

## **Parish Pastoral Council Minutes**

**December 4, 2025**

### **Zoom**

*Council members in attendance:* Fr. John Dillon, Marianne Deausen, Todd Grams, Christine King, Bernie McGuire, Vincent Price, and Jose Silva.

Others in attendance: Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan

- The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm.
- Vincent Price moved to accept the minutes from the October 2025 meeting, while Jose Silva seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council's meeting in October 2025 was unanimously approved.

The campus-wide improvements funded by the parish's recent capital campaign continue progressing, though, some hiccups have occurred and are being addressed, Fr. John Dillon reported to the Parish Pastoral Council at its meeting on December 4, 2025.

During his Report from the Pastor, Fr. John reported that the units for the new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system for the church, Gathering Space and Parish Center have all been bid out and ordered. The new HVAC system for the Rectory and Priests' Residence must still be bid out. The replacement of several outdoor steps around the parish campus has also begun.

Installation of the church's new lighting system hit a snag, with Pirro Electric running into a problem with the wiring. Fr. John said the parish opted to accept a recommendation that the wiring manufacturer proposed, requiring a \$2,000 change order to the project.

On a separate, but related improvement, Fr. John reported that the parish needs to approach the archdiocese about issuing a stop work order on the rebuild of a piano. The vendor, who had been allegedly working on the rebuild for the past two years, has not completed the job. The parish had already paid him two payments, and the parish will not pay any more to this vendor. Fr. John said the parish now plans to buy a new or gently used piano. He said the parish has the funds in hand from the remaining budgeted funds that were going to be used for the piano rebuild.

In his financial report, Fr. John stated the following for the parish's finances in October 2025:

Parish Income: \$126,737.96

Parish Expenses: \$121,031.07

Income-Expenses: Surplus of \$5,706.89

### **Year to Date Actual:**

Parish Income: \$511,948

Parish Expenses: \$493,593.96

Income to Expenses: Surplus of \$18,354.04

**Weekly Offertory:**

October 2025: \$81,915.76

YTD Actual: \$338,722.88

YTD Budget: \$332,222.01

**iGiveCatholic:** \$5,000 goal

Amount given thus far: \$1,550

**Committee/Ministry Reports:**

- **New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance:** NNIA President Chris King described the plight of the 91 refugee and asylee families being helped by NNIA as “an extremely tough time for our community.” Given the cessation of federal entitlement monies for refugees and the expected influx of Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers into Maryland, the current environment for the families has been one of fear. “As an organization we are doing great. It’s the fear that people have that is taking over. You can’t imagine how it’s been,” King said.
- **Ad-hoc Committee on Anti-Racism:** Fr. John read aloud a letter he had received from archdiocesan Secretary of Cultural Diversity and Outreach Wendi Williams regarding the recent screening of “A Place at the Table: African-Americans on the Path to Sainthood,” in which she reported hearing positive reactions from the event.
- **Knights of Columbus Council 2323:** Parish Pastoral Council member Bernie McGuire reported on several events the Knights had recently held or attended, including the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Gala and the Build-a-Bed event. He also reported that the Knights would have a Christmas party for Special Olympians on December 12; a council Christmas party on December 13; and an exemplification ceremony for new members on December 16.
- **Communications Ministry:** Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan reported that the ministry had developed a communications plan for the #iGiveCatholic campaign held from late November to early December; established a new Youth Ministry page for the web site; and planned to help with the Ministry Fair scheduled for January 10-11. She also reported on the status of the video project commemorating the parish having celebrated for 50 years in the church in 2025.

- **Youth Ministry:** Marianne Deausen reported that she and Ed have helped Youth Ministry Coordinator Francesca Santos with Youth Ministry activities. She said drivers are needed to take teens to the Mount 2000 Retreat in February.
- **Couples for Christ:** Marianne also reported that CfC just completed its Christian Life Program and received two new parishioners.

Before the meeting concluded, Fr. John reminded the council about upcoming Advent events, including the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; the Advent Penance Service on December 15; and the upcoming Christmas Masses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.