



Pastoral Council Update: May 2018

Each meeting of the Pastoral Council begins with prayer. We take a few moments to read a Gospel passage and then reflect on it and share our reflections with each other. Some meetings our sharing time is very quiet. But at this particular session there was a great deal of sharing and comments! You never know how the Holy Spirit will speak through Scripture!

After the approval of the minutes from the previous meeting we reviewed our Parish Mission Statement, watching the video of it that is posted on our parish website: saintanastasia.net.

At this meeting we welcomed leaders of the Parish School's Home & School Association. We shared with them our process and goals as a Pastoral Council. They, in turn, shared with us what they do as a board. We had an honest and productive discussion about how the council's goals and how the Home & School Board's goals can intersect and enhance each other. We discussed various ways that we can support each other.

We then had our regular committee reports. The Hospitality Committee reported on "Donut Sunday." The Welcoming Committee reported on the upcoming plans for April 29th at the Noon Mass – we had a blessing for new parishioners and refreshments afterwards. Individual invitations had gone out to all new parishioners over the past year (over 120 new registrations!). The parish survey has been completed and the Pastoral Council's coordinating committee will receive the report and eventually share it with the Council and the parish.

Each year Pastoral Council loses and gains members. Some of our members resign for various reasons and some terms come up either for an end or for a renewal. This year, due to work conflicts, two of our members are giving up their seats: Jim Lake and Mary Anne DeAngelo. Thank you Jim and Mary Anne for your dedicated and enthusiastic service to the parish! We will have nominations in May/June for new members, and elections will be in September 2018.

Pastoral Council is continuing its conversation about Evangelization – our outreach to inactive Catholics. We felt a need to clarify what we mean by "evangelization" and that the parish needs to be educated about what/when/how we are going to approach this vital task.

Members of the Pastoral Council are: Father Michael Colagreco, Father Dan Dwyer, Deacon Ted Raczkowski, Sister Mary Barrar, Linda Cellucci, Jim Murphy, Katie Downey, Joe Crimmins, Amy Posse, Denis Glavin, Brigid Shank, John Loughran, Meghan Finnerty DiRosato, and Theresa Haggerty.

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