

June 23, 2023

Dear Pastoral Council, Finance Councils, Trustees, and Administrative Staff,

Greetings to you all!

Thank you for taking the time to respond to my questions regarding which of the parish campuses should host our linked parish administrative offices on a full-time basis (Monday – Thursday) and which one could be offered for possible rental purposes with interested non-for-profit third parties during the week. I compiled the responses that I received for you to review in a separate document. I purposely omitted the sender's names because some of the emails were not sent to the group (I do not assume that everyone wanted to attach their name to their comments).

On a related note, I am grateful to Tricia Tauss and Jennifer Connolly for meeting with me on Wednesday, June 7th to review their work with Mother Teresa's Closet. As you may or may not know, Tricia, Jennifer, and a team of dedicated volunteers generously serve our community by providing bags of toiletries and cleaning products the second Thursday of each month from 9:30 am – 12 pm. I wanted to make sure that any future plans take this ministry into consideration.

On Thursday, June 22nd, I met with Bonnie Peck from the Glove City Coalition to take a look at the Holy Trinity Church campus (her office is a short walk up the hill from Glebe Street). I explained the hopeful goal of being able to provide office rental space to potentially interested non-for-profit use. She gave me two names of people who work as partners with her (Alecia King and Margaret Clark) and suggested that I reach out to them, so I sent them an email this afternoon. Ms. Peck has also invited me to be the guest speaker at the Glove City Coalition meeting on Thursday, August 17th, 10 am at the Gloversville library. I will be sharing the good work that our communities offer (Mother Teresa's Closet, the Helper's Store, and Friday's Table in particular). Likewise, I plan on sharing the office space rental idea for potential non-for-profit use.

Ms. Peck also suggested making a parish hall available on a rental basis (not necessarily every day but for specific events). I want to mention that anyone who is part of this email chain is welcome to join me at the Glove City Coalition meeting on Thursday, August 17th at 10 am at the Gloversville Library. That time will likely not match up with your daytime work schedules but for those who are interested, I think that it would be helpful.

At this time, I would like to invite any interested parties to join me for a “Walk Thru” of our two parish offices/halls on Thursday, July 6th and Friday, July 7th. The start time and location for both walk thrus will be 5:30 pm at the Holy Trinity campus followed by a visit to the Holy Spirit campus. I think that this would be especially helpful for anyone who may not be as familiar with both properties as they might be with their home parish’s property.

My goal is to have a recommended permanent parish office location two weeks prior to the Thursday, August 17th Glove City Coalition meeting. It will be necessary for me to be able to definitively know which of our campuses will be available for non-for-profit use.

Thank you very much for reading this novel-length letter! I wish you all a blessed rest of the day.

Peace,

Fr. Matt