

**Blessed Sacrament Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Agenda – May 08, 2023**

*We, Blessed Sacrament Parish, are a Christ-centered community;
Committed to worship the Father;
Committed to respond to the Spirit's gifts;
Committed to loving service to all God's people.*

1. Opening Prayer (Anne Dever)

Opening (A Prayer of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta):

Lord, open our eyes
that we may See You in
our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our hearts
that we may Love each other as
You love us.

Lord, open our ears
that we may Hear the cries
of the hungry,
the cold, the frightened,
the oppressed.

Lord, renew in us Your Spirit,
Make us Free and
make us One.
Amen

2. Kudos – Emailed Previously

- Kudos to Deacon John Hanna for his ministry at Blessed Sacrament the weekend of April 29-30 (even if he says it was an assigned penance)
- Liturgical Ministers for Holy Week – were overall, prepared, helpful –
- Missy Summey – for organizing and supporting the eucharistic ministers as we add back in cup bearers
- Fr. Paul for supporting Mary Odin in her musical endeavors
- Members coming together to make Holy Week smoothly run and be prepared.

3. **Short Form Synod Report – Moving to after Parish/Staff concerns**

- Review Low Hanging Fruit and start on next session as per Molly's summary

4. General Parishioner Concerns

- Please add the name of those who attended the monthly PC meeting to the meeting notes

**We will add names to the end of the agenda each month

- Church Picnic – see Katie's idea/blub below with bulletin and/or mass announcement:

Parish Picnic needs your help! We are looking for coordinator(s) for our Blessed Sacrament Parish Picnic Family Reunion. Our previous planners have always gone above and beyond and created a fantastic event and we are looking for dedicated individuals to

continue the tradition. This could be a single event like previous years at Oaks Field or maybe a week of fun evening summer activities to bring everyone back to the summertime feel you are interested in this ministry; Please reach out to our staff or Pastoral Council so that we can be of assistance!
We need volunteers to reach out by May 28th so that we can plan the best picnic yet.

Please note that Liz James has agreed to head the parish picnic this year. The council will provide any and all assistance to help accomplish this. We will gladly serve a conduit to assist Liz in this endeavor.

- Simontons planned the most recent picnic Post-Pandemic
 - Box lunches
 - Natalie has who rented tables, chairs, tent rental
 - Many people enjoyed box lunches
 - Gerald Burgy helped with city planning
 - Adding a committee with young people
 - We need to support of the parish for this event
 - Different mini-groups – prep, city, childcare etc to give volunteers assignments
 - Blurb is very open ended to gain
 - Historically a September event – so time to find chair and committee
 - Multiple night event, fewer day of volunteers
 - Movie night (weekend before picnic – family friendly)
 - Let's make our parish picnic bigger and better
 - Nice to see ice cream, games, activities to do.
- **Announcement – David@5:30p Terry @9a ?@11:30
- The Parish Picnic that has been a parish event every fall needs a new volunteer to help coordinate. We hope to have a new volunteer by May 28th. We would like anyone interested in supporting this event to attend the pastoral council meeting on June 8th. There is more information in the bulletin
- PPC member attendance at parish events & offerings
 - Should we be attending events, what do we need for offerings
 - Is the pastoral council distance/disengaged from the parish
 - Are we engaged with what the parish wants/needs?
 - Each member has new prioritize for where are gifts are needed;
 - This topic needs to be thought about and acted upon when opportunities arise that we attend – keep events top of mind when activities arrive
 - We have not heard from parishioners – How do we be more accessible?
 - This is not a simple issue – What is our plan to engage?
 - Being available after mass / email / text message was a way to be a pulse on the church
 - If pastoral council sponsors an event there should be attendance

- If an event is going on, plug into it. – come to one event to see and be seen
- We need to broaden – when we go to the pastoral plan – the first is an analysis for what our parish needs/wants
- Events that are done here need to be attended

** no consensus - more to be talked until May 22nd

- Changes to the Liturgy
 - Saturday mass
 - We would like it to be 5pm year round -- 4:30 too early through the day but 5:30 was too late
 - Adult faith formation was previously at 5pm.
 - Hymnal vs prayer guide
 - Why have the additional paper? All the information is within the hymnal
 - The additional page difference is the psalms by Haas
 - Will Mary consider removing the additional papers
 - Will passing the basket come back?
 - Community of passing the basket to be a family
 - Closing of the gathering walls/doors

** Feed back to liturgical committee -- Chip will send notes to Liturgical Committee

5. Staff Concerns

- Liturgy
 - Likes the 4:30 in the winter due to driving
- Parish bylaws for council
 - If we do not have it, we need to make it
 - Natalie will reach out to John Priestly for information
- Ruth
 - Good to have a trifacta of baptism and first communions
- Pastoral Planning
 - Is it made for a parish of our size? Do we need to create work for ourselves
 - The parish council is here to assist the priest, why do we need to invest time in something that is a lot of work without reward.
 - We need to have synergy within a group to find a purpose for the best structure for parish council
 - We need bylaws to help give the parish council purpose
 - Parish council is a way to do things but not a direction
 - Reach out to other parish council for bylaws
 - We used to have a preparation prior to being added to the parish council now members have not had the preparation to know what the goal is
 - May 22 –go with the book and follow through with pastoral planning
 - People can identify needs with the hope that someone else can fulfill it
 - We will want to feel the holy spirit and how the spirit will drive us.

- WHAT IS THE BIG PICTURE? Can we be all things to everyone – no
- **Outcome – we need bylaws by May 22 and go through pastoral planning

6. Onboard PC Training

- Scheduled for Monday 5/22 in person and via Zoom
- Discuss prologue discussing background & mission
- Discussion on prayer and it's importance/role in the PC
- Discussion and exercises on consensus

7. Closing Prayer Anne Dever)

Closing (from the Diocese of Rochester):

Lord God, as we leave this meeting may we leave not alone but as partners and helpers of one another, sharing our joys and our sorrows. May we walk with each other and with you in loving kindness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Attendees: Mary Odin, Natalie, Zellers, Fr. Paul, Chip Council, David Lewia, Terry Mathias, Jack Dever, Anne Dever, Katie Smithberger, Philip Maramba, Christina Fernandes, Rick Brennan, Jackson Davis

PPC by law meeting: May 22nd 6pm in library and zoom

Next PPC Meeting: Monday June 12, 2023 6:00pm

(opening & closing prayers – Charlie Wilson)

Goal 1 – To expand our parish ministries that promote care for those who are sick, disabled, grieving, struggling or impacted by addiction.

Goal 2 – To give all parishioners expanded opportunities to understand, appreciate, and apply Catholic Social Teachings in our personal lives and in the life of the parish.

Goal 3 – To provide greater awareness of our parish resources of all kinds and of opportunities to use them in carrying out our mission (stewardship).

(January 1, 2020 beginning of New Goal Team Objectives for current 4-year cycle)