

Pastoral Council Information

Please welcome three new members to the 2016 Pastoral Council: **Emily Hunter, Peter Campbell and Amanda Chasteen**. They have answered the call to serve their parish on the Council. They join six returning members: **BJ Todaro, Theresa Julian, Lloyd Alcorn, Brenda Rieger, Richard Skurla and Bill Moyer**. Please let any of these PC members know if you have any concerns, questions, suggestions, etc. regarding St. Jerome Church and its parish family that you feel needs attention.

Please give gratitude to **Tony Raineri, Raymond Curtice and Bernice Helpert** for their three years of service on the Council as they rotate off. Bernice will continue to act as Chair until the new Chair is selected at the retreat.

Meeting Minutes - Monday, November 16, 2015

The Pastoral Council meeting held on Monday, November 16, 2015 was a called meeting by Fr. Raj. He asked the Council for assistance in planning the groundbreaking for the new building that would be held on Sunday, November 29. Since the Council would be together he also agreed that discussion could be held to begin planning the parish Christmas dinner that would be held on Sunday, December 6. The meeting consisted solely of discussion and planning for the aforementioned two topics.

Meeting Minutes - Monday, November 23, 2015

The Pastoral Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Fr. Raj reported the following:

- *Advent penitential would be December 3
- *He would travel to India soon after Christmas and return the first week of February
- *Payments for the new building will be a line item in the budget
- *A second collection for the building fund may be incorporated on the third Sunday of the month
- *The cost for the new building is achievable considering the pledges and funds already received, the OFOL funds and what can be borrowed from the Diocese; the flooring for the large gym/social area still has to be determined; construction work to begin soon after the groundbreaking

Old Business consisted solely of updates and finalizing the planning for the groundbreaking and the parish Christmas dinner.

New Business consisted of:

- *Strong encouragement given to educate parishioners that during the discernment of new Pastoral Council members those who are not selected are not rejected but rather they have other talents to offer the parish and/or the timing may not be right; they should not give up discerning a call to be on the Council in a future time
- *Plans for the Council's Christmas social that would include their families
- *No emails received; one anonymous suggestion received regarding how the altar servers hold the book at mass (reminder to parishioners: suggestions should be signed so that a response can be given)

No meeting will be held in January since Fr. Raj will be in India. The next meeting is tentatively set for Monday, February 22.

The Pastoral Council will have its annual retreat at St. Jerome Church on Saturday, February 6, 2016. It will be a daylong retreat that will end with the PC members and their families attending the 6:00 PM mass and having dinner together afterward. New leaders for the Council for 2016 (Chair, Vice-Chair and Recorder) will be selected during a break in the retreat.