Pastoral Council
November 6, 2018
Minutes

1. Prayer
2. Updates
   a. The budgets for last year & this year were discussed
   b. Improvements & Work in Progress
      - New benches: outside parking lot entrance & in front of Blessed Mother Statue
      - Blessed Mother Statue: will be repaired; the other one will go in a niche in corner on Market Street to the left of our sign. Barbara Olejnik, of our Building & Property Committee, is working on design issues for both places honoring Mary
      - Installation of two railings for easy entrance into our altar area
      - Changing the inside door to the left of the altar (opposite the sacristy) with a push bar for easy exit in the case of an emergency
      - Pipes needing repair for organ (we have over $9000 in an account for organ repairs)

3. Catholic Strong Campaign: both worship sites have seen the video and the case statement. We are in the "quiet phase" where committee members are meeting with different members and friends of the parish. We are confident that 70% of our goal will be raised, so that we may use December for our commitment Sundays. Our goal is $205,000. Those who have already contributed have received written and personalized "thank yous" from me. Please talk up this campaign.

4. Convocation of Catholic Leaders: the Joy of the Gospel in South Jersey
   a. March 25-28, 2019 at Harrah's, Atlantic City
   b. Ten lay people needed
   c. Having a tough time gathering a group due to work schedules and inavailability.

5. Faith Formation Items

      - Cathedral Speaker Series this month features Fr. Jim Paradis, OSA who Will be speaking to us on "Healing Our Church." The evening begins at 7PM in Cathedral Hall on Tuesday, November 20.
      - Looking ahead
         1. Advent: Salesian Themes (Tues in Spanish; Thursday in English)
         2. Christmas Book and Chapter Sharing Sessions (January) Matthew Kelly's The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity (Spanish & English)
         3. Lent: to be determined

6. Other items:

   a. Marian Pilgrimage event was a great success. This event takes place every other year.
   b. The Msgr. Strenski Award was presented to Mr. Walt Piatek. See website for more information on this fine man.

7. Rest of the year meetings: Dec 4, ***Jan 8,*** Feb 5, Mar 5, ***Apr 9,*** May 7 (6:30 start)