

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: April 27, 2025

Attendance: Matthew Tabone, Rick Meyers, Dana Mochoviak, Kerry L Mess, Chris Mess

Open with Prayer for Pope Francis:

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

I. Council Minutes

A. Last meeting: Approval of minutes (Mar 30) – [Approved](#)

II. Meeting Items

A. Parish Project Plan – **We’ve done some great work!**

1. Milestone #2 (welcoming campaign) – check in [Goal: 70 people at mass ea. wk.]

a. Update on Facebook page – [Matthew trying to keep active; wants to get a widget on the diocesan parish website.](#)

☐ Matthew will do an email announcement about the Facebook page from HC email (short link: [tiny.cc/HCMorris](mailto:tiny.cc/HCMorris)) – [Matthew will include in next email update; edit footer to include \(Kerry\)](#)

☐ **Matthew will get Kerry a better list for email listerv** – [Last email Matthew sent out should have everyone now \[make sure all names in bcc\]](#)

☐ Kerry will put in bulletin on left inside info panel – [done](#)

2. Milestone #4 (fixing pews) – Rich: Revisit?

B. Events

1. Celebrating/thanking Maureen for her service? – [Maureen does not want any celebration. \(Can do something private.\)](#)

2. Vacation Bible School update

a. First Baptist has a team coming in first week in August (4-8)

b. UMC (Penny Harrington) – companion VBS update

Meeting April 28, 4 p.m., Latte Lounge, Oneonta

[Last few years, New Berlin \(St. Theresa\) has done 1-2 day VBS; another possibility for collaboration.](#)

[We can put in our bulletin](#)

C. Follow up from New Business

1. Candle cards – feedback on mock up?

[Sharpen visual of praying hands with candle](#)

[Bleed edges for cutting; print has been inset.](#)

[Need to have a basket with cards and pencils for writing.](#)

[Clips to put cards around so people can see? Or a basket for people to put in.](#)

[Date for being out: Sunday, May 4 – Kerry will get to Matthew early this week.](#)

2. Pope Francis’s suggestions for the Jubilee Year: Interest/thoughts?

a. Perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy

Bulletin: Educate on spiritual and corporal works of mercy (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Lent); run every other week? (ask Matthew) – **Kerry needs to follow through on this!**

3. Bathroom walls and fresh paint (spackling, sanding, finishing; use semigloss finish) – Andrew willing
4. Idea for future: Cabinets for religious ed materials, so they're not on the counters/shelves
5. Putting grass where the sewer work was done – Andrew took care of grass seed and raking over septic tank. Rich covered (protect from birds)
6. Finding a baptismal font  
**Diane Turner will reach out to Fr. Scott who used to be at Holy Cross to ask about resources, a contact for us --? Reach out to ask Diane**
7. Official business/finance meeting
  - a. needs to be done: Trustees, Fr. Cambi (official pastor), and Matthew, Marguerite can come – Met on April 5; went well  
 No huge changes; Mike Stensland's term is up, and Marguerite Webster is nominated. Matthew sent letter to Fr. Cambi for Marguerite. He will pick up this week and take to the diocese, so Marguerite can service.  
 Need a finance council chair. (was Marguerite). At least one (usually 2) legal meetings per year; diocese prefers 4 per year. Matthew asking for suggestions. Maureen has been paying heat, electricity in rectory. Will not be a huge change. How we heat rectory – likely reduce cost. Parish hall heated by gas; church by oil.
  - b. move from Community Bank to Sidney Federal Credit Union, coming to the old Community Bank building in May  
 On minutes from April meeting request opening SFCU, and signatories: Rich Stensland and Matthew Tabone [Maureen is leaving].  
 Diocese wants original incorporation papers, IRS TIN issuance {Kerry can get Matthew link to NYS website for looking up, getting}.  
 Not closing Community Bank immediately, but will make sure things go well with SFCU before closing down CBNA.  
 Discussed opening a CD for extra in savings account.
8. Parish Activities: What do people want? Please make suggestions. Task for next meeting: Make suggestions for parish activities. For building community.  
 VBS in summer,  
 picnic (June 14), -- Kerry put reminder for save the date on this  
 yard sale days—need to discuss (talk to Marguerite about date)—sell hot dogs?  
 Does Holy Cross want to have a booth at the county fair (week of staffing with volunteers) – Matthew will ask around (has met fair president—Duane Jackson)  
 Dinner and a movie was a thing? [*The Two Popes*] One upstairs, downstairs (adults, children), get pizza from Scotty's – in fall? Or summer evening?
9. What to do with rectory space? Retired priests'? (Could do mass once and a while.)  
 No haste on this but no commercial options. Meetings can be upstairs.

D. Upcoming

May crowning

May 17-20 book sales for St. Mary's mission

May 29 – Ascension mass (Thursday 9 a.m.)

A. **Next meeting: Sunday, June 1 after mass**