**Meeting Summary**

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**Parish Advisory Council**

**St. Joseph’s Parish, Somers NY**

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| **Date** | **May 12, 2025** |
| **Start Time** | **7:00 pm** |

**Attendees: Father John Lagiovane, David Briante, Gil Chimes, Marie Riffel, Peter Riffel, Ken Strnad.**

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**Opening Prayer**

* Father Lagiovane opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Ministry Booklet**

* PAC discussed the creation of a parish ministry booklet to be provided to new parish members at time of registration.
* The PAC recommendation was to proceed with an on-line digital version using existing website ministry information.
* Father will modify the registration form and include a cover letter that will allow easy access to the digital ministry document.
* A PAC member, Marie Riffel, volunteered to assist Joe Bilello in creating the digital ministry document from the exist parish website.

**Survey - Potential Changes in Mass Times**

* Father Lagiovane reviewed the projected decrease in priests across the archdiocese and its future impact on our parish.
* Father has drafted a letter to the parish that outlines the priest vocational crisis and the future impact. The intent is to start anticipating the need to review the Mass schedules for future adjustment.
* A draft of the survey questions is completed. The PAC members will receive a copy, and Father requested the PAC members review it and provide their input to him.
* The initial thought is to release the survey in the fall, but this is not yet finalized.

**Parish Project Updates**

* The final security cameras have been added to the facility. A total of thirteen cameras are in use.
* The parking lot will be re-sealed this summer.
* The proposed conversion of parish lighting to LED is proceeding. This will eventually allow the parish to submit a rebate to NYSEG.
* There will be updates to the parish cemetery this summer including improvement to the receiving area.
* Proactive maintenance work is ongoing. The outside doors in the parish center and side doors will be replaced. The doors need to be replaced since they are not functioning correctly and replacement parts are no longer available.
* Father commented that the parish continues to receive generous donations from parishioners. These donations are helpful in financing special projects.

**Closing**

* Fr. Lagiovane concluded the meeting with a prayer at 8:00pm.