



**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Father Peter Grace, CP
Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

Members: Father Peter Grace, Martin Dramou, Mike Ellison, Joseph Forthofer, Patrick Ginty, Mary Hansen, Misael Jaramillo, George Lozano, LouiseLupo, Marco Maya, Anne Miller, Stephanie Morales, Laura Olmedo, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Andrea Ramirez, Victor Sanchez, Sean Skelly, Jon Soika,

Members Excused: Anne Miller

Members Absent: Stephanie Morales

Opening Prayer: Mike Ellison

Guests: Cathy Penny

Introduction of the new Council Members: Louise Lupo

Patrick Ginty
Marco Maya

George Lozano
Sean Skelly

Welcome: Fr. Thomas Duggan

Approval of Minutes: July minutes were approved by Mike Ellison with corrections and seconded by Victor Sanchez, all agreed

Update: Fr. Peter

His health is fine. He was tested on July 15 and was positive with Covid 19. He was under the care of Dr. Trinh and has been retested this week and has now been released to full duties. Fr. Tom Duggan and Fr. Hector have also been tested and they both were negative. Fr. Peter would like to thank both Fr. Tom and Fr Hector for stepping up during his illness. Thank you also to the Bishop for giving us Fr. Tom Duggan for our parish.

Food Pantry: Cathy Penny – Volunteer Director

We have served 2709 households and 8078 people as well as over 2000 migrant workers this year. People who would like to be helped by our ministry need to be able to show a photo ID and proof of residency for Johnston County. Each household is served once per month. Our volunteers check the people in to make sure they have not yet been given their monthly allotment. We have a drive thru system that is working well. We have been able to serve more people faster than before.

We have received the Gauss Foundation Grant of \$20,000 for the year 2020. We have used this to purchase meat. The food bank and grocery stores have had low stock in the meat department, so we have not received as many donations of



this product. We have also received a \$10,000 grant from Food Lion Gift Cards. We have distributed 211 of them in the month of July 2020.

There are new hours for the Food Pantry.

- 9:00 -10:30 am
- 1st and 3rd Fridays
- These changes are due to the slower demand on the Pantry. We now serve approx. 170 clients per week since COVID-19. Before we used to serve over 300 per week.
- We served 88 clients on August 7, 2020.
- 2nd, 4th, and 5th Fridays we distribute food to the migrant workers.

Finance Report:

Dean Penny

St. Ann's Church is still in the black!

I have attached the handout that Dean sent out to the parish council members.

Columbarium is actively selling. At this time, we have sold 4 niches. We need about 30 to be sold before we can break ground. A new video has been made and will be put on our website.

December 1, 2020 is known as "Giving Tuesday". It is the first Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday. We have been working with The Foundation, which is associated with the Diocese, so that people can go on their website and find the link to St. Ann's to donate. 100% of the donations will go to St. Ann's.

We have two endowments with The Foundation already. One is for offertory relief needs and the other is for our capital improvement.

We now have a Prescription Discount Drug Card. For every transaction that is processed with this card St. Ann's will received a donation. The money will be distributed quarterly. We will be giving them out to the parish this month. It will be at no cost to the parishioners or to the church.

The land across the road from the church on the same side of Hwy 70 is for sale. We are looking into what it will take if we can pursue it for our use.

Youth Report:

Joseph Forthofer and Andrea Ramirez

The IFF Mexico night was a fun night for the youth group to help out and they will also help with the upcoming Greece night.

Because of COVID restrictions the youth group meetings have been virtual, but they have been weekly. They have had 2 social gatherings with social distancing and 2 drive in movies.

There is a Rosary Walk at the Cathedral in Raleigh every Monday at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. There were about 30 people last week and this has been going on for about 6-7 weeks now.

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ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



COVID-19

Patrick Ginty

Thank you to Fr. Tom for all he did while Fr. Peter was ill.

- 1- Going over the new norms for mass at the beginning of the Mass
- 2- Must wear masks to participate in the Mass.

Since the new rules we have had 100% compliance from 3yrs old and up wearing masks in the church.

We are now taking the temperatures of the Priest and the Eucharistic ministers prior to Mass to make sure all are healthy. We will be doing the same with the teachers in faith formation.

Ushers:

Kevin Pilotte

Ushers will now walk before the Priest and Eucharistic ministers to remove the tassels on the pews so that they can walk down the empty pews to distribute communion. Then they will replace them at the end of communion or after Mass is over. They will also make sure that there is hand sanitizer available to all who need it.

The ushers are asking people who are not wearing masks to either get one that is in the Narthex or go watch the streaming in the Parish Center.

We are having some difficulty with having enough ushers for each Mass. Some are still feeling uncomfortable coming to Mass.

Appreciation Mass:

Louise Lupo

We are having an Appreciation Mass on August 21 at 8:00 am. This is for all the donors who have given to the Tree of Life. All their names will be posted in the bulletin. We are still selling leaves for the Tree of Life at \$1,000 each and the money will go for the expansion of the church.

Divine Mercy Portrait:

Louise Lupo

The Divine Mercy Mosaic of art has been commissioned. The announcement will be made closer to the arrival. We are still collecting donations for the final purchase.

New Business:

IFF Greece night is this Friday August 14, 5pm. This is just a reminder

Closing Prayer:

Father Peter

Next meeting is Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7 pm

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm
Respectfully submitted, Mary Hansen