

April 5, 2017 PPC Meeting Notes

In attendance: Jim Spoto, Silvia Dudziak, AnnMarie Dion, Monica O'Brien, Lynn Jacobs, Mike Jaillet, Frank Tremblay, Nigel Timothy, Fr. Frank Daly, Claire Ramsbottom, John Glancy, Fr. Vinnie Doolan, Maia Mongado, Teresa Coda, Lucie Graveline

Fr. Daly Introduction

- Fr. Daly introduced himself and shared some of his background, and also shared that he has closely studied the OLOS website and sees how important interfaith work and collaborative work with the laity are at OLOS. He is looking forward to joining the parish in June.

Holy Week/Easter Preparations

- Fr. Vinnie reported that "the ducks are lined up"
- Fr. Clooney will celebrate the Holy Thursday Mass
- Fr. Vinnie will preside for the Good Friday Service
- We need a second lector for each of the Palm Sunday Masses; if anyone is available they should contact Lynn
- Claire and Bob will be responsible for the fire during the Vigil on Holy Saturday
 - Sunset is at 7:28 on Saturday

Lenten Mission 2017 (3/5-3/7)

- Simple supper worked well; soup/bread/engage in conversation
 - Not enough time for conversation
 - An hour is not enough time for a meal and a discussion
- Evening prayer was well attended and beautiful
- The Mass was not well attended; in future years, perhaps a Reconciliation Service -- or something else altogether

100 Days 100 Dinners

- The letter has been shared with the interfaith council and Claire is hoping that the word will get out to the different places of worship in Sharon.
 - The goal is to get people to engage in conversations with people and about topics that they might not have had otherwise
- Claire will send letter about the event to the PPC (to be held April 23 at 5 pm.)

OLOS Commission Updates

- Finance update:
 - the offertory is a little bit down, but not too much.
 - The annual collection exceeded the original goal by about \$10,000 which is enough to pay for some of the projects that we have already done, including the stairs in the rectory and the O'Connell Hall bathroom updates. Two other big

projects we would like to do include painting the church and repairing the church parking lot; these will cost about 30,000. One of the furnaces in the church basement has broken and this will be another expense.

- We are still trying to reach our Catholic Appeal Goal: last year we collected \$21,000 and our goal this year is to exceed that. The goal that the Archdiocese sets is \$35,000, which we have never met, but we hope to get closer to this year.
- After the Catholic Appeal is done the hope is to do a directed campaign to fund specifically the church furnace, the church painting and the parking lot.
- Representatives from the Archdiocese came to speak with Lynn today regarding fundraising/meeting our annual goals
- Conversation about how fundraising intertwines with creating a Pastoral Plan for our new collaborative of one
 - We want to move prudently into creating a Pastoral Plan and when making plans for fundraising; people have been hurt by our first foray into a collaborative and we want to move cautiously and carefully
- Christian Services Commission Updates
 - CSC has been collecting flowers to deliver to the homebound; the delivery is underway (April 8-9 Masses)
 - Annually CSC has a personal care kit drive/collection: May 13-June 4th (baskets will be placed at the back of the church)
 - April 22-May 7th: Book drive of new books for Reach Out and Read; book drive for Kitty O'Hare's pediatrician office; kids who read early do better in school; targeting kids who are 6 months to 5 years. (baskets will be placed at the back of the church)
- Liturgy Commission
 - Changes to the liturgy/choir placement/etc. have been put on hold until June at which time Fr. Daly will be on board.
 - For future conversations about liturgy, we will invite members of the liturgy commission to attend the PPC meetings on which it is an agenda item
- Father Vinnie Farewell
 - Despite his protests, plans will commence for Fr. Vinnie's send off party

Teresa Coda