

**September 23, 2024**  
**7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**Spiritus Christi Parish Community Forum**

**Minutes**

Number in room 20

Number online 11

Staff: Rev Myra Brown, Rev Celie Katovitch, Lauren Urzetta, Mike Ramich, Lisa , Aaron Lynch

1. Introduction of PCF Team and Parish Staff - Colleen Farley
2. Opening Prayer - Colleen Farley
3. Meeting Overview and Framework - Trevor Carney
  - Discussed agenda
  - Ask to refrain until end of updates for questions
4. Pastor's Report
  - Update on Fr Jim
    - Out in May for cancer came through surgery well recovering well
    - Radiation caused burns but they are healing
    - Mouth sores are taking longer to heal
    - Discovered new lesion in left cheek
    - Had biopsy don't know if it is from radiation or another lesion
    - Has tube feedings now eating and drinking
    - Appreciates cards books texts you are sending
    - Postponing 50 yr celebration until he is healed
    - Keep him in your prayers
  - Lots of people have been sick and in hospital keeping Rev Myra and Rev Celie busy
  - Question from online Courtney She has been home recovering from surgery she has continued to facilitate SWIFT SCC they are hoping to grow the group but difficult to do that when she has been at home getting

announcements in bulletin the group has had such illnesses that we wanted to have time to give everyone time to recover ready to open the group up as they know that there are others that need this group but they need pastoral support from pastor team. Hoping that some of that energy could be shared with SWIFT to reach more people. They need support to extend their outreach

- Rev Myra- 2 thoughts she agrees and thinks there may be more SSC that may need more assistance and sprucing up how people can enter and how to showcase groups especially ones that are part of a special group. Maybe group of young mothers that want to start a group but we need to help to support that on line group creation
- Typically there is a phone call to office that tells the Pastors who is in need of pastor visit
- Courtney asking for pastor to join them at a meeting to see what they do and how they work especially since they don't or can't go to services immune compromised some are
- Rev Myra is appreciative of having her come to meeting and would like to join a meeting and she has heard what a great group and meeting it is
- At last parish forum Olivia Kugel started a podcast had 2 episodes
- June parish picnic
  - Great food games
  - Great father day liturgies
  - Juneteenth 160 runners and walkers
  - Juneteenth jazz concert 200 people attended
    - Sponsored by Monroe County
  - July Pride parade pride liturgy
  - VBS
  - MAsses in the park
    - Bigger than used to
    - Musicians there were able to invite people who don't typically play at masses that has enriched masses
  - July GBI were invited to participate in a film It's Basic and 3 participants were part of the panel interviewed
  - Ends Nov 1st then researchers will tell us the results
  - First Friday Lauren and Brother Peter

- GOG liturgies
- Bowling
- Car wash
- Party in the parking lot
- Met the financial goals with those fundraisers
- 2 funerals Jack Timmons, have been called on more by the community for funerals the 25 yr old woman who was part of the mass shooting in the park sought out to help bury a 24 yr old motorcycle victim
- Myra researched and found stop the bleed and are going to have some people trained staff have 2 kits and working with assemblyman to see about training and expansions of this kit
- Amazing liturgies
- Staff meeting with Luz Flores and did training for parishioners thriving through the change
- Caring givers team provided a wonderful summer caregiving event
- Rev Myra was invited to 2 panels one was talking about the state of Rochester
- Interviewed by WXXI about anti poverty work
- Family Liturgy continuing our commitment to center our children
- Youth had a wonderful mission trip this summer and talked about it at mass in the park
- Aaron at mass in the park
- Daniel left music team
- Hired Andrew covering 7:30 and 5:00 as well as 9:30
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## 5. Religious Education Ministry

- Lisa Kugel assistant to director for rel ed
- Provide safe and loving environment
- PreK to High School graduation
- Prayer
- Bible lessons
- Services
- Social

- Why are we different
  - Services projects
  - 2-3 a year
  - Bags for Children at hospital
  - Treats toys and children wrote letters
- Use real life events to give service and community
- Car Wash at Grace of God the men interacting with the children
- Sacraments reconciliation
- First communion
- Classes run on Sunday morning
- Extended our program from Sept to June
  - Mothers day project and father day project and presenting at church
  - The youth group will be coming in to do service project with the children
  - The youth will be putting on a halloween party with the children
- VBS 14 teens 30 kids and also parent volunteers
- Made trail mix did affirmation and brought to open door mission
- Family liturgy 3 youth talk a third grader 7 grader and 11 grader
- Youth Group
- 7-12 grades
- Combined junior high and senior high youth groups some times split when appropriate
- Went on mission trip in Ohio teen had a wonderful experience
- Had groups during summer to keep them close
- Teens help rel ed during church
- Then 11-1
- Service social spiritual
- Some anxiety at school can let that go during this time
- What is going on issues lead in faith
- Trevor and Aaron are leaders
- Strong team of leaders
- Fundraisers at end of year
- Will be volunteering at Mental health walk Haiti fundraiser and Oct Pancake breakfast

- Following lead of Rev Myra to get the kid involved right here

## 6. Building Search Update

- HAB meet every month
- When we started this process and journey we were anxious to get a new building
- We are realizing that it is a journey
- Tom did a statement about fundraising
  - Chair of fundraising committee
  - In June they spoke with leadership team
  - The assessment was that getting a long term debt was not a good goal
  - Discussed possibility with doing a capital campaign
  - This would put us in a better position with other buyers
  - How much to raise if we decide to go that way
  - How best to do it
  - Time frame for it
  - Case study for why to do this
  - Decided that this project needs a dedicated project professional for fundraising.
  - WE have done this before but never to this level
  - Question are we going to hire a capital campaign professional
    - What doing now we will be talking to several people who do this work
      - How much does it cost
      - How long does it take
      - What is the process
    - We have talked to the nuns who have been successful told us not to do it ourselves find a professional
  - Question in past brought up about a grant writer
    - It is not out of the plan
    - Before we start running in 5 different directions lets get some consult from professional
  - Do you know what the percentages of increase
    - DUPC went up 2%

- Hochstein went up 5%
  - Give the low number of people that come to church for mass how big a church will we need
    - Some events needs bigger space
    - Funerals it was packed
    - Don't want small church and can't seat people
  - If we hire a fundraiser how much do we need to raise
    - WE have a benchmark but don't know
    - The one on East ave it went over 1.5 mil but we bowed out
    - Developers are looking at churches as building they can buy and turn into apt factories as well
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7. New Business

- No new business

8. Closing Prayer - John O’Gorman

Notetaker: Bridget Casselman

[PCF Major Decisions Process-from Structure](#)

**Parish Community Forum Facilitators:**

Trevor Carney

Colleen Farley

Matt Liston

John O’Gorman

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