



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

2019 – August 28, September 25, October 23, November 27, December 3, 4, or 5 (Retreat - Tentative)
2020 – January 22, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27 (End of Term Social)

Attendees

Parish Staff:		Parish Council Members:			
X	Msgr. Ed Thein, Rector	X	Peggy Ballou, <i>Chair</i> (2020)		Jose Verdugo (2021)
	Fr. John Vortek		Keely Briggs (2020)		Joaquin Calderon (2022)
	Deacon Marino Gonzalez		Guillermo Juarez (2020)		Collins Hughes (2022)
X	Deacon Mike Balfour	X	Mike Wazlavek (2020)	X	Jesse Jensen (2022)
		X	Alessandra Richardson (2021)	X	Ricardo Newball (2022)
Guests:			Hillary Singleton (2021)		

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer –
 - a) Peggy
2. Approval of Minutes –
 - a) Approved by Ricardo & Mike
3. Rector's Report – *Monsignor Ed Thein*
 - a) DragonCon weekend - Labor Day Weekend: Sunday should not be affected
 - b) October 13 Atlanta Pride Weekend - 12pm and 1:30pm Masses cancelled
 - i. Spanish Mass may be moved to Saturday evening
 - c) Catherine Tarbox is no longer Spires Editor, Alan is no longer Pulpit Announcements
 - i. Alessandra Richardson central communication hub
 - d) Financial Report is almost done
 - e) Save the Spires
 - i. When Msgr joined Sacred Heart, Finance Committee developed a punch list of repairs and needs of the building
 1. Spires repair & maintenance - interior and exterior have been repaired
 2. Window above choir loft was repaired
 3. A/C Unit is high priority (57 years old)

- a. Electrical needs to be upgraded as well
 - 4. Pews and interior painting have been put on hold to support A/C and electrical costs
 - ii. Campaign will be ending soon
 - iii. Topping out Party to close campaign and celebrate generosity
 - iv. Looking at doing all or some of the pews at a future date
 - f) Faith Formation
 - i. Alan McGill has retired as Director of Faith Formation
 - ii. Delta Izaguirre new Director
 - 1. Developing some youth programs
 - g) Father Bill Williams
 - i. Assigned to prison ministry and Gift of Grace House
 - ii. Living in the rectory with Msgr Thein
 - iii. Will be assisting at Sunday Masses
 - h) Father Voytek is assigned by archdiocese to help with hospital ministry and parish Masses
 - i) Both priests are paid for by the Archdiocese
 - j) Financial audit was completed
 - k) Annual parish facility inspection reported positive results
- 4. Pastoral Administrator's Update – *Deacon Mike Balfour*
 - a) Two permanent deacons from Florida will be doing a week of Mission for spiritual talks Fall 2020
 - b) Reminder - Parish Council is not a legislative body
 - i. Function is to be wise counselors
 - ii. We should be an extension of the pastor
 - iii. Wear your badge at Mass
 - c) September 16-20 Priests go on to convocation
 - i. Communion services Monday-Friday
 - d) September is Time/Talent/Treasure talks - parishioners explain why they support the Parish financially
 - e) September 21-22 PATH will be speaking at Mass
 - f) September 21 StrokeScan Plus will be performing abdominal and arterial scans
 - g) MAC September 7-8 to present
 - i. Bring non-perishable canned food
 - h) Habitat for Humanity House Build in September
 - i. Deacon Mike will make a plaque to commemorate all builds
 - ii. O'Hagan Hall area will be to highlight ministries of Sacred Heart
 - iii. Georgia State Police Department commemorated Sacred Heart for helping the homeless
- 5. Ministries Update – *Deacon Marino Gonzalez*
 - a) Stewardship campaign is scheduled for September
 - b) Ministry Fair
 - i. Cormez food for sale
 - ii. Looking into credit cards for food sales
 - iii. Quest 1160 AM will be present
 - c) Deacon Marino - New Liturgical Ministry Coordinator
 - d) Liturgical training 9am and 11am on Sundays
 - i. Lectors, EMs, EMs to the sick are all still in need of volunteers
 - ii. Attend Mass wearing Parish Council badges
- 6. Faith Formation and Liturgy and Update
 - a) Faith formation and Liturgy updates will be provided by Msgr. Thein.

- b) Welcomed new Parish Council Members and new members present received their Parish Council name tags. Congratulated the new Vice-President Mike Wazlavek.
- c) There were no discussions on the content of the Parish Council Constitution. However, Peggy suggested we revisit the constitution periodically to ensure we are all aware of the guidelines. Msgr. Thein suggested in the future we revisit the structure of 12 members; we may want to lower the number members.
- d) Ricardo Newball stated that he's from Panama and there are a total of 5 Catholic churches on the entire island. The oldest church is over 500 years old and last he visited they have an a/c unit and they use solar energy.
- e) Deacon Marino discussed the 2019-20 stewardship campaign and he has asked us to pray for the stewardship campaign during its duration.

7. Parish Council Update – Peggy

Welcome New Board Members

- b) Parish Council Constitution

12. New Business

- a) Installation date of new officers - Need to set a date
 - i. President - Peggy Ballou
 - ii. VP - Mike Wazlavek
 - iii. Parish Council Announcement at September 22 10AM Mass
- b) Parish Council website; bio & statement
 - i. Need bios from existing members (have from new members)
- c) Volunteers to assist greeters @ 8 am Mass
 - i. Jesse has been distributing at 8am Mass
- d) Ministry Fair – Sept 21st & 22nd
 - i. Parish Council will have a table
 - ii. Peggy will have sign-up sheet

13. Round Table

- a) Peggy
 - i. Request for more enunciation for announcements into the microphone
 - 1. Speaker volume has been turned up
 - ii. Jack Stenger - sent a thank you card to the Parish Council
- b) Mike
 - i. Sacred Heart is a wonderful parish to be part of
- c) Ricardo
 - i. Happy to be part of the group
- d) Collin
 - i. Took a bit to get involved but
- e) Jesse
 - i. Happy to help with Masses being held even on Pride Weekends
- f) Alessandra
 - i. Thankful for dedicated people
 - ii. Need more social media volunteers

14. Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 25th @ 6pm. Parish Hall.

15. Closing Prayer - Msgr Thein

16. Next meeting - Collin Closing September 25th Jesse Opening