

St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Advisory Council (PAC)
Thursday November 16, 2017 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Fr. Tom, Mark Overberg (Chairperson), Frank Bowen (Vice Chairperson), Greg Bengzon, Tom Reilly, Cheryl Wilson, Marylou Bergeron, Terry McNulty, Tisha Hilliard (Secretary).

Absent: Cindi Conroy, Jim Nash

Youth Ministry Fr. James, the new Director of Youth Ministry, and his team are teaching the Diocese program "The Journey to Emmaus" and exercise through the ministry of accompaniment. There are currently 20-30 students. Six adults and Br. Joe and Br. Vince assist during the Sunday meetings. Room #206 in the Parish Hall is being updated for the youth. The Youth Group recently returned from the Alpha Omega Retreat in WV. On December 1st, they will start focusing on Work Camp. The Diocese Youth Appreciation Mass is December 5th 7-9PM. The Youth Mass is December 10th @ 5 pm.

New discussion areas

New PAC Member Planning Three to four seats on the PAC will normally open each year. Father Tom will request nominations of parishioners to fill these seats at Mass in March or April. Nominations will be accepted starting in May. Father Tom will announce the new members in July and they will begin their tenure with the PAC at the September meeting. Terms are normally three years.

Welcoming the New Deacon Br. Vince will join St. Joseph in December to serve as Deacon for the weekend Masses and possibly for the summer. There will be an announcement in the bulletin and a "Meet Br. Vince" Donut Sunday.

Advent/Christmas/New Year's final planning

A new Advent booklet, Five Minutes with the Word, will be used this year in place of The Word Among Us.

The Bulletin will have an educational cover for Advent and Christmas. Fr. Tom's column will be replaced with the Dear Padre column during that time.

Christmas Preparation in the Church will begin December 10th.

The Diocese will coordinate a 9-day Novena for Simbang Gabi (a Filipino tradition) to encourage cross-culture celebrations and understanding. St. Joseph will celebrate with a Mass on December 19th at 7:00 pm, followed by a reception in Parish Hall A.

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass will be during the 9:30 school Mass on December 12th.

Sunday/New Year's Eve Masses will be on the regular schedule and January 1, Solemnity of Mary will be only at 8 am.

Encuentro St. Joseph will host a Bishop Mass at 9:30 AM on December 9th with Bishop Burbidge, followed by a meeting for Encuentro.

Updates on previous agenda items

Parish Offertory Program PAC talks from the ambo regarding the Parish Offertory increase during the weekend of Nov 5th were well received. Columns in the bulletin will explain how the increased offering will be used.

PAC Membership Jim Nash will soon be replaced by a new member of the Finance Committee. Fr. Tom will also invite a member of the Spanish Outreach to join the PAC.

Young Adult Ministry Fr. James is working on a team and is conducting research.

Communion under two species The beginning of Communion under two species will be put on hold until Ordinary Time, possibly February.