Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2013

Opening Prayer – the opening prayer was led by Fr. Malone

Fr. Malone welcomed Sister Barbara Markey to the meeting. Sister Barbara reported to the group on the work that she does, including the parish library (located in the Environment Room), RCIA, as well as pastoral work including marriage preparation and visits to those in hospitals.

Approval of Minutes – this was deferred – please send comments to Sean and he will finalize the minutes from the January meeting.

Pastor’s Report. The group reviewed Fr. Malone’s report, which can be found online along with the meeting minutes. One of the items in his report was a request to Parish Council to think of items on their “wish list” to improve the physical aspect of St. John’s. The group spent a few minutes brainstorming and the following items were mentioned:
  – Display area
  – Better window AC/heater in choir room
Email Fr. Malone or Mary Lee Brock if you have other ideas.

The group also spent some time brainstorming ideas for fundraising for the church elevator. The group agreed to look into the possibility of utilizing Scrip. Elizabeth offered to get contact information on Scrip so that the Council can look into this further.

Building Fund
It was noted that the donor book is being updated regularly.
Kathleen Denne is preparing a chart to illustrate how the fundraising is going.

Fr. Malone is considering combining some of the second collections so that there won’t be quite so many of them (e.g., one collection for missions).

Old Business
Elevator Fund Raising (see discussion above)

Council Day of Reflection Recap. The group agreed the morning in January spent together in reflection was very well spent. Many thanks to Laraine Conway for all her hard work organizing the gathering.

New Business:
Religious Education – new Director. Fr. Malone reported that Mariana Miller is the new Children’s Religious Education Director. This will be a paid, hourly, position.

Hospitality/Welcome Committee. Anne Lawlor offered to host a discussion among interested parishioners regarding Hospitality at St. John’s. She will do this by hosting a coffee sometime shortly after Easter. The purpose of the get-together will be to talk about what Hospitality should look like at St. John’s, and to recruit members to serve on the Hospitality Committee. Council members are invited to participate and also provide Anne with suggestions of parishioners to invite to this initial gathering.
India Trip Sharing Event. Two groups of parishioners have now visited India. The sharing event will occur soon, after both the 5 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Stay tuned for announcement of the date.

Election of new Pope. St. John’s will offer special Masses for the Pope and the Conclave in order to provide prayerful support during this transition. These Mass times will be posted in the parish newsletter.

New Student Member. Elizabeth offered to recruit a new student member to replace her upon her graduation in May.

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign. Fr. Malone advised the group that he has recently learned of an ambitious capital campaign that will be getting underway in the Archdiocese. Parishes will be expected to contribute 150% of their collection (for St. John’s approximately $130K) to the campaign. The total campaign hopes to raise $40 million. The campaign will run October 2013 through October 2014. Fr. Malone will speak to the Archdiocese to see if St. John’s can receive some type of exception since we are holding our own capital campaign for the parish elevator.

Closing Prayer. Sean read a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Future Meetings: 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Ignatius House
March 19        April 16        May 21