

## November 2, 2016 PPC Meetings

- In attendance: Daesik Cha, Paddy Favazza, Mark Dudziak, Christian Villanueva, Lucie Graveline, Leo Bernotas, Claire Ramsbottom, Edward Poole, Frank Tremblay, John Glancy, Jim Spoto, Kate Mason, Teresa Coda, Fr. Vinnie
- **Discussion on Archdiocesan decision on the OLOS Collaborative**
  - Fr. Vinnie will be writing his letter of resignation for his current position as Administrator, and then will reapply for the Pastor position in our stand-alone collaborative; he will be looking into the reapplying process next week.
  - There will be a consultative meeting with the PPC, PFC, Parish Staff and Archdiocese regarding what the Parish is looking for in a pastor and how we envision moving forward
  - Archdiocese would like to have all of this done by the end of December
  - Fr. Vinnie requested input on questions for survey being completed for Archdiocese
    - What sort of service and ministries is the parish currently engaged in?
      - Teresa will compile a list of youth ministry service endeavors
      - Kate will provide a list of CSS initiatives
    - What qualities would it be important for a pastor of this community to have?
      - Appreciation for active role of music in liturgy
      - Commitment to interfaith dialogue
      - Capacity to collaborate with laity in leadership roles
      - Appreciation of gifts that parishioners bring
    - What would you have wanted to know about this parish before becoming pastor?
      - That parishioners speak up.
      - That there is a large interfaith community within the parish and town
      - There is a growing ethnic diversity within the parish
  - In January, we will establish a Pastoral Plan

### Financial Report

- Jim Spoto, Chair of the PFC, offered a summary of the financial report
  - Offertory is up 4% from last year
  - There has been some savings from having open positions (DFF, Music Director)
  - There are approximately \$30,000 of projected/past utilities and maintenance costs
    - Women's bathroom in O'Connell Hall
    - Skylight in Bullock Center
    - Rectory Steps
    - Fixing Parking lot
    - Painting of exterior of Church
    - Timer for parking lot lights/lighting assessment of grounds
  - The annual appeal will hopefully raise \$35,000 to cover these costs, and to pay the "tithes"/"tax" to the Archdiocese
  - We are currently "up" approximately \$10,000 due to the open positions

- Religious education enrollment has declined steadily over the years; a question was raised about whether the decrease in enrollment is tied to decrease in church attendance.
- Sacramental trends: baptisms are increasing and confirmations are decreasing

### **Townhall Discussion**

- Saturday, November 5, 2016, 5:30 PM O'Connell Hall
- Fr. Vinnie suggested that he make a statement regarding the news of the collaborative of one, Fr. Vinnie will explain that we will be forming a committee to form a pastoral plan, Jim will offer a summarized financial report, each commission gives a report, feedback on new Mass times, time for questions and answers
- Remind folks of Interfaith Thanksgiving Service; Patty Favazza offered that
- Claire will send a signup page for refreshments
- John will create an agenda for the townhall

### **Staff Replacements**

- We have a music director! Daesik Cha introduced himself to the group.
- Director of Faith Formation position is still open.

### **New Parishioner Reception**

- Event went well; it was an opportunity for new families to get to know one another
- For people who weren't there, how are we going to continue to reach them? A continued discussion is needed regarding outreach and evangelization.
- Perhaps Lynn or Monica could send a note to new families informing them of the Advent Workshop and welcoming them to it.

### **Upcoming Activities and Business**

- Town Hall
- Advent Workshop
- PPC Retreat? Fr. Vinnie will arrange after the first of the year.
- Thanksgiving Interfaith Service will be held at the mosque this year on Sunday, November 20th.
- The Christian Services Commission will be hosting their annual Christmas Party at Evelyn House and will be collecting gifts through the Giving Tree
- Several Youth Ministry events are coming up, including service trips to The Table and My Brother's Keeper, Donuts and Bagels with St. Nick, and Middle School and High School Christmas Parties.
- Revising and redistributing Time and Talent survey is a priority
  - "Talent Sunday" — form is in pews at church and everyone is asked to complete