

HOLY CROSS PARISH

A welcoming, vibrant community committed to growing in and sharing the love of Jesus

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date: July 28, 2024

Minutes approved: Sunday, July 28, 2024

Open with prayer: <https://reflections.yale.edu/article/seize-day-vocation-calling-work/merton-prayer>

Present: Kerry Mess, Dana Mochoviak, Matthew Tabone [Betty O'Brien, Jen Spivey, Chris Mess]

Absent: Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster, Jenna Turner, Mike Stensland, Rich Meyers

THE MERTON PRAYER

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think I am following your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you

does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though

I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me,

and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

I. Council Minutes

A. Last meeting: Approval of minutes (June 30) – approved

B. No bulletin this week

1. Maureen not emailed – Kerry missed emailing her

2. Kerry will make sure it goes to Maureen

3. Put when Deacon Paul is preaching in bulletin (2nd Sunday of month)

4. Notes

a. Fr. Bob Longbucco celebrating on Sunday, Sept. 1

b. Sept. 8, 15 no priest; Matthew planning to ask Deacon Paul to come

c. Matthew away: August 5-24

need help counting

II. Meeting Items

A. Next steps for parish building: How do we fulfill our vision? Project Plan—Where do we want to be in six months, a year?

B. Homebound visits:

1. Matthew visits Giambros; Jack Neary also visits them.

2. Jen going to visit Pat Stensland

3. If Jen available in August for Giambros; go with Matthew once to introduce her.

4. Helen Caberneti – Apparently with parish in past, lived in Gilbertsville, recently moved back; daughter taking care of her; Matthew tried to call the number given, no answer Jen will check with Gilbertsville Food Pantry people to see if she can get contact info.
- C. Project Planning
1. Liturgy of the Word books – sometimes different readings than Sunday sometimes – should we have the books? Can we find books that match the liturgical calendar?
 2. Posting bulletins in public places—library, post office?
 3. Jen will check with Rich Meyers about thanking him for doing the steps and email Kerry if it's OK to put in the bulletin.

From E-mail: Our primary goal is community evangelization: How do we reach out, what are we offering, and how to we provide a pathway for connection, relationship, community? **Please consider that question over the next few days, so we can have a rich brainstorming session to begin making concrete action plans for realizing our mission and vision.**

Coffee hour: Sunday, August 11; Rosary: Sunday, August 18

Next meeting: Sunday, September 8 (coffee hour)

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