

MEN'S CLUB POST KICK OFF EVENT SUMMARY

The AGOC Men's Club launched its new program with a Kickoff Event on Tuesday, October 21st. A groundbreaking 24 men from the parish and community, including 5 "rising stars" young men who have already demonstrated their commitment to our parish through their prior involvement, attended the event which provided a forum for fellowship. The collaboration between the older members and the youth at the event laid the foundation for the growth and development of this ministry of AGOC.

The event offered to the attendees a variety of food and beverages including Italian and chicken meatballs, pork, chicken kabobs, Spanakopita, Greek Pasta Salad, Ceasar Salad and Salami, potato chips, assorted cheeses/salami charcutier, brownies and chocolate chip cookies. Beverages included a variety of international wines, soda and water.

There was so much food remaining, the Men's Club sent the attendees home with doggie bags and also left some food for the upcoming Coffee hour. The attendees enjoyed their meals with some great background music.

Door prizes were awarded to 3 attendees, which included bottles of wine and packages of Lindt chocolate.

During this 2-hour event, the Men's Club Committee distributed membership packets and made a presentation to the group that included a description of the Men's Club including its composition, mission, goals and 2026 agenda along with the summation of the history of the church dating back to 1917. Fr. Costin, encouraged the youth to make recommendations about what events would be appealing to them and take a leadership role in the organization of the same. It appears that the youth have already been collaborating about what events could be planned.

All in all, the event was highly successful, and everyone left with a strong spirit of enthusiasm and optimism.

The next Men's Club meeting will be held on November 6th at 6:30pm at which there will be an election of new officers, a vote to adopt the new Rules and Guidelines and 2026 Agenda and how the funds held by the Men's Club in the sum of about \$5,000 should be appropriated. This meeting will be held at the church but for those of you who cannot attend personally, an invitation will be sent to you for remote access to the meeting.

Finally, the first fundraising event sponsored by the Men's Club in 2026 will be Gyro Booth event. It will be held Memorial Day weekend to coincide with Newburyport Spring Festival. Planning for this event will begin shortly and volunteers are being sought.

Please continue to visit the Men's Club page on the AGOC website at
www.annunciation.ma.goarch.org for additional information as we move forward.