

## St. Peter Parish Council Meeting Minutes 10-10-19

Report from Father Dvorak:

1. Meeting with Blessed Trinity Corporate Board tabled for now. Deacon Mark attended BT School Board meeting on the finances and future of Blessed Trinity School. Deacon Mark will give a report on that meeting.
2. Introduce Christy Baker new to the Parish Council. Simon Anani, unable to attend this meeting will join the Parish Council in the future.
3. Fall Festival and conclusion of the St. Peter 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Father reported and others agreed the event was great: wonderful variety of music, the Mass was well presented, great meal (the dinner raised \$1900.00 which was \$500.00 more than the amount raised in 2018, the silent auction did well and the drawing raised \$6500.00.
4. Twelve dogs were blessed in the Blessing of the animals.

Father noted a small “coming back” of parishioners which he sees as a positive sign for St. Peter’s future.

New Enterprises: Father asked the Council “What we can we do differently? What can we do better?”

1. Evangelization efforts are necessary. Father hopes to pick up on some of the ideas put forth in the talk by Denise Hurl to the Council in April 2018. Efforts will be made to continue to connect with Denise on some steps in the area of Evangelizing at St. Peter.
2. Father worked with Togolese priests who came to minister to people of Togo last summer. Father spoke of strong and natural connections and a spiritual bond with them. He was impressed with their prayerfulness. On Sunday, October 13, 12:30 pm the Mass will be offered at St. Peter in French. There are a growing number of Togolese parishioners at St. Peter and Father would like to have these parishioners also be Eucharistic Ministers in the future.
3. A very elaborate Togolese wedding (in the French language) was celebrated on September 28— Father described the wedding as very enriching in faith.
4. Two new initiatives at St. Peter for family ministry in 2020: Early Catholic Family Life (ECFL) in the Spanish language and ECFL for grandparents and grandchildren. Joanne and Alan Foley are working with CSCOE (Catholic Schools Center of Excellence) and the Archdiocese Office of Evangelization in these pilots.
5. Woman’s Retreat entitled “Mary Our Mother Lead Us to Your Son” scheduled for November 2 at St. Peter currently has 56 registered. The schedule consists of Mass, Adoration, and a series of talks on Mary Queen of Heaven.
6. Our Lady of the Pillar, based on the first apparition to the Apostle St. James, is a very important title of Our Lady to people of the Philippines. Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am at St. Peter on October 12 to celebrate Our Lady of the Pillar.
7. Homilies by Father Dvorak regarding belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist were well received.
8. Corpus Christi Mass and Procession in early 2019 included the First Communion children and was a beautiful custom. Father wishes to continue this as a St. Peter tradition in 2020.

9. Father Dvorak is encouraging new ideas for activities to highlight the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist—such as a bus to go from Church to Church. A suggestion was made to move the tabernacle to the front-center of the altar from its current location on the front-side of the altar in order to encourage adoration and love of Eucharist.
10. Report on Sacramental Preparation classes: First Reconciliation 15 students/families, Confirmation 8 students, Marriage preparation is exciting as 6-7 couples will get their marriages blessed.
11. The Anointing Mass at St. Peter was attended by 60 people. Two visiting priests assisted Father Dvorak, Fr. Casey and Fr. Bakatu.
12. Generations of Faith continues this year to connect generations—a goal of creating a bridge.

Up-coming Surprises:

1. Pete's Boutique on Saturday, October 26.
2. Bishop Cozzens on December 4<sup>th</sup> will give a talk on Mary. (Probably 7pm)
3. Mike Lynch gave a good talk last year will talk on the Star of Bethlehem on December 10—at the request of Father Dvorak.

Father told the Council, "We are trying to get different things going at St. Peter."