

**St. Nicholas Parish Pastoral Council**  
**May 26, 2020**  
**ZOOM Meeting**

**Present:** Father Joseph Tito, Nora Bondi, Sheila Hebein, Cynthia Judge, Traci Laffey, Suzanne Lefevre, Michael O'Donovan, Betsy Quinn, Yvonne Smith, Juan Jose Velasco

**Absent:** Arturo Medina, Jose Juan Moreno  
Meeting began at 7:10 p.m..

**Opening Prayer:** Father Tito read from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

**Approval of May 3, 2020 Minutes:** Betsy made a motion to accept the minutes, Yvonne seconded and they were accepted unanimously.

**Reopening Church**

- Reopening Leadership Team is in place and beginning to prepare for a gradual reopening of our campus. There are 12 members, including two health care professionals, Dan Vicencio, M.D. and Kathy Kearns, R.N.. The RLT met on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. There are 3 sub-teams, Set Up, Greeter and Clean-up Teams. Initially, the Chapel will open, as it is easier to follow guidelines in this space. The main Church has six doors and multiple aisles, which will be more challenging. Phase One will allow Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals to take place, with no more than 10 people in attendance. Father Tito would also like to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many volunteers will be needed to help things go smoothly. Phase One A will allow Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and private church visits. The parish is looking for the most effective way to have parishioners sign-up to attend. The current goal is to have the Chapel open for a Wedding on June 6<sup>th</sup> and a Baptism on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Phase Two will include Mass limited to 25 people. Tomorrow, May 27<sup>th</sup>, there will be an In The Loop announcement about the Reopening. There will also be a two page letter on the St. Nicholas website. The Archdiocese requires that each Parish has 30-60 days of supplies before opening. Each parish has been given a starter kit.

**Parish Staff**

- Some staff will begin working in their offices in the Rectory, wearing masks and distancing. Maureen has had to come to the office throughout the Pandemic. Jose and Barb Soricelli will also begin working there several days a week. James is working fully from home, very active with Youth Ministry. Andrea is working from home. Alex will be working in the office a few days a week, starting in June.

**Renew My Church:**

- Some groupings in the Archdiocese will begin via Zoom in July, based on need. Others may postpone. Our grouping is scheduled to begin the process in 2021, but that may change.

**Finances:**

- Father Tito is overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity of parishioners who continue to contribute both to the parish and to the special COVID-19 Fund.
- Both the Parish and Pope John XXIII School received PPP loans, which are being used to pay staff salaries. The School distributes food 3 times a week. Dr. Cinnamon is actively supporting students and staff. Summer Camp is cancelled.
- The summer may be challenging, as contributions often decrease then and we will not have our usual funds from the Rummage Sale.

**Rummage Sale 2020:**

- The committee led by Mary Moring met in the Courtyard on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> wearing masks and socially distancing. No Rummage Sale will happen this summer. Alternate plans with a theme called Rummage Re-defined are being formulated and will be announced to the Parish soon.

**Service Trip 2020:**

- The PPC recommends that the trip be postponed until 2021. Father Tito will seek input from Staff and the Finance Council on this matter.

**Welcome and Engagement:**

- Yvonne and Sheila will touch base with newcomers via email. They are still in need of the full list from Staff. They will send an email to those who have joined the Parish and those who expressed interest.

**Communication:**

- The increased communication especially via In The Loop is appreciated. A suggestion was made to attach a pdf version of the bulletin with the link for the Sunday service. Ace and the choir are doing an amazing job.

**Mother's Day Videos:**

- They were well-received.

**Father's Day Videos:**

- There will be four parishioners sharing brief stories.

**Other Videos:**

- It would be good to have short videos from parishioners sent in as to how they are doing, what they are doing and how they are worshipping.

**Other Business:**

- Yvonne shared that Amy Totsch from United Power is trying to gather PPE via the Community Purchasing Alliance to help people to get good pricing.
- There should be an FAQ tab on the website to address COVID-19 issues.

**Closing Prayer – led by Father Tito.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m..**