

St. Joseph Catholic Church
PAC Meeting
February 20, 2020 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer – Fr. Tom

Agenda Items:

Vine Street Property/Meeting with Town of Herndon – Fr. Tom, Danny and Anne Marie from Arlington Diocese met with the Town of Herndon to discuss the Vine Street property. They feel confident about approval for the drop off driveway. The town offered suggestions of how to avoid using blacktop and to keep the project “Green”. In a few years, options will be looked into for a child care in the Vine Street house and building an Adoration Chapel between the property and church. As of now, the primary focus is the driveway. The recommendation is for the drop-off driveway to be on the right side of the church, rather than on the Vine Street side, since drainage lines are already in place between the Friary and Herndon Community Center.

Finance Committee (Religious Education tuition update) – Steve updated PAC on the Finance Committee quarterly meeting and some of the items discussed last meeting included Vine St. property, bulletin income, church census, school tuition, school textbooks. Etc. Religious Education discussed raising fees since they have not increased in many years, but the decision is to not increase them and to keep RE as affordable as possible for all families.

St. Joseph Catholic School – This year SJS has searched for grants and received them from Porto Charities for a special needs student and library aid along with Westerman Energy. SJS students also collected 4,500 lbs of jelly for the food bank.

Panhandlers on SJS property – The friars will continue to ask them to leave. The panhandlers have at times made some parishioners uncomfortable. Referring people in need to professional services is a better and safer way to address the situation.

New parishioner lists were distributed – Fr. Tom is continuing to send new parishioner cards. He also sends them to parishioners that have been St. Joseph members for a while that are relocating.

The new tapestry that will be displayed during ordinary time was purchased in memory of a parishioner that passed away that was very generous to St. Joseph in her will and estate.

The year’s St. Joseph’s BBQ is the 60th anniversary.

Next Meeting – There will be no March meeting due to the Lenten Evening of Prayer, the next meeting will be April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Tom

8:30 p.m. meeting adjourned