

**St. Mary Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday November 11th 2019**

In Attendance: Fr. Leo Leblanc, Darleen Farland, Tim Rodrique, Tim Cross , Ed Romeo, Nancy Malone, and Dan Crossin,

MINUTES

- The minutes from the 9/9/19 Parish Council meeting were approved.

New Parishioners Update

- Tim sent out a welcome letter to a new member.

Bylaw Review

- The Council reviewed the By-Laws and recommended changes to part 6 and 7 under Authority.
- **Action Item(s):** Tim will forward for final review and approval by the council.

Bulletin Discussion

- Ed noted that some items/events are not highlighted in the bulletin.
- Darleen recommends submitting how it should be presented.
- Tim recommends having Carol at a meeting for discussion.

Welcome Packets

- Tim reported that the Welcome Packets have been printed and received. Tim asked how Fr. Leo how we can help distribute them. Fr. Leo requested that 1-2 are placed in the pews and others available in the office for new families who come in person noting that we are trying to emphasize how you can help with ministries.

Budget:

- Discussion of the budget was tabled.

Legacy of hope

- Fr. Leo reported that pledges are coming in. There are 25 participants so far. The goal for St. Mary is 150, and the goal for St. Philip is 50.
- Nancy pointed out that the elder community is concerned about the financial commitment.
- Ed requested seeing 5 high level bullets about the campaign.
- Darleen reported that she has seen churches in Worcester that demonstrate how much the parish has contributed and how much they'll get back.

Pastoral Feedback

The council discussed feedback received from parishioners. Some of the feedback included the following.

- More convenient Mass schedules, and times for Religious Education. *Darleen noted that each grade level has two options.*
- Having one baptism/month
- Shortening the 10:30 Mass
- Introducing a Mass designed for teenagers