

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

October 30, 2025

Zoom

Council members in attendance: Fr. John Dillon, Marianne Deausen, Guy Federico, Todd Grams, Christine King, Vincent Price, Jose Silva, and Hoai-an Truong.

Others in attendance: Deacon James McCann and Communications Coordinator Melissa Egan.

- The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.
- Chris King moved to accept the minutes from the September 2025 meeting, while Todd Grams seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council's meeting in September 2025 was unanimously approved.

Amid the cascading effects from the U.S. government shutdown from October 1-November 12 of this year that squeezed the resources of federal workers and poor people alike, our church should focus on supporting existing programs and ministries that are already serving people in need, said Fr. John Dillon at the meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on October 30.

The church would be better equipped to support entities, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Francis of Assisi, the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance, and the St. Martin's Food Pantry, than start its own food pantry, for example.

"That way, we can support what's already there," Fr. John said.

The pastor also gave a report on the status of projects funded by the recent capital campaign. He reported that the four heating, ventilation, and air conditioning replacement units have been ordered and are scheduled to be installed by February 2026, weather permitting. He added that Pirro Electric, the contractor installing our new lighting control system in the church, was in the process of completing its work; it should take five working days to complete. And Fr. John reported that contracts had been bid out to replace several sets of outdoor steps with new concrete steps that are to code.

In his financial report, Fr. John reported the following for the parish's Financial Report for September 2025:

September 2025:

- Parish income: \$109,663
- Parish expenses: \$143,036
- Deficit of \$33,373

Year to date Actual:

- Parish income: \$385,211
- Parish expenses: \$372,563
- Surplus of \$12,648

Weekly Offertory:

- August 2025: \$81,368
- YTD budget: \$254,042
- TYD actual: \$250,306

Report on the Capital Campaign:

- Pledges are still at approximately \$1.3 million.
- Payments to date: \$605,272

In his Pastor's Report, Fr. John also reported that he and Fr. G would be leaving for the Priest Convocation on November 4-6. Deacon Ed Deausen will do communion services on the days no priest is available to celebrate daily Mass. He also reported that parishioner Rosemary Hudecheck will now serve as the coordinator of the Prayers of the Faithful Writers, since former ministry coordinator Patrice Datovech resigned.

In a report from the New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance, Chris King reported that 41 new immigrant and refugee families are being served by NNIA, as of January 1. Through September 2025, the organization had \$267,766 in income and \$254,758 in expenses. Chris also reported on the impact of NNIA's Employment Committee and said there is an urgent need to address the cessation of the Supplemental Nutrition Program and WIC Program on November 1. Lastly, she said the organization is planning a faith and civic leaders event in April or May 2026.

In other business, the Parish Pastoral Council heard reports from the:

- **Communications Ministry:** Organized a parishwide cookie treat distributed at all Masses on July 26/27, as a thank you to the parish for their support and contributions to the capital campaign; submitted articles for the August issue of *Our Parish Times*; began work on a video project to commemorate parishioners having worshipped at St. Francis of Assisi Church for the past 50 years.
- **Knights of Columbus Council 2323:** Members attended the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center Gala on October 23; are taking part in a Build-a-Bed event on November 8; hosting Special Olympians for a Christmas party; planning a Coats for Kids event; hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraising event for Haiti in January; planning a Fifth Sunday Rosary in November.
- **Ad-hoc Committee on Anti-Racism:** Inviting people to attend the "A Place at the Table: African Americans on the Pathway to Sainthood" event on November 15.
- **Couples for Christ:** Sponsoring a Christian Life Program series beginning on November 1.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

