

Parish Council Meeting
Clifton Center
Wednesday, May 12, 2021-6pm

Present: Fr. Lou Meiman, Ed Farmer, Dutch Boehnlein, Jane Wehner, Billy Reed, Mike Schoenman, Suzann McGarvey, Sharon Coonan, Shannon Burns

Absent: Mary Masick and Anne Hogan

Ed announced that Bill Johnston is now a parish council member.

- Fr. Lou opened the meeting with a prayer and reflection.

- Sharon Coonan gave an update on Fr. Jerry's Ordination Anniversary Celebration (June 3rd). The celebration will be a Mass in church at 5 p.m., followed by a reception in the Clifton Center on June 3rd. The Mass will be livestreamed to the Clifton Center and on facebook. Light bites, beer, and wine will be served at the reception. Sharon feels this event is reviving parishioners to come back to church and be more involved. Kathy Leonard suggested to Sharon that the church could remain open during the reception so that parishioners can see the work that was done during the renovation. Dutch reported that Fr. Eifler has been a part of the parish for over 30 years. Fr. Lou will speak at the event. Parishioners will be seated 6 ft apart and masks required. The food will be served at stations. Tables will be set outside if weather is nice. Hand sanitizer will be available on tables. The hope is that because it is an open house...people won't linger. Fr. Lou suggested that if weather is nice the presentation can take place outside.

- Ed Farmer introduced Steve King to those who have not met him. Steve passed out the Pentecost Mass postcards. Talgrace designed the postcards. They were mailed out today, May 12th. Steve is unsure of the number of people anticipated. Because it will take place outside, there will be plenty of room for a large attendance.

- Steve King gave a presentation on the new website. He reported that the SFR website will be modeled after St. Leonard's new website. Steve likes their structure, feels it is easy to navigate. Steve meets with Talgrace every week. The meetings are divided between the parishes. St. Leonard started working on the new website in December and finished at the end of April, but feels it won't take as long for our website to be ready. He will check with them next week to get a tentative date. The next project after the new website is to update the newsletter. We will be switching over to Mailchimp for the weekly newsletter. Mailchimp should draw more people to the website.

- Dutch gave an update on financials through April. He reported that our cash position is still good. Though the tithing looks down, we are still in the positive due to the number of parishioners donating early in the year. The budget will be discussed at a future date for approval.
- Dutch reported that Julius Schnurr & Sons, the company we used to work on the plaster, is going to have the church clean by May 14th. Cleaning by parishioners can start on Monday, May 17th. H.F. Steilberg, Co will be finished with painting on May 21st. Dutch reported that the church doors will be sanded, stained and varnished. Steilberg will also be refinishing two additional stools, as well as the top of the cabinets in the vesting sacristy. The usher's closet will also be included. After the painting is complete, we will be able to move items back in. Fr. Lou feels we should wait until after the joint Pentecost Mass on May 23rd. It was decided that June 3rd, Fr. Jerry's anniversary Mass will be the opening Mass. Billy Reed suggested contacting the media because of the age of the church. Anne McMahon will be writing article about the renovation that will be in the Clifton news in July.
- Sharon reported that SFR parish will be donating and serving doughnuts at Mass at St. Leonard on June 6th to show our appreciation of being able to use their church while SFR was closed. Sharon also suggested that SFR provide a floral arrangement for that Mass.
- Sharon reported that she has received feedback on returning to Saturday night Masses. The date and time is to be determined after Fr. Lou communicates with St. Leonard's worship committee.
- Sharon handed out 5 postcards to each parish council member and requested that they hand out to neighbors, friends, etc.
- The next parish council meeting will be delayed to June 16th due to the Archdiocesan priests attending the Presbyteral Assembly taking place the first week in June.