

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 3-20-2025**

Meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

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

Opening Prayer - Matthew delivered the opening prayer "*Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal*" and "*Litany of Trust*". As we continue with the Lenten season, we are called to reflect on the ways in which we need to be spiritually renewed. Especially given the state of the nation / world at the moment, it may become difficult to truly trust in God. We recite the "Litany of Trust" seeking deliverance from our fears and uncertainties and affirming our trust in God.

Minutes - Minutes of the February 20, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved without correction.

Book Discussion (15 mins) - Discussion was opened into *Thriving Faith* (Fr. James Mallon) - Chapters 3-5

How can we adapt Fr. Mallon's lessons to our Parish Council?

Fr. Joe - Historically Assumption had been a Parish where people could attend without much expectation being placed on you.

What Fr. Mallon is talking about is fostering cultural change.

Kathryn - we don't have the sort of family planting culture at Assumption

From the perspective of the Parish, we don't care how long you've been a member here,

Fr. Joe: "*If we don't actively embrace the death that leads to life, than the life that leads to death will embrace us*"

Announcements

- Lenten Enrichment Events Reminder
- Greeters for Holy Week Liturgies
 - Volunteers needed for Greeters for the Holy Week Masses
- Next Meeting - **April 24th** due to Holy Week Schedule

Old Business (30 minutes)

- Leadership summit finalization
 - Finalization of Agenda
 - Who will be attending the Summit?
 - Jola will do PPC update
 - Explain people how the PPC operates, list of achievements for next year.
 - MLO will help setup
 - Cleanup
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- Communication Committee update deferred from Feb Meeting
- Hallow app update (MLO)

New Business (20 minutes)

- PPC Nomination Outreach Schedule
 - Weekend of April 27th
 - Saturday 5pm - Mark
 - Sunday 7:30 - Jola
 - Sunday 9 - Al Ferolie
 - Sunday 10:30 - Matthew
 - Sunday 12:15 - Michael
 - Sunday 5pm - Luca
 - Hospitality May 4
 - Council will attend the event and
- Generation to Generation Announcement
 - There will be an insert in the bulletin this week about the Generation to Generation update
 - We are ½ way to the goal already
 - Around May 4th there will be materials in the pews / back of church
- Suggestion Box Update
 - Has not been a lot of suggestions in the box
 - Single adults over 35 events?
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- Brainstorm PPC Initiatives for Next Year
 - PPC welcome Hospitality Sunday
 - Accompanying
 - Sending
 - Married couples invitation

Closing Prayer (5 minutes) - Fr. Joe delivered the closing prayer