



Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – Atlanta Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda



Parish Mission Statement: Sacred Heart aspires to be a multicultural community of faith, committed to knowing, loving, and serving Jesus Christ in all our brothers and sisters: Deus caritas est.

Pastoral Council Guiding Principles: The Parish Pastoral Council, as a consultative body to our pastor, represents the entire parish and strives to listen to the Holy Spirit in trying to discern ways to:

- Unite parishioners, staff and clergy in a community of prayer, leadership, service, and pastoral planning
- Identify, lead, and steward the current and future needs of the parish and ascertain, with the pastor's approval, the direction of Sacred Heart.
- Encourage one another in our spiritual growth, in the understanding of our Catholic faith, and in our ministries to all our parish family whose members differ in heritage, background, lifestyle, age, and other human characteristics.

As leaders within the Sacred Heart community, we strive to model and reinforce behaviors which support one another, holding ourselves and each other accountable to serve proactively and humbly Sacred Heart's pastor and parishioners via collaboration, common respect, constructive feedback, and listening with open hearts, open minds, and grace.

Schedule

2018 – August 22, September 26, October 24, November 28, December 4, 5 or 6 (Retreat - Tentative)

2019 – January 30, February 20, March 27, April 24, May 22 (End of Term Social)

Attendees

Parish Staff:		Parish Council Members:			
X	Msgr. Ed Thein, Rector	X	Michele Urban, <i>Chair</i> (2019)		Mike Wazlavek (2020)
	Fr. John Voytek	X	Linda Kelley (2019)		Guillermo Juarez (2020)
	Deacon Marino Gonzalez	X	Peggy Ballou (2019)		Alessandra Richardson (2021)
	Deacon Mike Balfour		Ralph Bailey (2019)	X	Hillary Singleton (2021)
	Alan McGill, Liturgy		Jacky Duchamp (2019)		Jose Verdugo
			Keely Briggs (2020)		
Guests:					

Minutes for March 27, 2019:

1. Opening Prayer – Linda
2. Approval of Minutes – Linda approved, Peggy second
3. Rector's Report – *Monsignor Ed Thein*
 - a. Bike ride with Monsignor Ed Saturday, June 15th after 9am Mass. Late brunch at Krog street
 - b. Finance committee
 - i. Reduced some cost in the last few months by discontinuing 7am Mass on weekdays & reduced hours on some staff, discontinued cantors' stipend, hoping to see substantial savings in next fiscal year
 - ii. Centuries of deferred maintenance contributed to why Notre Dame burned
 1. The AC has already died once during a full Mass
 - iii. Save the Spires 83% of the pledged has been paid
 1. Hoping to wrap up July 1
 2. Electrical system upgrade will determine AC installation
 3. Tuesday electrical system upgrade will be upgraded
 4. Second collections - restoration fund should be marketed as maintenance of AC
 5. Security cameras - for safety system needs some restoration as well

- c. Audit - just completion
 - i. Report in good shape
 - ii. We have some small areas to address
 - d. Parish Survey 2018
 - i. Reviewing results of the survey
 - ii. May 5th town hall meeting forum to see what Parish leadership heard, what we're doing and what more we can do
 - e. Sacred Heart gate
 - i. Gate is bent due to a car accident
 - ii. Gate has been fixed and updated
 - f. Holy Week 2019
 - i. No outdoor processions on Palm Sunday or Easter Vigil due to unpredictable weather
 - ii. 150 teenagers from Holy Spirit Academy worshipped with us all week - exposure of suburban kids to the city
 - iii. 8am and 12pm had almost full crowds
 - iv. Good Friday blended Spanish & English speaking communities
 - v. Though parish turnout was small? It was solid
 - g. Mike Wazlavek - live streaming
 - i. Equipment was defective so we could not livestream Easter
 - 1. Hoping to do Christmas if not sooner
 - 2. Red Mass in October - St. Thomas More Society - legal profession Mass
 - ii. To do livestream regularly, you need somebody watching a live switcher
 - h. Historical Tour
 - i. 10 people did the tour
 - ii. Good test to work the kinks out
 - iii. **Add tour to cards for hotels**
 - i. Father Bill will live here with Archdiocese paying his room and board
4. Pastoral Administrator's Update – *Deacon Mike Balfour - N/A*
 5. Ministries Update – *Deacon Marino Gonzalez - N/A*
 6. Faith Formation and Liturgy and Update – *Alan McGill, PhD - N/A*
 7. Parish Council Update – Michele
 - a. Potential Parish Council members
 - i. Michele to send list of potential candidates to Monsignor Thein
 - b. End of term event - 3rd floor - potluck
 - i. June 26 6pm?
 - ii. Finance Committee Rob Berling
 - iii. Marketing Ministry Don Thurman
8. New Business
 9. Round Table
 - a. Alessandra - Marketing Ministry Update
 - b. Hillary - Has there been price checking with vendors?
 - i. We are working with Georgia Power to look at how increasing our efficiency might help us get a rebate
 - ii. Cheaper envelopes? the price is competitive across the board
 - iii. Would it be possible to reach out to former parishioners in the area? - email purchase may help with this

- c. Mike -
 - i. Livestreaming
 - ii. Promotional video
 - iii. Is there something we can do to help people find us
 - 1. Add coordinates, drop pin for uber/lyft
 - iv. Podrecasts are doing well
- d. Peggy -
 - i. Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary
 - 1. National convention August 2-7
 - 2. Would like to use parking & use shuttles
- e. Linda-
 - i. Funeral for Lamar Durret this weekend

10. Next Meeting –May 22 @ 6pm. Parish Hall.

11. Closing Prayer - Michele (*volunteers for next month*)