

## **PARISH OF SAINT ANN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**St. Ann Parish – Bethany Beach  
May 18, 2026  
Minutes**

### **Attendees/Pastoral Council Members:**

**Rev. John Klevence, Pastor, Rev Joseph Dovari, Associate Pastor  
Cathy Rossi, Lorraine Jordin, Alexis Sclama, Betty Wisgirda  
Jared Browne, Tina Gordon (ex-officio), Georgia Bresch  
Excused: Maria Collelo**

### **A. Welcome and Opening Prayer – Cathy Rossi**

### **NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION OR ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Finance Report (Georgia Bresch)**

2. **Pastor's Report and Update on Parish Center Capitol Campaign**

We are currently working on the contract with CCC for our capital campaign for our Parish Center. We will be welcoming ordained Deacon Jimmy Kimmel this summer (until August) to join St. Ann's. Mr. Kimmel will also be assisting Jared Brown, our youth minister with Bible Camp in August.

3. **Question/Suggestion Box (Betty Wisgirda)**

Suggestion Boxes have been placed in both churches for parishioners' questions, ideas or concerns. The weekly Cantor (including the Spanish Mass) will be asked to remind parishioners that the boxes are located in the lobby of each church.

The email for the Pastoral Council ([ppc@stansbethany.org](mailto:ppc@stansbethany.org)) is also available for parishioners to reach out to Council for questions, ideas or concerns. Cathy Rossi and Betty Wisgirda will monitor the email account.

A suggestion that Council discussed was about lighting the candles in the Adoration Chapel. In order for candles to be continually lit and maintained, Adorers will have to be trained of procedures to ensure fire safety. Betty Wisgirda will discuss with the Liturgy Committee and Cathy Rossi will follow up with a check list for Adorers. Also, an emergency number will be posted somewhere within the chapel.

4. **Status Check/ Recruiting Potential New Council Members**

Council has received applications for new council members and interviews will be conducted the last week of May. Council will vote on final new members at the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5. **Parish Council "Town Hall" Meeting**

Format for the Town Hall meeting on 6/17 @ 7 p.m. and 6/18 @ 2 p.m. was determined. The meeting will include updates on the Capital Campaign, any concerns parishioners may have and the possibility of other ministries parishioners would like to see at our parish. Cathy Rossi will post in the weekly bulletin. Alexis will make name tags for all Parish Council members. An email will be sent out to all parishioners about the Town Hall meeting. ALL parishioners are encouraged to attend.

6. **Parish Goals Discussion**

The committee for Parish goals has reviewed and compiled a final draft of goals that will be discussed and finalized at the September council meeting, wherein new council members will be present.

7. **Committee Update**

a. **Building & Grounds (as per D. Schultz)**

No updates at this time.

b. **SVdP (Lorraine Jordin)**

- New Officer: Cathy Ruppert, Recording Secretary.
- SVdP Garden is flourishing. 43 Vincentians work in our Garden Ministry and neighbors are enjoying all the fresh vegetables and flowers.
- Wind damage to greenhouse was fixed. New shed is working out very well. Water System was updated so Vincentians are not lugging water jugs into garden.
- Visiting Vincentians are currently visiting 23 elderly/shut in neighbors.
- Looking for grant writers to help with grants for the Parish Center.
- SVdP Trivia Night raised \$3528.00
- SVdP Dine & Donate @ Cottage Café raised \$1438.00
- ***BREAKING BREAD FIESTA*** is June 14 from 5pm to 8 pm. Meeting, talking and socializing with our pantry neighbors.
- **Millville Boardwalk Mini Golf Tournament**, September 19, 2026
- **CRAB FEAST** at Higgins in Ocean City, October 17, 2026
- **HELPING HANDS GALA**, December 5, 2026. **Premier Event for Lower Sussex County**. Food Bank will be making the desserts for the Gala.

c. **Liturgy Committee (Betty Wisgirda)**

The Easter celebrations were discussed, including the music, flowers and services. The committee was very pleased with the outcome.

d. **Christian Formation, Social Concerns (Tina Gordon)**

- Confirmation and First Holy Communion for our OCIA program was Sunday, May 17. May God bless all who made sacraments this Spring.
- Registration for the new year is in full swing. Hoping to increase our numbers!
- We are in the process of updating the religious education handbook.
- We have renewed St. Ann's membership for the Franciscan Catechetical Institute. Catechists and staff can take courses for personal development. There are different tracks and it is also offered in Spanish.

e. **Youth Ministry (Jared Brown)**

The Youth Ministry, with help from two volunteers and generous contributions from St. Ann's Men's Club, Knights of Columbus, and several parishioners, assisted and sponsored 14 children in attending Damascus Summit Lake, a faith-focused Catholic adventure camp, in July. Steps are being taken to continue this effort for next summer with better coordination. The Youth Ministry will soon be announcing a June youth group activity and opening registration for Bible Camp, for

students in 5th-12th grades, to be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe from Aug. 3rd-7th. We are very grateful for the support of the parish, its ministries, and its people, and for a generous donation to its total funds from an anonymous donor.

f. **Hispanic Community (Maria Collelo) (absent)**

g. **Summer Bazaar (Alexis Sclama)**

- The donation kickoff was strong and donations are rolling in.
- There is an **URGENT** need for help to sell car raffle tickets at the masses.
- Alexis is working with Doug for new signage to direct people to Delaney Hall.

h. **Hospitality Committee (Cathy Rossi)**

A BIG THANK YOU to the Hospitality Committee for their gifts and participation in the communion, confirmation and OCIA services this year and for all they do for our parish.

**Parish Mission Statement (for reference)**

*The Parish of St. Ann is a Roman Catholic Community, united by Baptism and fed by the Word and Eucharist. We worship God, learn and grow, serve our neighbors, rejoice and mourn together. We celebrate God's providence in putting us in this beautiful place and we strive to be people who welcome all.*

**Closing Prayer**

**Next Meeting: June 8, 2026 @ 4 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted, Lorraine Jordin**