

Parish Council Meeting: April 12 – Meeting Notes

- Opening Prayer
 - Jesus calling prayer and Our Father
- **Postcards to be mailed out from Father Frank**
 - Sent out to the whole parish
 - Personal note from Father Frank, picture of church, and offer for prayers
 - Father Frank's updated contact information
 - To be sent out ahead of Pentecost (May 23)
 - Same weekend as First Communion & Confirmation
- **Creating a new committee address ecological concerns**
 - Would love to create a committee that would allow the parish to address things like climate change, recycling, create green gardens for our Loaves & Fishes
 - Addressing energy concerns: solar panels
 - Need a group of very interested parishioners
 - Do what we can to protect our environment?
 - Fair trade products: coffee, etc.
 - Want parish council to help surface names to help work on these events
 - Anna O'Hare
 - Could get the kids, the parents and the teams involved to participate
 - Want to get this going as a permanent ministry in the parish
 - Consistent updates on the website and in the bulletin
 - Need to determine the budget needed for this mission
 - This mission cares about the planet and it's Catholic
 - Potential mission statements:
 - Facilities
 - Process: Are the decisions we are making as a church following eco-friendly practices?
 - Outreach and education
- **Renovating Kitchen**
 - Part of the committee, but separate want to renovate the kitchen to make it more eco-friendly
- **Connecting with the black parish in diocese to advance unity**
 - Would like to connect our parish with an African American Parish in the diocese
 - By relating and engaging with people that are not like ourselves
 - Sharing masses every couple months
 - Want to find a community that actually wants to engage and build relationships
 - Mark: thought of using a community that is less known
 - St. Sabina's
 - St. Albee's
 - St. Benedict the African
 - Would like to get something going in the next 3-6 months
 - Exploring additional events that have to do with racism; need to move beyond having a talk

- Tired of racism just being an issue
- How can they help us and how can we help in response?
- Can we have a link put on our website to our YouTube channel
- **Evangelization event this summer**
 - Outside in parking lot
 - Informal social gathering in late summer
 - Cocktails and easy food, nothing complicated
 - Something like a test of Armitage where we can try to recruit neighborhood businesses
- **Catechesis with Children**
 - Ending May 2 (early Pentecost)
 - Having a picnic in Adams Park
 - Sending the kids home with a garden sign focused on the Holy Spirit
 - Approx. 40 families participating in religious ed (there was some attrition due to the pandemic)
 - Looking at how to include parents in catechesis
 - Hoping by fall we can get out of this so faith formation can grow, planning on opening in the fall no matter what
- **Hybrid Faith Formation/Alpha**
 - Mark/Kate: Need to think about what things look like post-pandemic with virtual vs. in-person sessions. (St. Josephats)
 - RCIA: Only one person for our parish; blame the pandemic
 - Feel we have been a very strong community despite the pandemic
- **Parish Council**
 - Looking for a couple new members by October
- **Closing Prayer**
 - Gratitude
 - Mass for PC tomorrow for us and our families
- **Next Meeting**
 - Meeting/social event on 6/14
 - Outside celebration/something simple