

PARISH OF SAINT ANN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Attendees/Pastoral Council Members:

Rev. John Klevence, Pastor

Rev Joseph Dovari, Associate Pastor

Cathy Rossi, Betty Wisgirda, Alexis Sclama, Jared Browne, Tina Gordon, Tom Hill, Lola Lopez, Eileen McGarry, Jose Pena, Mary Regan, Willy Rojas, Joe Willcox

Visting Attendees: Bob Webster- Preparing for Permanent Diaconate;

Georgia Bresch and Roberta Spees from Business Office for Executive Session.

1. OPENING PRAYER

- Fr. Joseph led the Campaign Prayer

2. WELCOME BACK FROM SUMMER BREAK

- Cathy Rossi welcomed all present
- Each member introduced themselves

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Parish Council was briefed on the status of the Capital Campaign
- The Council voted to approve the election of Mary Regan as Secretary

NEW BUSINESS/ DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Updates on New Initiatives

- Betty Wisgirda provided a summary of feedback collected via parish council and suggestion boxes.
- Issues raised concerned various liturgical practices (i.e. ringing of bells, traditional music, children's blessings, distribution of the Precious Blood for Holy Communion.) Requests for pew cushions.
- Father Klevence emphasized consideration of ADA compliance in forthcoming renovations.
- Discussion followed regarding locating the handicapped for distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Several practices were shared.

2. Ministry and Committee Updates

a. Finance Council

- Joe Willcox will serve as new liaison

b. Summer Bazaar

- Alexis will remain on board as Liaison currently.
- Proceeds including car raffle totaled \$209,000 – a huge success

c. Liturgy Committee

- Jose Pena will serve as the new liaison to align English and Spanish liturgical practices.
- Rosemary Shoemaker will provide minutes from Liturgy Committee to Parish Council secretary.

d. Christian Formation/Social Concerns – Tina Gordon

- Calendar and handbook are now on the website.
- Almost all volunteers are complaint with receiving VIRTUS training.
- Registration for Religious Education is at 55 but increasing daily.
- Adult Formation – new Bible Study meets Thursday mornings; Walking with Purpose begins on Wed, September 30th.
- Willy Rojas will assist Tina by serving on the Formation Committee

e. Youth Ministry- Jared Browne

- *Parable of Jesus* Bible Camp in August was a success; 13 youth attended
- Young Adult Group (SABB Connections) is growing.
- Damascus Summer Camp in Emmitsburg, MD was well attended (13 sponsorships provided) and had a positive impact on participants. Discussion followed concerning financial aid offered by the Diocese; suggestions made for parish sponsor program in the future.

f. Hispanic Community-Maria Collelo (report via email)

- Community is eager to assist with fundraising for the new parish center by way of food preparation and sales. Next event will be October 25 after 10:30 Mass. (Delaney Hall)
- Currently planning for Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast on December 12th. Over 500 parishioners expected to attend.

g. Building Grounds and Maintenance

- Lola Lopez has agreed to serve as liaison and will interface with Doug Schultz.

h. Hospitality Committee

- Eileen McGarry has agreed to serve as liaison.

i. St. Vincent de Paul Society/Men's Club/Knight of Columbus

- Tom Hill has agreed to serve as liaison for all the above groups since he serves as secretary.

j. Safety Committee

- Fr. Klevence stated that plans for this committee are forming now.

NEW BUSINESS/TOPICS FOR OCTOBER MEETING

1. Betty Wisgirda asked about revisiting the parish goals formulated last year to familiarize new members with the procedure.
2. Cathy Rossi stated that due to time constraints we would address this issue on the October Meeting Agenda.
3. Next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5th at 5:00 p.m.

CLOSING PRAYER – Capital Campaign Prayer

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Regan