

Christ Sun of Justice Pastoral Council Zoom Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021, 7:00pm

Present: Andy Bouffard (Knights), Emily Crone, Traci Griffin, Barbara Musial (Music Director), Mary Nagy (Trustee), Father Patterson (Pastor), Tom Reale (Trustee), Christine Relyea, Rogerio Rodrigues, Kate Tozzi, Jessica Wasko, Tracy Watson (Student Spiritual Advisor)

Minutes: The minutes from the April 2021 meeting were approved.

Pastors Report (Fr. Patterson):

Briefly by phone, Father stated that he does not know who will be saying Masses this weekend. He will be in touch with Mary Nagy when he hears from the diocese.

Newman Fellowship (Megan Adam via email):

Normal online rosary and group discussions continue as the semester ends. May 16th was the Web-nic (online picnic) where students and their families socialized and played jeopardy. Students on campus enjoyed the finals care packages that Tracy Watson prepared. They are continuing to meet over the summer and planning to get more students involved for the fall by increasing social media presence and using the bulletin to get info out.

Knights Report (Andy Bouffard):

The Knights continue collaborations with the Newman group's virtual gatherings. Andy has submitted a new message for the bulletin that includes the search for a financial secretary. Joel (graduated Knight) might be interested in this position. The bulletin message also encourages students to join with a link to get weekly updates. Daniel Trosa (graduated Knight) provided Andy with the login for Instagram. Andy suggested adding the social media links to the Campus Connection section of the bulletin. With Fr. Patterson's help, Andy contacted the Knights at OLV and is awaiting a response. The liaison between colleges and the supreme Knights has asked to speak to the Knight group and Andy will set that up as well as continue to engage students this summer and transition to fall in-person.

Old Business:

- We discussed the ideas from the last meeting to keep our parish community connected. The most immediate action would be to send a letter/pre-printed card to be sent to all parishioners but with the current rapidly changing landscape we could wait a few weeks for more answers and announce the arrival of Fr. Larry and the date of the Welcome Picnic, etc.

- Catholic Charities drive-through food distribution was attended by Christine and Fran last Friday. It was a great experience, and they encourage all parishioners to help with these events (local events are posted in the bulletin).
- Border Companions Project: With Tracy Watson's help, we are asking all those willing in May to write a note of welcome to immigrant children and families at the Mexico border. Details are in the bulletin.

New Business:

- Effective June 6, the Bishop removed the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass. However, particular dispensations continue for those in certain circumstances. ([Bishop's letter](#)).
- New Liturgical updates were announced today from the diocese with respect to the ease in restrictions by the CDC and NY state. The Re-opening committee is currently discussing these and most likely our parish will continue to take the cautious approach and require masks and keep within the stricter RPI guidelines as well.
- Sunday June 6 after the 11am Mass, we plan to have an outdoor minimized coffee hour to welcome Fr. Larry.
- Soup kitchen: MaryAnn is stepping down as our soup kitchen coordinator. There is a meeting on the 26th that Fran will attend. We need someone to take on this coordinator's role.
- Our church linens and decorations need to be organized and consolidated. Those that take on the decorating (the Partisanos, Traci Griffin, Jess Wasko, Christine Relyea, Rosanne Rose and anyone that else that wishes to join in the fun) will work on this task.
- Kate Tozzi brought up the idea of having Mass outdoors in hopes to bring families back more comfortably. We can explore with Kevin the possibility to have a screen outdoors to project the livestream and communion could be distributed outside. This should also be brought up with Fr. Larry to get his input.
- Our next meeting will be June 15 at 7pm on zoom. The council does not usually meet in summer however we will meet with Fr. Larry Rice to introduce ourselves and we hope to meet in-person beginning in Sept.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by: Christine Relyea