



# CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes - November 28, 2017

## Attendance

<i>Parish Staff</i>		<i>Present</i>	<i>Parish Pastoral Council</i>		<i>Present</i>
Pastor	Rev. Sean P. Horrigan	Yes	PPC Member 2015-2017	Jason Shipe	Yes
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Ralph Roberts	No	PPC Member 2015-2017	Troy Bretz	Yes
Deacon/ Parish Administrator	Deacon Kerry Bourque	Yes	PPC Member 2015-2017	Matt Carpenter	Yes
			PPC Member 2015-2017	Susan Sarao	No
			PPC Member 2016-2018	James Taylor	Yes
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Gilda Bartz	No
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Ashley Bass	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Fortunato Barajas	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Andy Barrenechea	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Carrie Palmer	Yes
			PPC Member 2017-2019	Tim Schulz	Yes
			PPC Member 2016-2018	Lisa Veenstra	Yes

**Meeting began:** 7:00 p.m.

**Opening prayer:** Lisa Veenstra

### Open Forum

- No parishioners present to address the council

### Information Sharing from Fr. Sean & Dcn. Kerry

- Meeting on 11/29/17 to get **construction update** – still on track and on budget
  - o Will be dried in January/February for completion mid/late summer 2018
  - o Met with sub-contractor that will do sound, in submittal process
  - o Auditorium seating bidding in process – need to refine; will likely go with bench style seating
  - o A few punch list items for second floor renovations – will do final walk through soon
- **Chili cook off recap** – good outcomes with attendance and attendee feedback
  - o Lots of space – good to have in the back; quality of chili was great
  - o Megan Dillingham (Director of Advancement) did an excellent job assembling the team and executing the event
  - o General feedback was that the parking lot was a good location, with tents
  - o In the future, need to do announcements for raffle to ensure everyone is aware of timing
- **Vocation awareness committee** in process of being revitalized



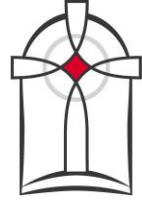
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- Program on 11/15 was well-received with junior high students
- Good feedback on program – engaged the students
- **Parish mission** – Christy Wright has been meeting with ministry heads
  - Mission will begin 2/18/18 (Sunday) through 2/21/18 (Wednesday)
  - Fr. Bruce Nieli, CSP will speak to all masses on Sunday, then do a talk each evening
    - Evening session will be a community event with food and fellowship (multiple committees involved) – family meal, then talk at 7pm
    - Morning and evening talks will be the same, but evening talk will have an extra story / reflection
    - Childcare will be available for all evenings
  - Christy discussing with ministry leaders for planning meetings – reviewed theme, schedule, commitment sheet for roles
    - KoC, Catholic Daughters, Music, Clergy, St. Anne’s, etc. (many more)
  - Another planning meeting scheduled for 12/7
- Next year PPC will start having meetings in **new conference room, formerly the library**
  - Will have new longer table and chairs; Brian Dumane is building two conference tables
  - Still keeping the books, but will reduce the number of books
  - Will remove check out area; will put up a big screen for videos, presentations, etc.
- New employee at parish – **Carrie Taylor taking on new role as Manager of Administrative Support**, replacing Charlotte Conner as former Parish Secretary
  - Carrie will be more broad in her role – dig into database to use new information system to make better use of data, as it pertains to scheduling, forecasting and planning
- **Restriped the parking** in back and front; added more **handicap spots** as well
- Getting ready for **Advent / Christmas season**; Mass schedule:
  - 4th Sunday of Advent (morning of Dec. 24): 7 a.m., 9 a.m. (No 11 a.m. Mass)
  - Christmas Eve - Sunday, Dec. 24, Vigil Mass: 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 12 Midnight in the church (additional 4 p.m. Mass in Parish Hall)
  - Christmas Day - Monday, Dec. 25: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. only (No 7 a.m. or 5 p.m. Mass)
  - Parishioners need to attend a Mass for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent AND for Christmas Eve / Christmas Day

### Open Discussion

- **Conference coming up at St. Mary’s seminary 2/17** by diocese with speaker to **discuss rise in pornography / internet addictions** (Fr. Sean Kilcawley at St. Dominic’s)
  - Very pervasive and easily available than in the past with tablets / computers / smart phones
  - Deacon Greg talked at ACTS about ministry to battle pornography – contact Deacon Jack to get involved if interested; intention is not to attract folks who have those issues, but rather discuss how to educate and address addictions, and help those who need it
  - Recent Chastity talk in RISE program – positive talk; opportunity to do Theology of the Body with RISE kids? Has been done before with adult formation.
  - Jason Evert excellent speaker on pornography and chastity topics – strong potential for a speaker at new auditorium. Matt Fraad also a good speaker on these topic – discuss



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- porn addition from a more scientific perspective.
- Deacon Jeff has a planning meeting set up on 12/11 with Anthony Brown to discuss **Eucharistic Adoration**
  - Currently do exposition of the host, but is not preference of the church, which would be perpetual adoration (not necessarily exposed)
  - Monsignor Chester Borski in Kingwood has done this – need to reclaim adoration and do properly
  - Exposition needs to be accompanied by benediction, with full incense and prayers to be more powerful and better prayer experience
  - Idea to have one tabernacle just for adoration, and another tabernacle for church
  - Want to keep the current adoration chapel as a room for prayer
  - Considering planning monthly period of adoration (exposition), paired with a first Friday Mass; monstrance would be exposed in the chapel and closed out on Saturday
  - May have 1-2 PPC members be part of sub-committee to discuss ideas
  - Risk of having parishioners upset by not having the visual piece – will need to catechize on rationale, and show beauty of benediction and adoration
  - Opportunity to reverse catechize with youth taking parents to adoration and benediction
  - Good time to kick off adoration & benediction change would be following Holy Week, to begin Easter season (Divine Mercy Sunday)
- **Mass security changes?** Will focus on awareness from ushers/greeters, primarily
  - Only have one area of entry to church
  - Need to make ministers aware of church address
  - Officers are 20-30 seconds away from church, from 7am - 6pm
- In process of finalizing **distribution of \$70,000 in relief funds for families affected by Hurricane Harvey**
  - Identified 45 families for some aid, both active and non-active parishioners – will receive letter with note from Fr. Sean
  - Also making second large donation to CAM and St. Ignatius as well
- **PPC recommendations for discernment** – send to Fr. Sean by tomorrow
  - Need to focus on more senior parishioners on PPC, maybe previous members?
  - Stewardship committee recommendations also good candidates for PPC
- **Toy drive** coming up – will be announced this weekend, for delivery on Saturday 12/23
- **Mass ideas** (from Thanksgiving trips to other parishes)
  - Meet & greet at beginning of Mass
  - Birthdays at end of Mass
  - No speaker in nursing room?
- Join us on 12/17 after 5pm Mass for Christmas – just spouses / SOs, no children
- Thank you to PPC members graduating – Susan, Matt, Troy and Jason!

**Prayer Volunteer for January meeting:** TBD

**Closing Prayer:** Led by Carrie Palmer



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**Meeting adjourned 8:30p.m.**