

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
St. Agnes + St. Paul of the Cross + St. Rose

Date: April 18, 2017
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Place: St. Rose

Chairperson: Daniel Marcellus
 Prayer: Ryne Raffaele

ATTENDANCE: Father Michael Fowler, Ryne Raffaele, Daniel Marcellus, Elizabeth Dowd, Barbara Kolstee,
 Daniel Cochrane, Joseph LaGreca, Joan Reid

EXCUSED: David Shaffer, Steve Kruk

ABSENT: Steve Worboys, Frank Reynolds

TRUSTEES: Cindy Drexler, Barbara Herman, Lorraine Hoffman, Roger Greiten, Ted Zornow

GUEST: Carol Eilers-Lloyd, Christine DeVito

GUEST: Report	Discussion
WELCOME DANIEL MARCELLUS	Daniel Marcellus opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone to the April meeting.
PRAYER RYNE RAFFAELLE	Ryne Raffaele led us in the opening and closing prayers.
INTRODUCTIONS DANIEL MARCELLUS	Daniel asked everyone to introduce themselves, identify the parish, and identify their favorite vacation location.
PASTORAL COUNCIL DANIEL MARCELLUS	Daniel asked Christine DeVito to give her update on activities of the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry groups. Christine described a training conference entitled “Discovering Christ” that will be held on May 19th. It is a special way to bring new evangelization to our parishes. It is a comprehensive training for this Christ-centered approach to igniting the new evangelization in our parishes. The focus of the Training Session is to train, inspire and organize parish teams that then can run small groups, lead worship and pray with others, and ultimately care for people during and after the courses. The course is 6 weeks in duration. It probably would not begin until fall. Carol Eilers-Lloyd then questioned a comment in the February minutes regarding the statue of the Risen Christ at St. Paul of the Cross. She gave a historical background of the statue and requested that nothing be done to change it or its location. This had merely been a comment and no action had been anticipated.
COMMUNION SERVICE DISCUSSION	There was considerable discussion in regard to the discontinuation of the morning Communion Service in the parishes when a morning Mass is not celebrated. Father Michael says a Mass in each parish once during the week in addition to the weekend Masses. He has a day off, thus there is one additional day that a Mass could be said. However, choosing which parish could also cause problems. If the Bishop would like to send an additional priest to say a Mass in each parish every day, we would be delighted. The average age of those attending daily Communion Services or Mass is 75-80+ years. It is unlikely that they would travel to another parish during the week for Mass. The concern that people do not recognize the difference between Mass and a Communion Service was mentioned. St. Agnes has had a daily Communion Service except Friday for about 15 years, except when there was an additional priest who came on Monday. Those who lead these services are sincere, faith filled individuals. We are encouraged to have “community” and what better way than to include Christ in this “community”. We recite the Lord’s Prayer daily in which we ask “give us our daily bread”. We can only pray that the Bishop will rethink this decision.
FATHER MICHAEL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Father responded by saying that he does not want the daily groups to fall apart 2. He wants to be reassured that the people do know the difference between Mass and a Communion Service. 3. Father talked about the other clusters in the area. Only one has a Communion Service. Why is that? 4. Father shared the Evening Prayer for the Tuesday in the Octave of Easter and thought that perhaps this would be something that could be used as a prayer service. 5. Father Michael’s assignment has been extended for another year.
OPEN TOPICS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Christine DeVito reported that the First Communicants will be receiving beginning in early May. There is a binder in each parish with the children’s photos. There will be a picnic for them May 25 in the Pavilion at St. Agnes. She has been having 15-minute Faith Conversations with the parents when they drop off their registrations for the sacraments. Those in grades 7-12 who are interested will be attending the NCYC. They will again be selling stocks to help finance their trip. Confirmation will be May 18th at the Cathedral. RCIA will be getting started soon. She says that there is one individual so far. 2. Daniel suggested that the information boards that are in each parish need to be updated. He

	<p>envisioned an organizational chart with the priest, staff, trustees, etc. in group shots.</p> <p>3. Daniel suggested that the Social Media Policy should be reviewed to follow that of the Diocese. He suggested that there needs to be a policy and procedure with a small team to facilitate it. Ryne and Dan will be working on this.</p> <p>4. Appointments to the Parish Council are up for renewal. Father Michael will be looking in to this.</p> <p>5. Daniel said that he would like to see a few more people involved in the Rebuilt project as well as the Why Initiative. Workbooks will be available in September.</p> <p>6. There are still basement flooring issues at Brendan Hall. Some of the blocks are rising up and cracking, while nails are popping up in other places.</p> <p>7. See the website to sign-up for the talk “Why the Pews are Emptying” on April 27th at SSJ Motherhouse.</p> <p>8. The Parish directory was not finished due to the lack of group photos from the three parishes. Volunteers will be collecting those materials so that this can be completed.</p> <p>9. The question of the ownership of any loose money in the collections was brought up again. Any loose money, not in envelopes will remain in the parish in which it is collected. If you want your donation to go to a specific parish, kindly put it in your envelope or in a plain envelope that is clearly identified for that parish or register for on-line giving. (See our website)</p>
NEXT MEETING LOCATION & DATE	May 9, 2017 at 7pm at St. Agnes.
PRAYER & REFRESHMENT	Joseph LaGreca will provide the opening and closing prayers and refreshments.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Joan Reid