

Holy Trinity Pastoral Council Minutes

May 10, 2021

- Attendees:** Veronica Kelley, Carol Alcamo, Diana Graff, Nancy Koch, Lloyd Sandell, Ingrid Spencer, Pat Allfrey
- Absent:** Lanny Ross
- Opening Prayer:** Diana Graff
- Minutes:** All Members present approved the April 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- Study Time:** Catholic Parishes of the 21st Century: Chapter 7– Who’s in the Pews

Veronica noted that Holy Trinity has a significant Spanish population and the 7:00 p.m. Spanish Mass on Saturday, May 8th was filled to capacity. Fr. Alfredo also heard 22 confessions Friday night. We need to reach out to all the various nationalities of Holy Trinity parishioners and include them in parish activities. With the elimination of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, the older parishioners are now attending the 9:45 a.m. Mass, which used to be the family Mass. About 20% of parishioners who make reservations for Mass do not come.

Technology Committee: Lloyd Sandell

The website continues to be augmented as necessary to promote the ongoing operations and events of our parish. We have launched the page promoting the Annual Catholic Appeal and publicized several livestreaming events such as funerals, First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Some recent events have brought to light that a need to put out a reminder that our website is the primary communication tool for Holy Trinity. The website can be an effective, valid, and up-to-date communication tool only when the current information is provided in a timely manner to properly publish the events. Parish activities need to be distributed for website publication as an intentional action. A meeting with parish leadership to address this concern is desired.

Faith Formation Committee: Pat Allfrey

- Confirmation interviews will be held April 25-27 and Confirmation will take place Friday, May 14th, at 6:00 p.m. with Bishop Eusebio Elizondo celebrating.
- Reconciliation for the Junior High Confirmation class was held March 21st with 18 students participating.
- The Lady’s Book Club meets Wednesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

- Father Ron Hoye gave two presentations each day on April 18-20th for the Parish Mission.
- The Butter Braids Fundraiser in spring and fall totaled \$1,761.80.
- The second group of Latino community Baptisms was held March 28th with Father Dennis baptizing the eight children. A third group for Baptism education has just started.
- Mary Lou submitted the Power to Protect/Safe Environment report March 16th.
- First Eucharist will be held May 1st at 10:00 a.m.
- The Committee is helping the Knights of Columbus with the Silver Rose Spanish service on May 15th.
- Videos for the Faith Formation students are being created to give them a tour of the church and to show them the items present on the credence table.
- Father Alfredo Ramirez will be here for the Spanish Masses on Saturday evenings until end of June.

Finance Council: Veronica Kelley

- Update: 2021-2022 Budget:
Their meeting was held last Wednesday. A full-time priest has been added to the budget. We are looking for a facilities manager who will also be a part-time custodian, as well as a full-time custodian. We will also hire a part-time music director. The Finance Council approved the budget based on what we know now.
- Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2019-2020
We are still making payments to the Archdiocese to eliminate the amount owed from the 2019-2020 campaign.
- Update: Annual Catholic Appeal 2020-2021
Holy Trinity's goal for the next campaign is reduced to \$111,479 after the Archdiocese removed the funds specified for the Priests and Religious pension and medical plans through the Called to Serve as Christ Campaign.

Liturgy Committee: Veronica Kelley

- Activities: Confirmation will take place this Friday at 6:00 p.m. with Bishop Elizondo celebrating. First Communion will be held May 1st at 10:00 a.m., and the Silver Rose Ceremony will take place Saturday, May 15th. We may not be able to have a procession for Corpus Christi because of the social distancing rules. Everything else will be done in the church.

- Update: Our new priest, Fr. Dwight Lewis, will be arriving July 1st. He will reside in the rectory with Fr. Jack. Father Alfredo Ramirez's last day will be June 26th.

Social Justice Committee (SJC): Lanny Ross, Diana Graff

The Parish Charity Fund supports a novice nun through the "Unbound" program with a monthly donation of \$55.00. They received a thank you letter from Sister Mary Minerva.

SJC will have a diaper and baby wipes drive the weekends of May 15-16 and May 22-23. Cash donations are also accepted. They are looking for volunteers to help the Knights of Columbus with meal preparations for the Benedict House and Stella Maris Shelter. Interested members may contact Jack Seaman, Grand Knight. The Committee discussed supporting a prison ministry fund. Next meeting will be May 13th and discernment on June 10th.

Knights of Columbus: Carol Alcamo

- The Knights collected \$2,234.00 from the Tootsie Roll Drive.
- They continue to cook for the men's and women's homeless shelters on Thursdays.
- The Knights added eight new members at their installation on Saturday, April 24th.
- The Spring Bouquet fundraiser on Mothers' Day, May 9th was very successful, selling about 45 bouquets.
- This Saturday, May 15th, the Knights are sponsoring the Silver Rose prayer services in English and Spanish. This pilgrimage is held along routes from Canada to Mexico to pray for respect of life, spiritual renewal, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- First Communion and Confirmation class gifts were presented on May 1st and 14th.
- Three more work parties are scheduled for May 12th at the St. Vincent DePaul Women's Shelter, May 22nd at Holy Trinity Parish, and May 24th at Camp Stand by Me.

Old Business:

1. Implementing Engaged Church and Stewardship/Discipleship Committee
 - a. Discipleship Committee Report
They are not meeting in May but will meet in June. They are reviewing the International Catholic Stewardship Council (ICSC-2000) stewardship presentations for ideas to enhance stewardship at Holy Trinity.

2. Update: Finishing of the Renovation Project
The cost to add additional lighting in the church will be over \$5,000. They will be working on landscaping. The old pews are being donated and should be removed by May 24th. Staff is also cleaning out storage spaces to rearrange storage cupboards.
3. COVID-19 Concerns:
The Archdiocese suggested that the parish could have a seating section for vaccinated parishioners only. Parish leadership decided not to implement this suggestion.
4. Married Couples Retreat – Tabled temporarily
5. Called to Serve as Christ Campaign to Support the Priest and Retired Sisters Medical and Retirement Fund – Update
Holy Trinity is receiving payments from this fund as parishioners are fulfilling their obligations. The Archdiocese sends 15% to the parish.

New Business:

1. Retreats and Missions
The Men’s Retreat has been postponed until the fall. Ron Ryan will be asked to return in the fall.
2. Safety Issues – Active Shooter in Church – Tabled
3. Year of the Eucharist – Next Steps
Fr. Ron Hoye will be asked to return at a future date.
4. Discernment
Discernment for the Parish Council will take place on Saturday, June 12th. Therefore, no additional meeting is scheduled for June. The discernment process for all councils and committees will be shortened this year to include only the individual council and committee discussions. The Parish struggles to identify parishioners who wish to participate in these groups.
5. Needs or Concerns to address in 2021-2022
Three concerns were identified that need to be addressed in the next year: Participation in Committees, involvement in church, and ability to meet financial needs.

6. Future Meetings and Prayer Leader List
 - a. Opening Prayer for September: Nancy Koch
 - b. Closing Prayer for September: Lloyd Sandell

7. Member Concerns and Needs: None

Closing Business:

Pastoral Council Discernment: Saturday, June 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, September 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Next Executive Committee Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Closing Prayer: Pat Allfrey

Adjournment: All