

Parish Council Meeting

March 12, 2024



St. Charles Borromeo
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

In attendance: , Elizabeth Cilano, Lorie Cook, Lisa Coon, Annamaria Falzarano, Fr. John Firpo, Michael Moriarty, Ryan Mulcahy, Jim Peters, Gina Reeder, Rosemary Ann Roth, Mark Stechschulte, Gerry Streb (excused:)Linda Caliguiri

1. Opening Prayer – Jim Peters

2. Approval of Minutes & Agenda -- Jim

3. Staff Update – Fr. John

● **Finance Council Update**

Last met on Monday, March 4.

- a. **2023-24 CMA Campaign:** We have achieved our goal for this year of **\$97,000**. As of 3/12/24, we are at **107.2%** of our goal (\$104,009 pledged; 354 donors). Parishioners have until May 31, 2024 to fulfill any pledge made to this year's campaign. (**It takes about 2 weeks for your pledge to show on the parish scroll; about 4 weeks for credit card donations*)
- b. **Bankruptcy Update:** No new information at this time.
- c. **Capital Projects:**

AC Issues in Church – Compressor, Water Tower. Chris, Maureen and Dave S. met with Phil (Modular Comfort Systems) and Todd (Monroe Piping). Reviewed the current system and Church blueprints. Phil and Todd will work up a proposal, likely including a chiller unit that sits outside and pumps water or refrigerant to a set of new coils in the existing air handler. The old system including the water tower and both compressors would be left in place but would no longer be used. Meeting w/lawyer re Isaac - they have not met their obligation for doing satisfactory repairs or refunding money.

New Phone System. The current Mitel 250 phone system in the office will no longer be supported as of the year 2025. Estimates are being obtained and early results of the search are encouraging cost-wise.

Next meeting will be held on **May 6**.

- **Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Update**

- Faith Formation Programs.**

- A. Home Study and Sacramental Prep. Preparation for First Communion is in full swing. This will be celebrated on April 27 at St. Charles Borromeo. Confirmation preparation is coming along well. This will take place on Wednesday, April 17 at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Along with St. Charles Borromeo, Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. John the Evangelist and St. Lawrence will be celebrating with us this year.

- B. OCIA (formerly RCIA) candidates are preparing for full initiation. Deacon Don Eggleston continues to work with them. They are looking forward to their full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

- Youth Ministry.**

- A. CYO Basketball has wrapped up for this season. They had a banquet this past Sunday and then an Alumni Game in the gym. It was well attended (150!) and everything went well. They are planning a summer camp the week of August 12 for 3 evenings.

- B. There is a Youth Meeting next Sunday, March 24 at 6 pm. Donna is also gathering the youth of the parish (grades 6-12) to visit our church and other parishes in the area on Holy Thursday. This will be done with their parents.

- **Pancake Breakfasts**

- There is a Pancake Breakfast this coming Sunday, March 17. They have been going well and have been well-attended. Fr. John encourages Council members to attend, wearing name tags.

- **Garage Sale**

- This year's garage sale will take place May 24-26, May 31, June 1 & 2. Donations will be accepted beginning May 2.

- **Other...**

- Music Ministry update:** The Children's Choir will be singing on Sunday, May 12 at 10:30 Mass. The Adult Choir is singing this Saturday at 4:00 pm Mass and then next Sunday at 10:30 Mass. They are also singing on Holy Thursday at the 7:00 pm Mass and on Easter Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Schola will be singing at the Good Friday Service, 2:30 pm and at the Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm. Also, there will be a concert on Sunday, June 2 in

the afternoon by the Adult Choir in conjunction with the Irondequoit Chorale. Live stream: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and 830 Easter Sunday. **Home Visitations** continue to go well. The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Easter Lily sale again this year. Parishioners can purchase a lily for a homebound parishioner to send to them. Also you can pick up a lily Palm Sunday weekend.

Social Ministry Update. The Lenten collections for socks, toiletry items and food are going well. Should be wrapping up the socks and toiletry items collections this weekend. Also, Rice Bowls will be collected after the Good Friday Service for several weeks.

7-Parish Lenten Retreat. Due to requiring surgery, Fr. Ed Palumbos is not able to participate in this year's retreat as originally planned. The retreat will be only 2 days now. The retreat will take place on Sunday, March 17 at 7:00 pm and Monday, March 18 at 1:00 pm and then repeated at 7:00 pm. Please keep Fr. Ed in your prayers at this time.

Holy Week: The Easter Mailing has been sent to the parishioners. Flower donations are being accepted until March 25 so names may be placed in the bulletin for March 31 (Easter weekend). The Holy Week Schedule is below.....

Confessions/Stations of the Cross

Individual Confessions at St. Charles Borromeo

Saturdays of Lent from 3:00-3:45 p.m.

(February 17—March 23)*

*No confessions on Holy Saturday, March 30

Stations of the Cross at St. Charles Borromeo

Fridays of Lent from 3:00-3:30 p.m. in Church

(February 16—March 22)



The Flower/Environment

Fund Envelope has been mailed home with your regular envelopes or they are available at the entrances of Church

Mass Schedule

Lenten Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Passion/Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 24: 8:30, 10:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament exposed in Church until 9:30 p.m.

Good Friday, March 29

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

2:30 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Holy Communion*

*Church will remain open until 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

7:00 p.m. Solemn Vigil (no 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.



4. Finance Council Update – Lisa Coon

CMA - collection went well- we get 50% of overage.

Plate continues to be under budget, but is improving.

Easter collection isn't included in budget, so it will boost collection total (budget is based on 51 Sundays - Easter is 52nd Sunday therefore not included in budget) In other words, the Easter collections are not included in what we need weekly.

Passing the basket during mass idea still on the table. Council members may be asked to help with this.

Investment fund doing well.

Note: Chris F. works at several practices, therefore he's in a position to see what works well for the various parishes.

5. Eucharistic Revival Update – Jim

2 remaining sessions - in April and May

Next meeting of committee postponed until April.

Linda P. will be speaking w/Fr. John re 5 min education moment before mass.

An idea re: Why do Catholics do that? Include a blurb on this in bulletin? The reality in many cases is that people often don't think about faith outside of mass and don't take extra step to go online to read the many available materials (USCCB available on line - Deacon Don's cheat sheet available to find online resources), therefore it might be useful to have educational blurbs in bulletin/email blasts.

Jim will bring ideas to team mtg in April

6. 100th Anniversary Committee Status Update – Mike M. & Elizabeth

3 binders full of photos and church history

Meeting with committee will be scheduled.

Committee members: Elizabeth Cilano, Mike Moriarty, Ryan Mulcahy, Joanie Bigham, Lorie Cook, Dave Steklenski.

Greece Historical Society, Catholic Courier - both good resources for our church history

Suggestion for monthly events during 2025. 1st activity in Nov 2025 would be indoors, ie chili fest. Some events will be already established activities such as pancake breakfast.

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a year of prayer so we should include prayer services in our events. Another idea is to ask parishioners to share favorite

prayers for creation of booklet of favorite prayers - instead of a parish cookbook!

Other ideas: Parish Red Wings game

Golf tournament?

Include the future of St. Charles

Family bingo, family picnic, movie night, sea breeze day - something for the kids/next generation

How to communicate to parishioners? Logo? Bulletin blurbs

Post old photos on parish website - on scrolling banners

Countdown to Centennial on website

Create new parish directory - parishioners could submit their own photos, rather than pose for formal photos

Include Music events

Church tour

Food truck rodeo

7. Other Business

CPR/AED class: Final weekend for memo in bulletin - fire dept needs head count currently at 40 (15 are St. Charles Parishioners), event capped at 60 - been great to work with

Last Parish Council Meeting today - will gather again if necessary

Joint meetings w Finance Council - TBA May and June

Submitted by E. Cilano