

Pastoral Council Updates January 2018

Our Parish Pastoral Council had its second meeting of the year on December 14, 2017.

As a customary part of our meetings, the council prayed together and shared some spiritual reflections on the season of Advent.

Our Committee Reports included an update from the Welcoming Committee. Mary Anne DeAngelo, who heads the committee, reported that her committee of volunteer parishioners now welcomes new members on a monthly basis. Our parish averages about 10 new registrations a month! Mary Anne facilitates a welcome letter and a packet of information from the Pastor, and then the Welcome Committee follows up with a phone call to say “we’re glad you’re here!” and “is there anything the parish can do for you?” So far, the response from new parishioners has been positive!

Pastoral Council has established a direct email. It is pastoralcouncil@saintannies.org. This email address will be monitored by members of council and is available to any parishioner who would like to contact Council to ask questions, or make comments.

The Council has been doing a self-evaluation of their efforts over the past 5 years. Some observations were:

The Parish Mission Statement, as we envisioned it, is being fulfilled. A lot of progress has been made in a short time. Where will it take us next?

The connection between parish groups and organizations is critical to the Parish Mission of “one parish community.” Council’s meetings with the leadership of various parish groups have really opened eyes and ears on both sides of the conversation. Parish groups now know what Council is doing and Council knows better what parish groups are doing.

One of Council’s current goals is to be more visible to the parish. Hence, this bulletin insert on a regular basis! We are also making efforts to be more visible at parish spiritual and social events, along with a greater social media presence.



*Members: (Standing) Joe Crimmins, Father Colagreco, Meghan DiRosato, Theresa Haggerty, Jim Murphy, Mary Anne DeAngelo, Denis Glavin, John Loughran, (Seated) Linda Cellucci, Amy Posse, Brigid Shank, Katie Downey, Sister Mary Barrar
(Not pictured): Father Dan Dwyer, Father Karl Zeuner, Deacon Ted Raczkowski*