

# 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: June 30, 2024

**Minutes approved: Sunday, July 28**

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

Present: Kerry Mess, Dana Mochoviak, Matthew Tabone, Carol Tyson, Marguerite Webster

Absent: 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 (April 14)

NOTE: Kerry is directly emailing Michael Beaver (IT person) at the diocese for the weekly bulletin.
  - B. Minutes/bulletins on parish website
- II. Meeting Items
  - A. Picnic Debrief

Approximately 21 people  
Marguerite + husband, Dana, Tabones (8), Jen Spivey, Meyers clan (5), Mess (3), Maureen, Daphne  
Great weather, plenty of food  
What can we do next time?
  - B. Next steps for parish building: How do we fulfill our vision? Project Plan—Where do we want to be in six months, a year?

Put vision on front of bulletin – under blue panel  
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.**
  - C. What would it look like if we were fulfilling our vision and mission?

1. *Bring people in*

**Cadre of greeters at the beginning of mass (5 = once a month)**

*Put number for readings on board at front.*

*Would Fr. Chris be willing to welcome people, acknowledge new people/visitors? – Kerry will reach out to Fr. Chris.*

*Insert in Wharton Valley Gazette – people still asking if the church is closed.*

*Reach out to the inactive parishioners – do something for Christmas (advent)?*

*Diocese has been pushing healing masses – do and put out invites? Who would celebrate? (Bishop was doing them)*

*Vicar General, Fr. Bob Longobucco – covering for Fr. Chris in September*

2. *What are we offering? How do we connect to community?*

*Increase in number of people coming?*

**No more questions: Is Holy Cross closed?**

**Personal connections to community through card ministry (birthdays, special occasions)**

**– need a calendar with all dates**

*Hot dog Sunday or Ice Cream Sunday Sunday?*

**Increase outreach to homebound, older**

*Speaker system for church – so everyone can hear*

*Daily Star – has church listings*

*Parish Facebook pages*

*Connection card – put in bulletins, pews (can put in basket at offertory or on way out) [Dana brought in from Burlington Flats Baptist Church in area]*

*Kerry asking for suggestions: How do we make best use, best leverage the bulleting as both a communication tool and a community building tool?*

*July 20 – Rotary Yard Sale Days*

*Vacation Bible School*

**Coffee hour: Sunday, July 14; Rosary: Sunday, July 21**

**Next meeting: Sunday, July 28, after mass**