

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 2018**

- I. Opening Prayer** – Lonnie Rietscha proclaimed the Gospel: Mark 7:31-37 (Healing of a Deaf-Mute)
Council members participated in a *Group Faith Sharing on the Sunday Gospel*.
- II. Roll Call** – *In attendance*: Taylor Harris, Fred Oliveros, Dixie Lochrie, Mary Jane Verbiar, Pat Cuthbert, Pat Loughlin, Beth Stem and Russ Smith.
Ex Officio in attendance: Fr. Crookston, Fr. Bridges and Senior Deacon John Concannon.
Guest in attendance: Lonnie Rietscha
- III. Vision and Mission Statements** – recited by Council Members.
- IV. Review of the Minutes** – The minutes of June 7, 2017 were reviewed and approved.
- V. Committee Reports**
- ❖ **Liturgy** – Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on upcoming special Masses that will be held at the Cathedral. Our annual Blue Mass that recognizes all first responders will be held on Sunday, September 9th at 11:00 AM. Our annual Anniversary Mass recognizing married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries will be held on Sunday, September 16th at 2:00 PM. There will be a Mass celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Permanent Diaconate on Monday, September 17th at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25th at 6:00 PM.
 - ❖ **Education** – Fr. Crookston reported that there are 69 youth of our parish in grades K-12. There are 38 enrolled in Catholic schools and 31 enrolled in public schools, of which 12 are seniors slated for graduation in the spring of 2019. CCD classes are held at the desecration of the family at either St. Clement, Saints Gregory and Barnabas, St Therese, or Resurrection. Valarie Wilson is the Christian Initiation instructor for three children joining the Catholic faith. There are currently three families in our parish attending Pre-Jordan classes. ARISE sign-ups are currently in progress and sessions begin in October. The next Education Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11th at 6:00 PM.
 - ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that the Father's Day Lunch that our parish sponsors and serves at Saturday's Kitchen was well attended. The Saint Anne Triduum that was held in July was very successful. There will be a Baby Shower for Birthright held before and after all Masses on the weekend of September 15/16. Our annual parish Fall Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 7th 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the Activity Center. Our parish in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center will hold a Community Lab Blood Screening on Saturday, October 20th from 6:30 AM – 10:00 AM at the Activity Center. The cost for the blood screening is \$30.00. A Victorian Christmas High Tea is planned for Sunday, November 18th at the Activity Center. Sister Agnes, ASN will be in attendance at the High Tea. A Spaghetti Dinner to benefit our Mission Traveler's is planned for Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the Activity Center. Our Mission Traveler's will be visiting our sister parish during the dates of April 29th through May 6th in 2019. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 2nd at 6:30 PM.

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- ❖ **Maintenance** – Fred Oliveros reported that pre-cast banisters are being considered for the front porch of the Cathedral. The showers in the rectory are currently being replaced. There is an unwanted tree and plants growing on the lower bell tower of the Cathedral that needs removed. The next Maintenance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – Russ Smith reported that there is a good response to the Holy Ground Project by way of generous Holy Ground Gifts. The addresses of surviving family members of those interred in either of our parish's cemeteries are still needed. The Saint Joseph Cemetery wall along Bedford Street needs repointed. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Finance** – Fred Oliveros reported that during the last meeting the 2017/2018-year end fiscal budget was reviewed. There is currently a small reserve of monies for both the banister replacement and the sewage upgrade. The next Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for sometime during the week of November 11th at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Youth** – Council is currently seeking youth nominees for Pastoral Council.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that due to the expanded viewing area of The Cornerstone Faith and Family Channel into the New York, West Virginia and Ohio markets that our Live Mass telecast is seen by more people than ever before. The Proclaim! team is still seeking to add another First-Class FCC Broadcast Licensed Engineer to join the team. New volunteers are always needed to replace those that graduated and moved on for higher education.

VI. Old Business – Fr. Crookston reported that our annual Parish Picnic, that was held at the Activity Center, was well attended and a good time was had by all. Involvement with our diverse neighbors – Hope 4 Johnstown; The Spaghetti Dinner that was held at Meadowvale School on Thursday, July 19th was underwritten by our Cathedral parish.

VII. New Business – There was no new business reported.

VIII. Next Meetings – Oct. 4, Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 9, June 13.

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Bridges

X. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary