

Christ the King Catholic Community
Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes – November 28, 2022 7:00 p.m.

A. Meeting was called to order 7:02 p.m.

B. Opening prayer, roll call

Present: Father Jon Thomas, Theresa Rose Woodward, Jennifer McHugh-Barker, John Kearney, Mary Rose Martino, Colleen Hirst, Matt Smith, Joe McElroy, Jennifer Coelho, Don Nigro and Karena Rosa

Absent: Deacon Michael Scott

C. Committee Reports:

1. Liturgy Committee: Theresa Rose Woodward

- broad opinions on mass content and style
- discussion regarding baptism within mass, Holy day mass times in comparison to neighboring parishes, recruitment efforts for music ministry.

2. Social Justice: John Kearney

- environmental discussion by Bill Lane in November with mixed feedback
- January: LUCY outreach speaker: Camden youth empowerment program
- February: HIAS PA- immigration support program
- March: Father Jon to speak on racism
- John ready to speak on Ignatian Volunteer Corps if cancellation arises

3. Haddonfield Council of Churches: Jen Coelho

- scheduling VBS throughout town so there's no overlap
- Thanksgiving service was cancelled
- MLK service 1/15/23 at Mt Olivet Baptist Church
- Good Friday service noon-3 with collaborative preaching effort from any ministers who may wish to participate.
- National Day of Prayer 5/4/23 with breakfast at Methodist Church
- Baccalaureate service Sunday June 18, 2023 for graduating seniors
- Social worker services are available out of Presbyterian Church: Jen to ensure our SVDP society is aware.

4. Religious Education: committee meeting with Dolores 12/1- update forthcoming

D. Old Business

1. Decree on Sunday mass

- Offertory analysis not a good measure of which mass to remove as parish giving comprises 45% of church income and there's no mass denotation.
- Attendance points to elimination of 7:30am
- Proposals: 8:30 and 11 or 8:30 and 10:30
- Table discussion to next meeting
- Mention of placing a welcoming message at bottom of mass live stream inviting parishioners back into the church.
- Double digit decline in all masses from 2019-2022 except 11am

2. Parish staff recognition: reviewed roles and stressed importance of recognition of their service in order to retain them as employees.

E. New Business

1. Go deep

a. Expanding ministries (prayer groups, bible study)

b. New ministries thriving post pandemic

2. Go wide

a. Expanding outreach (marketing efforts)

b. Parish currently delivers welcome bags, sends mailings

3. Campaign to different demographics: seniors, singles, families

4. We need to set a goal- more people in the pews or more involvement of current members.

5. Discussion tabled for next meeting

E. Next meeting January 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

F. Closing prayer

G. Meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karena Rosa, recording secretary