

## **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes**

August 14, 2024

**In attendance:** Father Paul Buchanan, Peter Barthelemy, Mary Ann Burr, Bob Chaplin, Chris De Rego, Laura Lovelace, Brittany MacAlester, Robert Rodite, Bethsy San Millan, Thomas Sims, Brendan Sweeney, Cam Tracy, Kimber Zappia

**Unable to attend:** Charlie Scott

**Chairing this meeting:** Chris DeRego

1. Opening Prayer: Chris DeRego
2. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved
3. Nominations for Council Secretary were held; Laura Lovelace named
4. Topics of Discussion:
  - a. Acoustics in the Main Church –
    - i. Lowered speakers and a clear understanding of our sound systems seem to have made a positive impact to the sound in the Church.
    - ii. Acoustics testing took place; proposed solutions and their related costs will be provided
    - iii. Suggestions included thick, white tile on the ceiling of the church, between the eaves. These should be unobtrusive and will not change the space significantly. They would help with the echo that many parishioners are experiencing. The initial cost for these panels is estimated to be \$70,000. Parish leadership is continuing to gather information.
    - iv. Once a solution is decided, there is an approval process through the diocese required to make the purchase and modify the church building.
    - v. Follow up questions from the advisory council:
      1. Have we asked other churches how they do it?
      2. Are different speakers a possibility?
      3. Is hiring a sound technician a possibility; would it help?
      4. Would sound masking work for this?
  - b. Church Parking
    - i. The church currently has 180 parking spaces
    - ii. After a property review, the church is hoping to add 80 spaces
    - iii. Timeline: This project likely won't begin until early 2025
    - iv. Other options to accommodate the growth: additional Masses
5. Next Meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup>
6. Closing Prayer: Chris DeRego