



Pastoral Council AGENDA

Monday-February 8, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

1. **Gathering Prayer:** (Joan Butler)
2. **Additions to the Agenda?**
3. **Lent 2016: Overview of the Liturgy** (cf item #5)
4. **MaintainRenewImagine Strategic Planning Team: Review of last meeting**
(please note the information available on the parish website.)
MEETING WITH ARCHITECT, Carl Posowitz.
Reflection on Whole Parish Meeting.

What was/is your impression?

What did you hear?

What is your understanding of the process? Hopes for the process?

What are your concerns?

The Strategic Planning Team meets with Mr. Posowitz on Thursday, February 11. S. Mary Jo and Fr. Ed met with him last week for an overview of his presentation and a review of his “next step.”

Next FULL PARISH MEETING will be scheduled following Thursday’s meeting. Suggest: Sunday, March 21 following 10:00 mass. This will involve an updated and expanded presentation from the last gathering.



5. **STEWARDSHIP 2016: “Beacon of Hope; Promise of Mercy.”** The intended focus of stewardship will be parish outreach ministry. Increased giving by at least 10% in order to make parish outreach ministry a particular percentage of the parish budget (hopefully or eventually at least 10% annually). The current annual stewardship budget is \$191,000. This would mean that our goal would be an additional \$19,000 for parish outreach ministry.)

This, of course, does not preclude the ordinary needed increase in Stewardship simply to maintain current levels of ministry.

The Stewardship Schedule suggested is the following:

Principles based on Mallon's book, Divine Renovation (*please review pages 161 - 163*)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS; THE WORD IS NEAR YOU...

Introduction to 2016 Stewardship renewal:

Stewardship is giving: Time, Talent, Treasure

"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the Lord your God." "Filled with the Holy Spirit..."

The basket filled, the basket received: The Gift of Presence; the Gift of service; the Gift of treasure

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: Letter or brochure to all in the parish outlining the 2016 Stewardship Renewal: needs, principles and goals

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

Stewardship: Time for growing; time for learning; time for prayer. The time we take, the time we make, to go "up the mountain to pray..."

Prayer, Worship, Faith Formation, Serving Others. Being present, conversing, sharing, learning. Conversing with Christ and with Moses and Elijah, the Apostles and the Community of the Church.

A COVENANT OF PRESENCE.

SECOND WEEK OF LENT: Prayer for discernment mailed to all in the parish.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE: IT MAY BEAR FRUIT IN THE FUTURE!

"IN SEARCH OF FRUIT, GOOD WORKS, HOPE AND MERCY."

Stewardship: The giving of time, the power of presence, the call to service.

What are you passionate about?

What do you love doing?

Ministry, service and transfiguration. Patiently waiting for growth.

Reflection from parishioners who share in parish ministries (e.g. Sunday Parishioner Faith Formation presentations.)

"THUS I AM TO BE REMEMBERED FOR ALL GENERATIONS."

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: Letter to all in the parish outlining the Stewardship of treasure financial Goal: “In service to the Many—A Season of Hope, A Promise of Mercy.”

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: THE PRODIGAL SON
A BEACON OF HOPE: CARING FOR THE LOST, SERVING THOSE IN NEED. RETURNING HOME TO THE VISION OF THE GOSPEL.
Stewardship: Sharing financial treasure: Caring for the many in need; strengthening the community of Blessed Trinity.
The Stewardship 2016 Goal: Dramatically increase parish funding for outreach ministries.
What we could do, the many we could serve, the lives we could save. Stewardship is not just about “taking care of ourselves.” It is first and foremost about serving the needs of others!
“WHOEVER IS IN CHRIST IS A NEW CREATION...”
“YOUR BROTHER WAS DEAD AND HAS COME TO LIFE AGAIN; HE WAS LOST AND HAS BEEN FOUND.”

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: Stewardship Intention card mailed to all parishioners. Includes: (a) Intention to give time to prayer, worship, faith formation; (b) Intention to serve in parish ministries; (c) Intention to give of treasure to provide for those in need and for the growth of the parish.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY.
A PROMISE OF MERCY: CHOOSING TO GIVE: “SO WHAT DO YOU SAY?”
All are invited to either return their intention card or complete it during Mass on this Sunday. Rather than collecting the cards and weekly offering envelopes in the ordinary manner, on this Sunday ALL WILL PROCESS forward and place their cards in the baskets provided at the altar, reminiscence to the “procession” described in this Sunday’s Gospel.
“Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.”
“Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue

my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus."

THE EASTER SEASON: *Follow-up to the entire 2016 Stewardship Initiative will continue throughout the Easter Season.*

6. **Report/Reflection: The New Year Eve Pasty Dinner.**
7. **Comment on Parish Faith Formation, February 7, 2016**
 - ❖ What do we do for new parishioners?
 - ❖ Are we encouraging new faces to stay?
 - ❖ Update: Parish booklet of what we will offer and expect
8. **National Association of Pastoral Musicians: Winter Colloquium, Daytona Beach.** The Topic of the Gathering: Multi-Cultural liturgy and ministry.
S. Mary Jo and Fr. Ed participated in this gathering: Reflection on the event.