

St Ann Pastoral Council / Bethany Beach

MINUTES - REVISED FINAL

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Rossi, Secretary

Meeting June 10, 2025

Call to order 5:00 PM by President, Pilar Alvarez

In attendance: Father Klevence, Pilar Alvarez, Jared Browne, Maria Colello, Tina Gordon, Lorraine Jordin, Dominic Paccapaniccia, Cathy Rossi, Alexis Sclama, Betty Wisgirda.

Absent: Vince Catania.

Also attending: Georgia Bresch, Business Manager and Gloria Webster, Sacristan.

Opening/Gospel Reflection – Father Klevence led the Opening Prayers, said together, and Dominic led the Gospel Reading. Reflections were offered by Council members.

Minutes - Minutes of the previous (May) Council Meeting, approved as previously distributed, were posted on the Parish website.

New Reports

Dominic Paccapaniccia - Finance Committee & Social Concerns Committees, no reports.

Tina Gordon - Christian Formation

- Confirmation for OCIA went beautifully with special thanks extended to Father Klevence and Barbara Perricone, her team and the Hospitality Committee.
- Religious Ed is looking for 1st and 6th grade catechists and aides to fill open positions and efforts will be made to have a bilingual catechist or aide in each room. Tina would like to speak at Masses in July and information will be placed in the Bulletin.
- A new, more formalized committee will meet twice a year beginning in June to consider the issues our program faces and offer recommendations.

Jared Browne - Youth Ministry

- Jared is planning Vacation Bible Camp, which will run August 11-15, Monday-Friday, 9-12N. and separately, a Movie Night-- *The Story of Noah* --from Sight & Screen.
- Camp is now recruiting volunteers to help with the Camp, with approximately 6-to-8 secured so far. 8-to-12 volunteers will be needed. Last year, Bible Camp attendees numbered 30-35 registrants. No formal registrations received yet for this summer. Typically, registrations occur around deadline time. The registration deadline is July 12th.

Betty Wisgirda – Liturgy Committee, no report.

Lorraine Jordin –St. Vincent de Paul Society & Building and Grounds

Building and Grounds

- Facilities Manager Doug Schultz is focused on helping with Summer Bazaar organizational logistics on a daily basis – no additional updates at this time.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

- 190 Neighbors came to *Breaking Bread Fiesta* on Sunday, 6/9/25, along with SVdP members and friends of SVdP. That is about twice as many attendees as last year. Used all food. Wonderfully organized, the children had a fantastic time playing games and running around. Lots of food and fellowship.
- Carol Curran has graciously accepted the President role for another year, hoping someone will decide to accept the position after her year.
- Jeff Gruber is the new Co-Lead for pantry team 4.
- Financial Status – trying to find ways to cut costs as well as increase fund raising. Take-in is approximately \$15,000, costs are \$20,000 +.
- Currently doing a survey at the pantry of what foods they are using or not using. Pancake mix and syrup to possibly be given every other month.
- Discussion with **Food Bank of Delaware**. They came to the pantry last week and were amazed at our garden and pantry organization. They are going to bring others to see it. A possible partnership with the FB is going to be discussed after certain liability issues are determined and SVdP National is contacted.
- Alexis has given Raffle tickets to the pantry to sell as neighbors have asked for them.
- Fundraising ideas were voted on and ‘trivia’ night won. Look for an upcoming date for the event.
- **Pampered Chef** fundraiser is scheduled for 8/21/25 at 4 p.m. Look for flyer in this week’s bulletin.
- **School Supplies** begin collecting after June 21. Look for flyers in bulletin. Carol is meeting with principals to finalize lists.
- **SVdP Garden** is doing great, just needs sunshine.
- Housing Day in Dover. SVdP reps spoke with Ron Gray and Assistant to Gerald Hocker. Looking at proposing bill for additional funds for winter electric bills for poorly insulated houses. Also looking for ways to improve affordable housing in Sussex County.
- New perk test scheduled in July for Parish Center Building.
- 155 pairs of shoes were ordered and will be here next month for children.
- ESL classes to be scheduled in the fall. The cost is \$3000.00. Grant will cover some.
- Final meeting & celebration June 24, at 3:30 in Delaney Hall. Last meeting until September.

Maria Colello - Hispanic Community

- Baptismal classes are underway. Pre-Cana classes to begin in August. Maria is looking for bi-lingual parishioners to help with the Spanish Mass, 1pm on Sundays, especially to serve as Lectors and Altar Servers.

Alexios Sclama - Parish Bazaar

- Summer Bazaar preparations are underway and all going smoothly with no major issues. Donations are coming in and Sponsorships are slowly coming in as the Marketing Team has started soliciting local businesses.
- Large items and some higher-valued/higher-priced items are being posted on Facebook Marketplace. We have received donations of some valuable artwork this year as well as a multiplicity of Nativity Sets.
- The Quilt Raffle is going strong. Car Raffle ticket sales after Masses have begun.

Cathy Rossi – Hospitality

- The Hospitality Committee meeting is taking place today, at 4pm, coinciding with this meeting, so there are no updates. The committee just facilitated the reception for OCIA and will handle popcorn sales at the Bazaar. The Hospitality Committee takes a summer break and then reconvenes its meetings in September.

New Business

- Request to Council
 - Council discussed a request by a parishioner to consider simultaneous livestreaming of Sunday Mass into Delaney Hall so people could go to the Hall when overcrowding occurs in St. Ann Church, such as during the Easter season and the summer. Father will consider adding a 12N Mass to ease crowding. Meanwhile, consensus was to monitor times/weekends when serious overcrowding occurs to see exactly when and how often. Consideration in the near term will be given to acquiring movable speakers that could easily and quickly be carried outside to accommodate a significantly overcrowded Mass, where the Narthex is full and people stand outside.

Pastor's Update

- The contractor hired to work on the new exit for OLG will need to make modifications to the exit, as per a directive from DelDOT, who is withholding final approval and our surety until the project meets the needed specifications.
- Two priests will be coming to help with additional Masses over the summer.

- The Adoration Chapel, which opened in early May for 7a-8p Daily Adoration (no weekends), is doing well with scheduling regular Adorers, although some time blocks are still not filled. Information about the Chapel will continue to be published in the Bulletin, so summer visitors will know of its presence and also have the opportunity to volunteer to be Adorers. The Chapel will also be mentioned at some Masses.
- The parish is doing well overall and is in good financial condition. **Business Manager Georgia Bresch** elaborated to Father's comments and reported that the Parish is in strong financial standing because of the generosity of St. Ann parishioners. After spending \$500K on capital improvements this fiscal year, the Parish still has a remaining balance of \$100K.

Council Presidency

- Father Klevence thanked Council President Pilar Alvarez for her three years of service as Council President. Pilar announced at the last meeting that she would be stepping down because of family needs. She thanked everyone, expressing her gratitude for the ability to contribute to the parish - and Council thanked her for her service.

Election of a New President

- Father solicited nominations for Council President. Two nominations were made: Dominic Paccapaniccia and Cathy Rossi. Father solicited written ballots, which were collected and privately counted by Gloria and Georgia. Cathy Rossi, current Secretary of Council, was elected President.
- The Council then considered the vacancy created for Secretary. Lorraine Jordin was nominated for the position and affirmed by the Council.

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Closing Prayer and Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 PM.

Summer Break

Next Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025 @ 4:00pm.