

# **St Mark Pastoral Council Meeting**

**January 25, 2021**

**In Attendance:** Father John, John Benson, Lisa Daily, Suzanne Broda, David Balmaceda, David Liberto, Phillip Weaver, Eric Smith, Wojtek Lachowski, Scott Bruno, Jim Burger, Beth Zuhosky, Theresa Benson

**Absent:** Emilio Gomez, Josh McCormick

## **First 15- How do you use scripture in your life?**

The Notre Dame Gospel, The Better Part, Bible in a year podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz, Exodus 90, Scripture Reading with the kids/family, Bishop Baron Word on Fire Sunday Sermons and New Testament, spiritual reading, Romans 12- renewal of the mind, Liturgy of the Hours, Daily Readings, Mass, Divine Mercy Daily, Leave the Bible open all day- look to see what you have highlighted.... creates environment that centers (Take up and Read Ministry idea).

## **Accept Minutes**

**Lisa**

**Pastoral Council responsibilities-** ambassadors for Father, cascade Father's message, be informed (read the bulletin, pastoral plan, mission statement), support key activities.

**PC Tags-** touch base monthly

**Finance-**Wojteck- legacy giving letter- meeting with some financial advisors from the Parish who can provide some direction and share with community. Will support longevity of the Parish by giving from Trusts and Estates. We have 24 Parishioners who have designated St. Mark. Tax letters going to parishioners who have donated \$250+ the past year.

**Stewardship-** John

**Education-** Suzanne

**Evangelization-**

**Community Outreach-**

**Liturgy & Worship- David Liberto-** Ralph W is in charge of the commission. 2nd Monday of month at 7pm. Beth works with Spiritual growth groups like Rosary groups, Adoration etc.

**Communications-** Sue Bruce/Amy Burger-Lisa.

**Parish Life-**

**Steward ship Update-**

**Beth**

- DSA 2021 is kicking off, St Mark goal is \$345K, same as 2020. All registered members will receive mailing. Video will be posted on website and social media and may hand out donor registration at Mass.
- Lenten meal packaging event- 6 shifts of 30-40 people. Sign up as a group. Servants with a Heart. 75K meals ready to package, paid for. Meals will go to Haiti.

- Recruiting for Pastoral Council- Please prayerfully consider who may be a good fit. Please share with John and Father.

### **Parish Operations Update**

**Scott**

- New Front doors (metal)- arriving tomorrow.
- Rectory- timeline should move along when architect drawing comes in a couple weeks.
- Collection Update- Christmas collection went well. Will provide reminder at Easter. Finance council will watch closely.
- Diocese efforts have allowed employees to keep jobs, no increases for 2021.

### **Evangelization**

**Theresa**

- Evangelical Catholic- 2nd staff group and 1st lay group training complete. Will have another staff training and lay group training.
- Feb 2 intercessory prayer at 7pm, open to entire Parish.
- Feb 28, 6:45pm livestream on evangelization. Amazing Parish, Evangelical Catholic etc.
- Welcome Women are meeting every other week on Zoom and plan to have their retreat May 22nd. 16 women are on the team. Lead by Theresa, Barbara Bacharach and Mary Kerr.
- Currently discerning some charismatic prayer and praise initiatives in the larger Huntersville community.
- RCIA Update. 20 people involved and growing.
- Welcome- Men- July 17 is next retreat- Jim

### **Eyes and Ears-**

**Father John**

- COVID-19 update-modified phase 3- move back to zoom meetings, meeting limitations (10), Zoom for larger meetings. Schools have done well, keep doing what we are doing. May use Sign Up Genius for Easter. Positive feedback about the Christmas Mass Sign Up Genius.
- St Mark continues to clean using best available safety measures.
- Catholic Schools' Week- first week of Feb, speaker and student recognition at Mass.
- Ash Wednesday- sprinkle ashes on the head instead of blessing on the forehead this year.
- Stained Glass- Saints in the transepts, stenciling in the Nave, verse from St. Mark Gospel, Virtues enhance the space. Church architecture should teach the faithful. Spanish community working on engraving marble steps.
- Staff- 6 Priests are beyond retirement age. 2 Priests will be ordained in June (Transitional Deacons and Permanent Deacons as well in 2021). Tom McMahon is in process of Incardination.

### **Closing Prayer**

**Father John**