

## St. John the Evangelist Parish

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - Minutes

Fr. Michael Williams – Pastor – ex officio

Myron McCormick – Finance – ex officio

Marie Bardswich – St. John's

Sue Quackenbush – St. John's **ABSENT with regrets**

Pamela Schofield-Adams – St. John's

James Murphy – St. John's

Sheila Lapierre – St. John's

Trudy Hinds – St. Bernardine's **ABSENT**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, June 4th at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

PRAYER We prayed a decade of the Rosary for Barb Pineau, PPC member who died on June 2nd, to begin our meeting.

**Following this, the PPC met to discuss the following pastoral issues:**

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- (1) Bishop's pastoral visit: **October 18 – October 26, 2025**
- (2) Jubilee Year – December 24, 2024 to January 6, 2026 – Parish Pilgrimage to Martyr's Shrine
- (3) A Fall Event
- (4) Parish Photo Album
- (5) Kneelers in the Church

#### NEW BUSINESS:

#### ONGOING BUSINESS:

- (6) Social Concerns, Worship, Future Planning, Youth, Pastoral Care, Faith Formation & Spirituality
- (7) Parish Financial Update

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Re: (1) The dates of our Bishop's pastoral visit to our two Parishes have been set. Our next PPC meeting will be with him. Fr. Michael will begin planning the itinerary over the summer and will touch base with the PPC informally, as needed, as the plans unfold.

Re: (2) Six parishioners accompanied Fr. Michael on a day Pilgrimage to the Martyr's Shrine in Midland on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was a spiritually fruitful day. Locally, the Bishop has designated both the Grotto in Sudbury and the Adoration Chapel at Our Lady of Hope as visitation sites for the Jubilee Indulgence. That information has been published in our Parish bulletin.

Re: (3) The “Fall Event” takes the place of the “Spring Event” that the Knights of Columbus could not take on this year for our Parish. We will strive to have it correspond to the time our Bishop is here for his visitation. It may take the form of a Parish Sunday Brunch or a dinner, or perhaps both.

Re: (4) The Jubilee Parish Photo Album has 88 families/individuals registered. Additionally, volunteers will visit shut-ins in their homes to take their pictures for the album. Ann McCormick is coordinating this project with the support of many volunteers.

Re: (5) Following up on the request of the PPC at our last meeting to cost out the reinstallation of kneelers in our Church, Myron did a lot of work on this file. The standard supply route for kneelers is not inexpensive and, as it turns out, could not be followed due to the trade war/tariffs currently in place. The best estimates we could find would put the cost close to \$20,000 but nobody would commit to a quote in the current environment.

Myron then sourced a high quality product that he designed using the services of a local carpenter (Amsey Martin), upholsterer (Gerry’s Upholstering) and welder (the Weld Doctor) that will allow us to reinstall solid oak kneelers, stained to match the pews, for a cost of \$12,514.41.

After some sharing and discussion, the PPC was unanimously in favour of proceeding with this project. Myron will initiate the process immediately. PPC expressed its gratitude to Myron for the extensive work he did in preparing this estimate.

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Under “New Business”, Fr. Michael reminded the PPC that we are lacking 2 members: one representative for St. John’s, and one representative for St. Bernardine’s. He asked that we all consider possible candidates over the summer and approach them with an invitation to consider serving on the PPC.

Regarding the need for a coordinator for the Ministry of Hospitality, Fr. Michael indicated that he will be calling on current members of that Ministry to consider taking on the coordinator’s position.

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Re: (6) Many of these areas were covered already in our discussions. Sheila mentioned that the Garson Food Bank will be closed for the month of July (our Parish will still accept donations that month). We had some furnace issues last month, but we have them under control, and the furnace is in overall good condition.

Re: (7) Myron distributed a spreadsheet showing our financials to the end of May. We are in good financial condition, with no concerns raised. Regarding the unbudgeted expense for the new kneelers, we will easily be able to absorb that expense from our current account. It will not cause any undue stress to our financial situation.

The meeting ended with a prayer at 7:10pm.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Wednesday, October 22nd at 6pm in the Parish Hall, with Bishop Thomas.