

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:

- The Facilities & Grounds committee initiatives:
 - Creating a capital budget for some major facility needs: HVAC system; church lights; church pews; church roof; bell tower sound system
 - Continue to work with STM Principal Amanda Salovay, Father Pendzick, and Diocese on plans for the Hope Church property
- Finance Committee will be providing a financial report via the bulletin and website

Feedback from Parishioners:

- The choir was outstanding for Monsignor Murphy's funeral mass

Some of the current initiatives of the Parish Council include:

- Looking for leadership to bring back the Parish Retreat in 2024. Look for announcement from Father Pendzick seeking volunteers.
- Continue to support our 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
- Parish Council elections to be held in March. Tom Garrity, Dan Ulicny, and Christine Lynch will be rotating off the council. These are elected positions by the parish. There is also one open seat that is appointed by the pastor (the council consists of 4 elected, and 3 appointed). Look for bulletin announcements in February seeking nominations, followed by election in March, and attendance at April Parish Council meeting.

Note from the Parish Council Chair: Thank you to everyone who helped make the Vigil and funeral for Monsignor Murphy a beautiful event. And thank you to all the parishioners who showed up or joined via live stream to honor Monsignor and his family.

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