

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

I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Crookston

II. Roll Call – *In attendance:* Fred Oliveros, Heather Jezeskie, Dixie Lochrie, Pat Loughlin, Beth Stem, Carlie Jezeskie and Russ Smith.

Ex Officio in attendance: Fr. Crookston, Fr. Bridges and Senior Deacon John Concannon.

III. Vision and Mission Statements – recited by Council Members.

IV. Review of the Minutes – The minutes of November 1, 2018 were reviewed and approved.

V. Committee Reports

- ❖ **Liturgy** – Senior Deacon John Concannon reported on upcoming Masses and Concerts that will take place in the Cathedral. 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 on Sunday, December 9th at 1:30 PM and our 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 Cathedral will be decorated for the Christmas season following the 5:00 PM Mass on Sunday, December 23rd. 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 1st 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** – Heather Jezeskie reported that there are currently one adult and two children in our parish's Christian Initiation Program. CCD classes that are held at Resurrection are going well. The curriculum is Ventures Scripture based and also followed a six-week curriculum from ARISE that coincided with the adult ARISE program. All of the ARISE sessions are going well. The dates and times of the Spring ARISE sessions will be announced soon. All Confirmation Candidates are currently completing their Autumn sessions. All candidates must complete both sessions and a retreat that pertains to their grade. There were two families that completed Pre-Jordan classes and had their children Baptized. Fr. Crookston reported that there are 40 children in grades K-8 and 25 youth in grades 9-11 in our parish. The next Education Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Christian Life and Service** – Dixie Lochrie reported that the Champagne Christmas High Tea and Handbag Extravaganza that was held on Sunday, November 18th at the Activity Center was well attended and very successful. All of the Angels from our annual Angel Tree Campaign have been distributed and monetary donations continue to be received. Our annual Yellow Ribbon Campaign will take place before and after all Masses on January 5/6. The next Christian Life and Service Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8th at 6:00 PM.

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- ❖ **Maintenance** – No Report. Fr. Crookston noted that a “Scope of Work” is needed for the Cathedral. The pre-cast bannisters for the Cathedral’s front Plaza are on site and will be installed in the Spring of 2019. The next Maintenance Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:00 PM.
- ❖ **Cemetery** – Russ Smith reported that the Holy Ground Project is going well and that gifts continue to be received. There will be a partial repointing of the wall along Bedford Street at Saint Joseph Cemetery in 2019. The next Cemetery Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Finance** – Fred Oliveros reported on the highlights from the approved 2018/2019 Operations Budget. Also reported was the costs involved for major repairs and upgrades that were already completed or being considered for the near future. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be scheduled for sometime during the week ending February 16th at 7:00 PM.
- ❖ **Youth** – Carlie Jezeskie reported that CCD classes are going well. She attended the Autumn Session that was held at Saint Benedict and a Retreat that was held in Duncansville. She has recently volunteered at the local Soup Kitchen.
- ❖ **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. The Christmas Mass will air LIVE on the Cornerstone Faith and Family Channel.

VI. **Old Business** – Beginnings Inc. located on Market Street in downtown Johnstown is in need of children’s winter coats.

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

VIII. **Next Meetings** – Feb. 6, 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 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Smith

Russ Smith – Pastoral Council Secretary