

Our Lady of Sorrows
Parish Council Meeting
January 3, 2018

Present: John Glancy, Fr. Daly, Lucie Graveline, Teresa Coda, Monica LaFond (Faith Formation), Kate Mason (Christian Service), Mike Jaillet, Mark Dudziak, Nigel Timothy, Marie Martin (Liturgy), Richard Martin guest – Parish Historian)

Meeting opened with prayer at 7:30 in Bullock Center.

History

Richard and Marie Martin had compiled a slide presentation of the parish history as part of the 4-5 yr. process of renewing the interior of the church which culminated in December 1985. Unfortunately, the bulb for the slide projector blew at 4pm. This dramatically emphasized the need to digitalize this history. Dick gave an oral history of the parish beginnings from the time when an infrequent priest came on horseback to say mass in someone's home, then as a mission of St. John's in Canton and then Immaculate Conception in Stoughton. A chapel of St. Aloysius was built on Pond Street with leftover lumber from St. John's. The current building on Cottage Street was established as Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in 1906. Dick also presented a pictorial display that focused more on the interior changes in the church building, but wanted to give a sense of the community, of the people and demographics which shaped the faith community that makes us who we are today. Dick and Marie will explore getting the slide presentation digitalized for longevity (Leo Bernotas from PPC might be a resource), as well as eventually getting some of the history onto the web site. The slide presentation will be given at the next council meeting with either a projector rental or digitalized.

Grand Annual

Fr. Daly reports that to date, roughly 124 donors have given around \$58K. It was a late start this year. It should have begun in November. People have been generous. The goal is 100K.

Faith formation

Teresa highlighted upcoming Adult Faith Formation events;

- **Sunday, January 21** - The Opioid Crisis in America, MA. and Sharon at 9:45-10:45 am in O'Connell Hall – lead by a physician in the parish and a Sharon police officer.
- **Sunday, January 28th** – A Teaching Mass – at 5:00 pm with Fr. Matt Williams, celebrant.

Liturgy Commission

Marie reported that the committee is proposing a ministry weekend that would present all groups active in the parish with the hope of attracting people to serve and get involved. We are in need of more liturgical ministers especially Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers (adult and youth), greeters etc. Looking at the w/e of Jan 28th after all the masses. Fr. to meet with Monica O'Brien first and then they will get communications out to all groups.

Fr. working on getting drawings about possible changes in the church; like moving the platform under the altar back so that it meets the steps, thus having only one step down. This will allow movement of the casket during funerals to facilitate communion procession and placement of the bride and groom at weddings.

Since his arrival he has focused more on the physical plant and grounds. Much has been done and more still needs to be done. There is still work to be done in the rectory. Now he hopes to address other issues, like inadequate preparations for Baptism, education about anointing of the sick, funerals/cremation, and bringing the deceased to church.

He has asked Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary for the help of a weekend deacon and has asked Cardinal O'Malley to come just to celebrate Mass with the community and to meet the people. A date for that Mass has been set for April 15th.

Christian Services Commission

They are meeting next Tuesday. Focus will be on the soup drive on Super Bowl Sunday for the Ilse Marks food Pantry.

New Business

We are overdue for a parish town meeting. Will look to plan sometime in early March.

There is an Interfaith Service on Monday Jan 15th, Martin Luther King Day, at the Congregational Church at 10:00 a.m.

Next meeting February 7th. Social at 7:15, meeting begins at 7:30 in Bullock Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie

Marie A. Martin