

**All Saints Pastoral Council Meeting-Virtual
April 13, 2021 6:00-7:30 pm**

Attendees: Father Arthur James, Tonya Johnson, Nathaniel Gillion, Doris Cahn, Papa Yorke, Anthony Esson, and Joyce Simms.

Excused: Felita Daniels-Ashley, Lori O'konek, and Samuel Davies

Opening Prayer: Nathaniel

Review of The Minutes: The March 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

Pastor/Administrator Reports

Father Arthur indicated that overall, Holy Week went well with good music, readings, and parishioner interactions. For Easter Vigil, there was 1 adult Baptism and 1 adult Confirmation. He stated Easter Sunday was full capacity limit.

Gift of Sunday:

Tonya provided an overview on the importance of Sundays. The Archbishop has approved this 10-Sunday reflections that Sunday is a Day of Peace, unity, etc. and is designed for use in a small group, a family, or individuals. Sunday belongs to God. She encouraged all to pick up a copy in the back of church.

What if They Don't Come Back?: Video

Joyce provided an overview of the possibility of what church would look like "if parishioners don't return to church. A discussion followed. Interesting!

Parish Spiritual Health & Wellness Calling Campaign:

Nathaniel followed up with the suggested campaign for the Spiritual Health and Wellness of the parish. Some of the suggestions included: adopt a senior, a prayer group, and any corporal health & wellness issues. On Good Friday, Nathaniel gave out food boxes that parishioners could share with those in need. In addition, he shared some feedback from the calls to seniors.

Old Business

March Women's History Month-Acknowledgements:

The following women were acknowledged:

Bea Fraizer, Cecilia Smith-Robertson, and Makda Fessahaye

At a later date, more Women of Congregation will be acknowledged.

Creative Spirit Ministry:

Margie Morgan has completed the quilt that she made as a "Thank You Gesture" for St. Dominic. Father Arthur indicated that a small group including choir members are planning to attend their mass to take the quilt.

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New Business

Prayer & Worship Commission:

The attached are suggestions for possible activities for the next few months as we return to some normalcy.

May (Mother's Day, First Communion)

June (Father's Day, Parish Picnic)

July (Vacation Bible School, Retreats)

For First Communion, Father Arthur indicated that Vevette is working on the program and more TBA in the bulletin for June 2021 Communion Program.

Confessions During Lent:

Nathaniel inquired about confessions during lent. Father Arthur indicated that the Archbishop stated there is "General Absolution", Blanket over parishioners or they can make an appointment. Also, because of confidentiality, Zoom is not an option for confessions.

Communion for homebound: If vaccinated, persons can take communion to the homebound.

Registration for Mass: Nathaniel suggested that parishioners call as not to be over the capacity limit.

Mass Time and scheduling: Father indicated that the Prayer & Worship Commission will be discussing this at the next meeting and to be patient and wait for their feedback.

Holy Water: Anthony inquired about Holy Water. For now, Father Arthur indicated that he would bless bottled water so that parishioners could take home as a substitute.

Closing Prayer: Father Arthur

Adjourn

Next Meeting: May 11, 2021 6:00 pm.

**All Saints Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday March 9, 2021 6:00 pm Virtual**

Attendees: Father Arthur James, Tonya Johnson, Nathaniel Gillion, Papa Yorke, Anthony Esson, Doris Cahn, Felita Daniels-Ashley, and Joyce Simms

Excused: Lori O'Konek and Sam Davies

Opening Prayer: "Our Father"-All

February Minutes: The minutes from the February 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Action Items:

Pastor's Report/Administrator

Parish Vaccinations:

Father Arthur reported that the March 4, 2021 Vaccine Project at All Saints that was sponsored by the Milwaukee Health Department was a success. He indicated that between 250-300 people received their 1st vaccine dosage. All Saints Catholic Church is the 1st church to have such a site. For those who received their 1st dosage, the follow-up for the 2nd dosage is scheduled for Friday March 26, 2021 10:00-4:00 pm. Tonya indicated that the Health Department may return for additional vaccine services to ensure that all have access. Also, Michael Adams provided lunch for the staff/volunteers.

Building & Grounds:

Tonya reported that we continue to seek at least 3 bids for repair/replacement for our church roof. We have currently received one form Noffke Roofing and are awaiting a response from 2 other roofing companies. Father Arthur indicated that he had been talks with other churches to perhaps assist All Saints in raising funds for the upper and middle roof.

Holy Week: Father Arthur reported that the services for Holy Week have been posted on-line, via email that was sent out today, and through Robo calls to alert parishioners of All Saints' Holy Week schedule, times, and locations.

Parish Van/Car Security Update: Father Arthur indicated that he and Steve will continue to search for a "Cargo" van for our outreach services/programs that align with our budget.

Church Safety/Church Sanitization: Father Arthur indicated that a cleaning and sanitizing apparatus was purchased to ensure the whole church is clean and safe. Tonya stated that we were blessed because a donor provided funds for the purchase of the cleaning/sanitizing tool. Papa and Anthony stated that they both attend church. Both stated church is safe from their perspective.

March 9, 2021 (continued)

Old Business

Lenten Spirituality: As a continuation for communication and Outreach for building relationships, connecting with Seniors/Elderly, and Youth, Nathaniel suggested that we bring back the calling teams that were used in voter recruitment. Besides a spiritual checkup, the calls would also serve as a health check on individuals. For those who plan to participate in the calling, he indicated that the packets with the calling materials, numbers, etc. were in the rectory office.

Video: Tonya reported that there is a video that she stated was relevant to if/when people are returning to church. The title of the film is " What if They Don't Come Back". However, we were unable to set-up the video. Tonya forwarded the video to all Pastoral Council Members who were strongly encouraged to review the video for discussion during next meeting.

Felita suggested that some information could be put together to let people know that church is safe and that perhaps have informational sessions over Zoom with Milwaukee Health Department/Services input to dispel misinformation about the vaccine. She stated that we should be discussing 'what it would look like when the church reopens.

New Business

Commission/Committee Update: Nathaniel provided an overview of some the proposed Commission activities that include the following:

- Prayer & Worship Commission are proposing for "Women's History Month" to honor a woman/women on one Sunday in March. Several names were suggested; Cecilia Smith-Robertson and Makda Fessahaye and have prayer service for all women.
- Parish Outreach Services Ministry: Because they have so much food since the pandemic, Rosemary and Henry are requesting the need for assistance by having parishioners pick up food from the Pantry and give to individuals/people in need .
- Human Concerns: 27th & Hope Beautify the Neighborhood Project. The Specific project is unknown. Felita indicated that she would follow-up on what they are planning since she is on the CDC Board.
- Formation Commission: Creative Spirit-Proposed Project: Work with the city regarding the extent of their on-going plans to address the problem of lead in the water in Milwaukee

Closing Prayer: Father Arthur

Adjourn: Next Meeting April 13, 2021 6:00 pm.