

## **ST. THERESA PASTORAL COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes from Oct 8th, 2020 Virtual Go-To-Meeting, 7:00 pm**

In Attendance: Fr. Bob McCann, Carrie Schaefer, Cathy Brady, Chris Colby, Jerry Deck, Michael Finnegan and Paulette Tuckner. The meeting started at 7:00 P.M.

- Carrie Schaefer led the opening prayer.
- Introduction – welcome to Chris Colby
- We reviewed the minutes from the Sept 17, 2020 meeting. The minutes were approved (Carrie motioned and Paulette seconded).

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Fr. Bob reviewed the purpose of the Pastoral Council
- Carrie, the Principal and Fr. Bob had a neighborhood meeting, it was cordial and some misunderstandings were cleared up. The neighbors thought the Mandalay gate was always closed. They did not realize it was private property and the priests' home. There was a myth it is public property.
- Fr Bob asked they respect 6 feet social distancing while on the school lot.
- The Fall Festival was successful
- First Communion: will take place Saturday October 10, @ 10:30 am and 1:00 pm with an outdoor service
- Confirmation on Friday 9/25 was good. A few of the students told Fr Bob they are more committed to their faith
- All school and church openings depends on the Governor and Alameda County Health officials, at this point we have no date
- Katie is meeting with the parents of PreK, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Then they will be having virtual Teacher Conferences
- Katie sent a Re-Opening plan to all parents on the website
- Due to the pandemic, a recent school parent survey showed that not all families are ready to have their children return to campus for in-person teaching. Distance learning and a hybrid model (distance & 2 days/week in person) will continue to be provided.
- Zach will be ordained a Deacon on Saturday 10/24/20
- Keri has accepted a position and is back teaching religious education at the parish. She will co-ordinate 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on the 10<sup>th</sup>
- Fr Bob is still calling parishioners to check on them
- Volunteers have called all registered parishioners to check on them

#### **Cathy:**

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will make puppets for All Saints Day, and they will be displayed in the church
- We cannot have picture frames displayed now, so Cathy is asking folks to submit pictures of their loved ones for a collages to be played at Mass

- It takes 16 people to re-open the church, Cathy will keep everyone informed with Flock Notes

**New /Other Business:**

- Pastoral planning postponed for now; the focus should be on the re-opening of both the church and school
- Fr Bob, Cathy and faculty will do some community outreach – what is working, what isn't working
- There is a trend of younger families moving into the boundaries of the parish
- Can we sustain or do we need to consolidate Masses; what do parishioners' want

**Upcoming/Past Events (All)**

- a. Event Center will be used as a polling place for the election, therefore the parking lot will be busy from Friday 10/30 – Tuesday 11/3/20
- b. Wings will start online the week 10/12/20
- c. If you have any information for the school Katie has asked to get it to her for the Wednesday envelope
- d. Next virtual meeting Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

The meeting concluded at 8:05 PM.