

Parish Ministry Council Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2024 7:00 – 8:02PM

Present: Fr. Yesalonia, Louis Csabay, Laura De Boisblanc, Maureen Fullam, Jennifer Henriquez, Emily Lowe, Liz Martucci, Karen Milton, Joan Schultz, and Jacques Torchon.

Opening Prayer

Emily Lowe led the opening prayer.

Review of March 25, 2024 Parish Ministry Council Meeting Minutes

Fr. Yesalonia asked the council members to present any necessary changes to the draft minutes from the March 2024 Parish Ministry Council meeting. The minutes were approved and will be posted on the parish website.

Ministry Reports

Lay Ministers Enrichment – Karen Milton

- The next LME program is scheduled June 15th and will be the last ministry event before summer hiatus. The day of reflection is entitled “Forgiveness and Reconciliation” and will be presented by Fr. Thomas Feely, SJ. While registration only opened yesterday, there has already been strong interest from the parish.

Hospitality – Jacques Torchon

- While Jacques is on vacation, Jimmy Coffey will take responsibility for ministry leadership.
- IREP students have been volunteering at Mass to satisfy their community service requirements. Student hospitality volunteers are coordinated by Kate Noonan.
- The Sunday 7:30PM Mass has been a challenge to staff. When there are an insufficient number of ministers, volunteers must be solicited from the Mass attendees.
- Jen Henriquez suggested the IYA ministry could “adopt a Mass”. With the proper training from Fr. Hallinan, ministry members could staff the chosen Mass.

New Parishioners Welcoming Committee – Lou Csabay

- 43 households, all from within NYC, registered as parishioners in April.
- June 20th – 22nd - The Second Annual Parish Art Show. Artwork by parishioners of all ages, as well as the returning Ukrainian artists, will be on view in Wallace Hall. Last year, 77 artworks were submitted. 22 pieces have been submitted for this year’s show thus far.
- Sept. 8th - Welcome Back Sunday.
- Oct. 17th - New Parishioners Welcome Reception.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Liz Martucci

- May 18th – Homeless Outreach Project. This day of service will focus on our neighborhood. Participants will hand out personal care products, list of services, and McDonald gift cards to the homeless.
- June 6th – Sacred Heart Consecration Mass and reception in Wallace Hall.
- Sept. 29th – Friends of the Poor Walk.
- Oct. 20th – Blood Drive.
- Nov. 2nd – Senior Luncheon.

Ignatian Social Justice – Laura De Boisblanc

- May 20th – “Mutuality in El Barrio: Stories of the Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service” book launch. This is a joint event with Fordham University and the Little Sisters of the Assumption.
- June 29th – LSA College Access Program Graduation.

Family Ministry - Emily Lowe

- May 12th – Festival Mass.
- June 9th – Sandwich-making event to benefit the NY Common Pantry.
- June 16th – Final Wallace Hall Family Mass before summer hiatus.
- A survey is being circulated to gauge interest in a summer bible camp for children.

Ignatian Young Adults – Jennifer Henriquez

- June 30th – IYA/Peace Islands Institute interfaith brunch in Wallace Hall.
- Fall 2024 – Retreat.

RCIA – Maureen Fullam

- 19 people were received into the Church during the Easter Vigil Mass.
- Ministry members are talking to prospective members for the 2024-2025 session.

Interfaith - Simone Vinocour (via email)

- The May 7 “13 Drivers’ License” event last week was very successful and moving.
- May 19th – The concluding session of the Mary Project and the last ministry event before summer hiatus. Approximately 110 individuals have signed up thus far.

LGBT - Bruce Rameker (via email)

- We have completed the previously mentioned letter that asks pastors to encourage parents and families to embrace their LGBT children instead of rejecting them.
- Ministry members have been meeting with other LGBT ministries to network, collaborate, and provide support.
- June 11th – End of the Year LGBT Cookout.

Pastor's Report

The Pastor shared the following comments:

- The Parish Council is finalizing three practical actions for each of the four pillars of the Vision Statement. They hope to have a finalized plan ready for distribution by the fall.
- The Grammar School needs multiple renovations which may require a capital campaign to fund.
- If a capital campaign is necessary to fund improvement projects in the Church, it will be initiated in late 2025.
- A list of NYC volunteer opportunities will be published in the e-newsletter.
- Community Coffee Hour has resumed after winter hiatus.
- The 2024 Snowball Dance is scheduled for December 7. The organizing committee will once again be chaired by the Marguerite and Anthony Lucarelli.

Closing Prayer

Father offered the closing prayer at 8:02pm.