

**Saint John Gualbert Cathedral
Pastoral Council Meeting
Thursday, November 1, 2018**

I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Crookston

II. Roll Call – *In attendance:* Fred Oliveros, Mary Jane Verbiar, Pat Cuthbert, 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 October 4, 2018 were reviewed and approval granted following a recommended revision.

V. Committee Reports

- ❖ **Liturgy** – Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on upcoming Masses, Rites and Concerts that will take place in the Cathedral through February of 2019. On Friday, November 2nd at the 7:00 AM Mass there will be a Candle Remembrance for All Faithful Departed Souls of our parish that we've lost during the past year in Commemoration of All Souls Day. We will return to Standard Time on Sunday, November 4th. Our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on Thursday, November 22nd at 9:00 AM. The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe is Sunday, November 25th. Sunday, December 2nd is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of Cycle C of the Lectionary for Masses in 2018/2019. The Rite of Commitment for our parish Confirmation Candidates will take place during the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday December 2nd. Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and we are reminded that this Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Cathedral will host a Penance Service at 1:30 PM on Sunday, December 9th and the First Communion Class will make their First Penance at this service. Our annual Advent Concert will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM. The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord is Tuesday, December 25th. Mass times will be 5:00 PM on Christmas Eve and Midnight, 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM on Christmas Day. Bishop Mark will be the Principal Celebrant at our Christmas Day Mass at 11:00 AM. Tuesday, January 1, 2019 is the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Sunday, January 6th is The Epiphany of the Lord and the Proclamation of the date of Easter. Blessed Chalk will be distributed after all Masses on January 5/6. The Mass for Consecrated Life will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at 11:00 AM. The next Liturgy Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 12th at 6:00 PM.

- ❖ **Education** – Fr. Crookston reported that all of the ARISE sessions are going well. The next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 PM.

- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Fr. Crookston reported that there will be a Champagne Christmas Tea and Handbag Extravaganza held on Sunday, November 18th at 1:00 PM at the Activity Center. The cost to attend the Tea is \$20.00/person. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 6th at 6:30PM.

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- ❖ **Maintenance** – Fred Oliveros reported that the pre-cast banisters for the front porch of the Cathedral are completed and onsite and ready for instillation in the Spring of 2019. There are some leaks occurring within the main roof of the Cathedral that will need to be addressed. The plants and vegetation growing on the lower bell tower still needs to be removed. The next Maintenance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – No Report. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Finance** – No Report. The next scheduled Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Youth** – No Report.
- ❖ **Proclaim! TV** – Fr. Bridges reported that our 11:00 AM Christmas Day Mass telecast will be on tape-delay due to a prior commitment of WATM ABC 23 to broadcast the Disney Christmas Parade. Our Christmas Mass will be aired at 12:00 noon on Christmas Day on WATM ABC 23.

VI. Old Business – Fr. Crookston reported that he attended a Memorial Service at Beth Shalom Synagogue in Westmont on Sunday afternoon October 28th. The Memorial Service was for those that lost their lives during the mass shootings at The Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

VII. New Business – There was no new business brought to the table.

VIII. Next Meetings – Dec. 6, Feb. 6 or 7, Mar. 7, Apr. 4, May 9, Jun. 13

IX. Closing Prayer – Fr. Bridges

X. Adjournment – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary