

Parish Ministry Council Meeting

Monday, September 19, 2022 7:00 – 8:45PM

Present: Fr. Yesalonia, Jackie Buffon, Rosario Conde, Lou Csabay, Emily Lowe, Laura de Boisblanc, Grace Fay, Maureen Fullam, Adele Gallo, Pattie Hughes, Danielle Klyap, Emily Lowe, Simone Vinocour McKeever, Kevin McKeever, Karen Milton, Bill O'Brien, Karen Page, Christian Nolan, Joan Schultz, Jacques Torchon

Opening Prayer

Fr. Yesalonia led the opening prayer and then shared the following information:

- Meeting minutes will be made publicly available
- Commissioning Sunday is September 25th

Ministry Reports

Adele Gallo – Women's Faith Group and Children's Liturgy of the Word

CLW Program at the 9:30 mass started 2 weeks ago. The first week, no children participated. The second week, there were 3 participants. Program will be offered for a few more weeks to gauge interest. Lack of participation raises the question, are more children attending the family mass at 11:00AM?

The Women's Faith Group started their new season on September 15th. A member of the group attested to the quality of the programs offered and to the enthusiasm of the participants.

Jacques Torchon – Hospitality Ministry

The group needs 5 additional staff members. They are considering extending an invitation to younger people to serve.

Recently, there was an incident at mass. A child was somewhat disruptive. The parent took the child out to 84th street to discipline him. The parent's behavior was out of proportion to the offense. Viewers of the interaction called the Parish to report abusive behavior. This will not be tolerated.

Karen Milton- Lay Ministers Enrichment

LME Season 2022-2023 schedule follow

1. October 21 – LME in partnership with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is presenting the film, Monsieur Vincent which won the best Oscar in 1947.
2. January 28 – Father Modrys will return to St. Ignatius to present a Saturday retreat
3. May 20 – An invitation has been extended to an author but his participation has not been confirmed

The LME team needs new members.

Pattie Hughes – Society of St. Vincent de Paul

SVP cannot resume hosting the Women's Shelter because not enough guests are vaccinated.

The drive to provide donations for the Our Children's Truck is also currently cancelled. The recipient charity does not have enough drivers.

There are several robust programs either planned or completed.

- Student Backpacks - 70 backpacks were donated
- Sept 24th – Annual Friends of the Poor Walk after which there will be a reception for all participants in Wallace Hall
- First Senior Luncheon in Wallace Hall is scheduled
- Home visits
- Angel Drive
- Food and Blood Drives planned
- Welcome Back Sunday, Sept 25th
- Clothing collection to support programs run by Little Sisters of the Poor

Lou Csabay – New Parishioners Welcoming Committee

The committee has 8 members who are actively engaged in reaching out to others. They have welcomed 163 families.

New members were asked what motivated them to join. The top responses follow:

- Good feelings about Parish
- Jesuits
- Returning to or moving to NYC

Groups' activities were moved from 83rd St to Park Avenue in front of church. The move added to their visibility.

65 new members attended the Welcome Dinner.

May 10-14, 2023 NPWC will sponsor a Parishioners Art Show

Laura De Boisblanc – Ignatian Social Justice

The group was/is engaged in the following activities:

- September 28th – Panel discussion: Faith Based Response to Refugee Crisis. Panelists include Fr. Eric Cruz and Mario Russell, Catholic Charities and Jacquelyn Paviion, Center for Migration Studies.
- Ongoing Mentoring/Tutoring College Essay Program to help high school clients at Little Sisters of the Assumption with the college application process.
- Volunteer at Catholic Charities as legal screeners for asylum seekers, conversation partners for ESL learners, welcomers at their intake centers.

Maureen Fullam – RCIA

There are 16 members in the new group which will start meeting Thursday, September 22nd. Participants are 8 female and 8 male.

Jackie Buffon and Rosario Conde - Meeting Christ in Prayer

Spring 2022 Retreat – There were 10 participants. The group was quiet but enthusiastic. After the retreat ended, they continued to actively meet over the summer.

There was an information meeting on September 13th in the Parish lounge. 2 people came to learn more about the program. As of this date, 15 have registered for the retreat which starts on Sept. 28th.

The facilitators were all new. They brought a different energy, characterized by the use of more music and recitation of the Our Father in different languages. The new group will have 3 facilitators – 1 new one and 3 returning.

The program will continue on Zoom based on strong feedback

Bill O'Brien – Eucharistic Ministers

There will be a Day of Reflection on November 5th which will also include Hospitality Ministers.

This meeting will include a business component.

He offered gratitude for the event calendar produced by Fr. Hallinan.

This Ministry will share a table with Compassionate Care Ministry at the Sept 25th Fair.

Danielle Klyap – Finance Committee

The Committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Pastor on money matters. Two members rotate off annually. They have been replaced.

The Pastor recognized the importance of this committee. They provide oversight of the management and use of our resources.

Christian Nolan – LGBT Catholics & Friends Ministry

The Ministry's current activities include:

- Sponsoring 1 mass every quarter
- Responding to requests from other Catholic parishes to help them start a program
- Dec 5th – Off Site Retreat to determine goals and future programs for 2022-2023
- Dec 1st – Annual Welcoming Day to celebrate World Aids Day

Joan Schultz – Boomers and Beyond

The following events for Boomers and Beyond were discussed:

- Fr. O'Brien's new book, *Seeing With the Heart: A Guide to Navigating Life's Adventures* has a January 28, 2023 publication date. We are coordinating a joint event – B&B, MCIP and LME – to introduce the book.

- 3 part series "Spirituality and the Second Half of Life "presented by Brian Pinter. Dates are Oct. 26, Jan 11 and Apr 26.
- Oct 20th - Greenwich Village Tour
- Date to be determined for a one person play which was written by and will be acted by Brother Joe Hoover SJ

Emily Lowe – Family Ministry

The group's calendar includes the following events:

- Volunteered for PBJ Sandwich Event. The group made 500 sandwiches which were donated to the NY Common Pantry.
- Expressed an interest in collaborating to offer an Interfaith Event
- Planned children's activity for Welcome Back Sunday
- Oct 1st Event with Little Sisters of the Assumption

Karen Page - Tuesday Night Book Group

The group read "The Pilgrim's Story: The Life and Spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola" by Brendan Comerford SJ. The book was studied for 3 months. Meetings were held on Zoom and attended by 20 to 30 people.

Sept 20 – 132 have registered to attend "The Ultimate (Catholic!) Insider's Guide to the Metropolitan Museum of Art" in Wallace Hall.

Sept 27 - Book for discussion through October is "Union with God: Living the Christ Life" by Fr. David Meconi, SJ.

Also, the book "Yes, There is a God" by John Bergsma, PhD, was mentioned, and an inquiry made as to whether other ministries might be interested in collaborating on an outreach event to share the faith with fallen-away Catholics, non-Catholic Christians, and/or agnostics.

Simone Vinocour McKeever – Ignatian Interfaith Ministry

This ministry has the following interests:

- April 8 – IFTAR dinner was oversubscribed and capped at 150. It was a very successful event. The Ministry collaborates with Peace Island. Plans were already discussed for Ramadan 2023. Some guests were never in a Catholic Church prior to this event. Father Yesalonia led a tour of the church for their enrichment.
- Oct 6 – Discussion on Mysticism in Christianity and Islam
- Oct – Event with Jewish Faith
- Nov 20 – Father announced we will join a neighborhood temple for a joint service
- Mar 21, 2023 – Activities planned which will include the Family Ministry

Kevin McKeever – Music Ministries

The new season is starting. There are 3 Adult volunteer Choirs – Parish Choir, Wallace Hall Choir and Orchestra Pentum Sacrum.

Maureen Haley retired. Elizabeth van Os is the new choir director. She handles the two children's choirs and will start a Training Choir in January.

In December, Michael Sheetz will perform an anthem which he was commissioned to write for the LGBT Ministry.

In May, there will be a concert for all Volunteer Choirs.

Grace Fay – Ignatian Young Adults

The group has 3 themes – Spiritual, Social, and Service.

Social events after evening mass have included:

- Pizza and Jesuit Trivia
- Coffee and Donuts
- Wine and Cheese

General Discussion

Pattie Hughes and Pat Schneider are coordinating the arrangements for Ministry tables at the Street Fair.

Pattie provided the following information about the event:

- Description of setup
- Coordination and replication of individual ministry information sheets
- Provisions – individually wrapped cookies
- Preparation of information sheet on all ministries from Elizabeth O'Sullivan

Suggestion – Provide QR codes on each table. Tables will have clipboards and templates for sign up.

There was a brief discussion of Lent 2023. Several years ago, there was a Lenten "To Do" List.

It was helpful as it provided many suggestions by age group. There was a suggestion – use the acronym PAL – Pray, Advocate, Learn and just do one thing.

For more opportunities to "get your hands dirty", a monthly sheet of service opportunities would be helpful.

Organizations currently in need of help follow:

- Mercy Center
- Little Sisters of the Poor
- City Relief
- NY Common Pantry

Pastor's Report

In the September 18, 2022 Bulletin, Father provided an update on the "Synod on Sodality" as well as the Parish Vision Statement which was drafted through a similar process in 2019. The planning

process for implementation of the Vision Statement continued. In early summer, an invitation was extended to participate in one of four working groups to draft action plans for its implementation.

The Vision Statement has 4 parts:

- We Welcome All
- We Worship With Joy
- We Walk Together With Those in Need
- We Reverence God in The Wonder of Creation

Father outlined the group structure as follows:

- 4 Groups
- 8 Members in each group
- 1 “Universal” meeting and then break into 4 groups
- Each group will have a Chair who may be appointed or elected by group consensus
- Each group will determine when and how often to meet in order to respond to established deadlines
- Meetings will start with prayer

Father ended the meeting with a prayer.