

St. John Vianney Parish Council Minutes
March 2, 2021
6:30 PM Zoom Meeting

Present: Jeff Adams, Pat Bradley, Walter Burke, Orin Cook, Paul Lambert, Sheila Liotta, Kim McCarthy, Fr. Joe Pescatello, Catherine Sulima, Michael Woody, Regina Bamford (Religious Education Director)

- **Call to order**

Kim McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. The meeting opened with a prayer from Fr. Joe.

- **Faith Formation**

Regina reported that preparation for 2nd and 3rd grade students to receive Penance and First Communion is almost completed. First Penance will be held on March 15th with 46 children plus parents attending. Four priests total will hear confessions.

First communion is scheduled for May 1st during two services, at 9:30 AM and at 11:30 AM. Attendance is limited to family members, but both services will be live-streamed.

Confirmation is scheduled for April 26th.

Registration is now open for fall faith formation classes.

Veronica Plante and the youth group are planning a live adaptation of the Stations of the Cross on March 22nd at 6:30 PM. This service will also be live-streamed.

- **Dynamic Parish**

The “Best Lent Ever” program is underway. Unfortunately, Dynamic Catholic cannot provide sign up numbers by parish, but over 800,000 people are participating nationwide.

At Easter, *Mother Teresa’s book Do Something Beautiful for God*, will be made available to parishioners at no charge.

Regina also noted that the *Best Lent Ever* journals appeared to be very popular.

- **Covid Protocol Update**

Fr. Joe is awaiting new guidelines concerning Holy Week services from Fr. Rodriguez at the Diocesan offices.

We will be able to distribute palms on Palm Sunday this year.

- **The Triduum and Easter Sunday**

There will be in-person attendance at Triduum services. Times are as follows:

Holy Thursday – 7:00 PM

Good Friday – 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil – 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30. There will also be overflow capacity set up in the basement with a live- stream for the Easter Masses. Reservations will be requested for the Easter Sunday Masses, and it was suggested that we place a notice to that effect in The Valley Breeze.

- **New Business**

Fr. Joe has asked Fr. John Unsworth to present to our parish council on the role of parish councils and how they are evolving in Catholic parishes. The date is yet to be determined. Based on feedback that Fr. Joe has received from Fr. Unsworth and others, elections are no longer typically held for seats on a parish council.

Kim asked whether there is anything else that we do at this point to bring parishioners together. Regina has been following what Dynamic Catholic is doing, and they currently have no in-person events that they are scheduling at this point, and they have not yet posted their schedule of events that will take place after Easter. As to other potential events, such as the Fall Family Festival, it was decided to await further CDC and Diocesan guidelines. Fr. Joe suggested that he draft another letter as events open up in order to be certain that we are fully informing those parishioners with no e-mail access.

- **Next Meeting**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 PM.