

Town hall Concerns

As many of you recall, the Pastoral Parish Council held a Town Hall meeting on April 19th. We wanted to not only share the concerns that were brought up, but to also let you know how each of them are being addressed. If you have a concern that is not mentioned here, feel free to contact one of your Council members. Moving forward, we will keep you informed via a newsletter.

- \. Stations of the Cross to be held on a night that doesn't conflict with the Parish Calendar.
 - The Spiritual Worship and Life committee decided to hold the Stations of the Cross Saturday's at 11:00a.m next Lenten season.
2. St. Benedict the Moor Celebration.
 - Feast day was April 4th. The Women's Society will plan to celebrate his feast day next year.
3. Let children know about St. Benedict the Moor Statue.
 - This will fall under the feast day celebration scheduled for next year and will be handled by the Spiritual Life & Worship.
4. Encourage young people to share their gifts.
 - Currently in the process of recruiting individuals. Parish Council is working on implementing this.
5. Children's nursery during Mass.
 - The parish pastoral council and the religious education committee's are working on obtaining volunteers with plans to implement this fall (please see note at the end of concerns)
6. How do we reach Parishioners to participate in the parish?
 - This has been merged with update church roster, being worked on by the parish pastoral council and the NBCC.
7. List of Parishioners willing to work with the Bereavement Committee and bring in potential family members.
 - Volunteers Joyce Goodwin, Agnes Payne, Toni Banks.
8. List of phone numbers with names for people to call other Parishioners and see why they are not at Mass.
 - This has been merged with update church roster
9. Update church roster * (pastoral council agreed to take on this task) The NBCC has volunteered to assist.
10. Would it be more cost effective to have one mass * (it was decided no).
11. Bring in retreats and guest speakers to increase Christian Education.
 - This has been on-going refer to the church calendar. (Day of Reflection, Revival & Healing Mass).
 - There will be a bulletin board put up that will post the activities going on in the archdiocese as well as updates in the church bulletin.
12. Better communication to all parish members.

- Look forward to a monthly newsletter called "News for the Pews", coming soon by your parish pastoral council committee.
13. Church needs to develop a plan for the future.
 - Implementation has begun.
 14. What role does the church play in the community?
 - Church is active with OTOC, St. Vincent De Paul, BRC-POP, as well as outreaching from the choir.
 15. Status of the children's choir.
 - This has been added to the parish pastoral council agenda with assistance from the Liturgy committee and the Religious Education director.

Addendum to #5. This topic has been brought up before, and we all recognize it's delicacy. We want as much input from the Moms as possible, so please help us here. Many of us remember joining other children downstairs for Bible study, & lessons in how the mass is conducted, while others recall the stern admonition of a parent (not always well received©) The point is, and there is no coloring here; how do we maintain the "quiet prayer" time many folks need, & still accommodate our new generation of Christians? We know the "crying room" is available, but that's not always the solution. This is our parish, these are our children that we want the best for. You, particularly parents can step up and help with this issue.

All respectfully submitted by your Pastoral Parish Council

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