

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 2-20-2025**

Meeting was convened at 6:35 p.m. in the rectory.

Present – Father Joe, Kathryn Moery, John Rordan, Matthew Lee-Own, Michael Griffin, Adam White, Luca Ripani, Al Ferolie, Jolanta Oliver (via Zoom)

Opening Prayer - Michael delivered the opening prayer from a Psalm of David, “Security of Those Who Trust in the Lord, and Insecurity of the Wicked.” Psalm 37. The Psalms are a form of prayer heard at every Mass.

Fr. Joe explained that the Psalms are very expressive of people’s emotions when they are desperate, upset, or angry.

Minutes - Minutes of the January 23, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved without correction.

Book Discussion [15 mins] – Discussion was opened into *Thriving Faith* (Fr. James Mallon) – Introduction, Chapters 1-2

- This book is the sequel to Divine Renovation and Divine Renovation: Beyond the Parish. The book is set after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Announcements –

- **Fr. Joe provided update on Lenten Enrichment events:**
 - Rosary Group – Servite Rosary will be prayed on all Sundays of Lent beginning March 2nd
 - Baby Bottle Drive – Knights of Columbus will be handing out baby bottles following all Masses on March 1st and 2nd
 - Bible study- both daytime and evening group
 - Evenings of Faith program – Wednesday evenings beginning the week after Ash Wednesday, March 12th
 - Lenten Fish Fry, March 14th
 - Pizza Party, February 22nd

Old Business [20 minutes]

- Hallow App update – Matthew provided an update on pricing and features of the Hallow app for consideration by the Parish Council. Fr. Joe and the PPC had additional questions about the process by which content is added to the

app for parishioners. Matthew will update the PPC by follow-up email in advance of the March meeting. Discussion tabled for the March PPC meeting.

- Greeters Ministry Status Report - Kathryn provided an update on the Greeters ministry. Fr. Joe indicated that we need greeter coverage for several important upcoming dates:
 - Ash Wednesday typically has the greatest attendance for the year and ideally needs coverage
 - Fr. Joe indicated that our primary focus for new greeters is for the 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 pm Sunday Masses.

- Communications Committee update - Matthew and Adam provided an update on meeting of the PPC Communications Committee
 - Creation of an internal photo directory of ministry leaders so that people can put a face to a name
 - Proposed initiative to interview ministry leaders and parishioners to create content for website

New Business [30 minutes]

- Proposal for Leadership Summit – Discussion was opened into the Proposal for Leadership Summit
 - Dates of March 23rd and March 30th were selected as proposed dates for the Leadership Summit
 - Leadership Summit subcommittee will convene in the coming week to discuss format of email to be sent to ministry heads and finalized draft agenda for Leadership Summit. Finalized copies of materials will be sent to Fr. Joe for approval.
 - PPC will send invitations to all ministry leaders inviting them to the Leadership Summit by Friday, February 28th
 - Ministry heads will have till Thursday, March 6th to reply / designate who will be representing the ministry at the Summit.
 - PPC will identify who will be representing the Council at the Summit.

- Suggestion Box discussion was deferred to the March meeting

Closing Prayer – Fr. Joe delivered the closing prayer.