



PPC Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2025

Attendees: Fr. John Kelleher, Fr. Jim Mattaliano, Deacon Dick Zeich, Deacon Mike Hickey, Eileen Hawe, Mary Durham, Jean Kelly, Shanna Kelly, Bernadette Keane, Joanna Ryder, Jim Clayton, Barbara Midura, Pedro Souza, John Barry.

Absent: Jack Curran

PPC:

Jean Kelly discussed in detail, the Pastoral Council By-Laws. Per our last meeting, the discernment process will be reviewed by Fr. John and Jack Curran.

Volunteer Appreciation Event: To avoid Potential delays in the inspection of the Life

Center, the date has been changed from May 31 to June 13, 6:30PM to 8:30PM. Per the committee the plans are in process and going well.

PLC Policy for use by outside groups: The leaders of various ministries, as discussed, in last month's meeting, will meet August 11, 2025, at 5:30PM, to set a calendar for the upcoming year and use of rooms. The reason being we will know what space is available and the dates. A policy will follow with final approval by Fr. John Kelleher.

ICE/Immigration:

The meeting was held on April 8, 2025, at the Yarmouth Police Department by the Chief of Police Lennon. He noted some churches have 'designated sanctuary areas', marked as 'private staff only,' to defer ICE from entering,

but that does not usually stop them. ICE needs a judicial warrant to enter unless they are in active pursuit. We could be charged with obstruction if we lie. We are not allowed to block entrances. If Mass is occurring, even with a warrant, we can ask them to wait until Mass is completed. One warrant covers all campus buildings. The name listed on the warrant must be specific to the individual.

Fr. John read Bishop da Cunha's letter regarding this topic. Based on information in the letter, Fr. John will contact the Diocesan Attorney.

PALMS:

Pedro asked for a volunteer to assist in burning old palms. Jim Clayton will work with Pedro.

SCHOOL UPDATE:

Joanna reported the following:

There was a 'large drop in enrollment from the 6th to 7th grade.' To ensure the future of catholic education a decision was made as follows: The current 8th grade will be completed. The current 5th grade (which will be the 6th grade) will stay for the 6th grade. The current 6^h grade (which will be the 7th grade) will attend St. John Paul Middle School next year. Eventually St. Pius will be pre-K to 6th grade only. This coming year there will be one K class added, one third grade class added, and a potential for adding a Pre-K program for 3-year-olds.

PRINCIPAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE:

Fr. Jim noted applications are being received. First-round interviews have started via Zoom.

CAMPUS UPDATE:

Signage: Jean Kelly reported the re-signage has been started.

PLC Repairs: Pedro provided updates on the Parish Life Center. The 'walls have been closed.' Carpet and painting are next. Some inspections are still pending. They are to be completed soon.

SOLAR PANEL: Fr. John noted that Resonant Energy did the work. For a variety of reasons, inspection remains. Greg, from Resonant Energy, is working to assign another inspection. Date/time to be determined.

Councilor's Concerns: Jean shared all parish council members are invited to explore ways to better support our priests and parish. Various dates and locations were

provided. For the Cape, it will be held at Christ the King, Mashpee, Thursday, May 8th 6PM to 9PM, with light dinner provided.

Pastors Concerns: noted above. In addition, Fr. John noted the Chapel will open July 4th weekend. Saturday Mass: 5:30PM and Sunday morning: 9:30AM.

Next meeting: Monday, June 2, 2025, at **5:30PM in the Religious Education Building.**
Please note the time change.

Opening Prayer for June 2nd: Shanna Kelly

Closing Prayer for June 2nd: Fr. John

Closing Prayer for tonight's meeting, May 5th: Deacon Mike

ATTACHED: Sips & Dips Flier