

Parish Council Monthly Bulletin Announcement

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parish Council Mission: Connect the parish (laity, religious, and organizations), provide counsel and feedback to the Pastor, enhance communication across the parish, and ensure continuity of the various parish organizations and ministries.

Our current members are: Tom Garrity – chair, Dan Ulicny – vice chair, Andrew Guman, Christine Lynch, Caitlin Shutte, and Paul Wirth

Updates:

- Sports Committee is very active and busy entering into our highest participant sport, basketball.
- The Facilities & Grounds committee initiatives:
 - Looking at options for existing lights in the church
 - Reviewing options for the church pews – refurbish vs new
 - Working with STM Principal, Amanda Salovay, Father Pendzick, and Diocese on plans for the Hope Church property
- Finance Committee will be providing an financial report via the bulletin and website
- Updated parish database this fall via QR code/membership update project

Feedback from Parishioners:

- A lot of feedback was provided via the QR code/membership update project conducted in early November. Thank you. Look for updates in the Sunday bulletin under ‘Sunday Reflection’ written by our priests
- Church tower bells. A new sound system is being investigated.
- More handicap parking is needed.
- How can we support our priests? A few ideas...conversations after mass; set appointments to meet them at the rectory; invite them to your home for dinner (you don’t need to invite all of them at once); be active in parish activities and volunteer opportunities.
- Service opportunities for adults – more to come on this.

Some of the current initiatives of the Parish Council include:

- Looking for leadership to bring back the Parish Retreat
- Supporting the music ministry – children’s choir is being re-formed; we need more of our parishioners to participate in our adult choir, contemporary choir, and teen choir
- New church decorating committee formed
- Successful young family’s nights at the church including adoration, prayer time, fellowship, and fun activities

The parish council is here to serve everyone in the parish and provide two-way communication between the parish and the Pastor. Please reach out to any of the council members with any suggestions, questions, or requests. You can reach me (Tom Garrity) directly at tgarrity@compasspt.com or 610-533-4652.

Yours in Christ, Tom
Tom Garrity, Parish Council Chair