioners to plan and implement the reception. Gerry offered to be the PC liaison.

- Lent activities
 - o March 15th the Rite of election will be at our parish this year. Fr. Andy named a few parishioners he thinks would be able to plan a reception for this. Other volunteers will be needed for hospitality and parking, etc. Christine, Cate, Shana and Vanessa offered to help
 - o Week of March 15-19th Michael Driscoll, Liturgist, has been invited to lead us in a parish renewal.
 - o April 8th – Denise Giardina, author of the book: Saints and Villains (on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer) will be in town to discuss her book. Thought is to invite parishioners to read the book and join a small discussion group prior to her presentation.
- Accompaniment committee will host a presentation by a WVU law school group to inform people on knowing the rights of people who are immigrants. Jan 18 or 19.
- Diocesan Survey: Disciple Maker Index. Fr. Andy explained the diocese contracted with a company in Philadelphia to develop a survey for all WV Catholics to take. Christine had printed the survey out and read some of the questions. Fr. Andy stated that he has some reservations and explained those to council members and that he will be addressing these with the bishop and get back with the PC/parish on how to proceed after that discussion.

Closing prayer and next meeting: Feb 19th at 6:30

Parking lot items for future meeting:

- Sensory liturgy for people with disabilities.
- Are we addressing the needs of the youth/young adults in our parish?
- Gathering space committee to work on business plan and stewardship