

Parish Family Town Hall
April 3, 2022 - 3:00PM
Minutes

Very Rev. Romeo D. Jazmin, VF. - Opening Prayer: Come Holy Spirit

Introduction: Fr. Jazmin introduced himself as temporary Parish Administrator for both St. Jude and the Shrine. Fr. Jazmin also explained that he is dean of thirteen parishes in the area as well as pastor of Prince of Peace in Chesapeake.

Explanation of Role as Administrator as well as roles of Pastoral and Finance Councils:

- Fr. Jazmin explained that the pastoral council is there in an advisory role for the parish priest.
- Canon Law -If the pastoral council is not of assistance to the priest, the priest can discharge the council. There are parishes in the diocese that have no pastoral council.
- The finance council is there for the temporal needs of the parish.
- The councils do collaborate on projects and are in contact with administrator on regular basis.
- Every project that is proposed and completed is done with the approval of the administrator or priest and or the diocese depending on the scope of the project. Projects are all in line with Diocesan guidelines.
- The councils are not a “board.”
- The bishop is the skipper and keeps the ships in line. If a ship is out of line the bishop uses his hook and brings them back in line.

SYNOD: The process

- St. Jude and the Shrine have completed the SYNOD feedback process.
- The information was compiled and approved by the administrator.
- The compiled information was forwarded to the diocese.
- The diocese will now compile the information and forward all the parishioner’s feedback to the USCCB and then on to Rome.
- Next, we wait for direction from Rome.

Tabernacle & Crucifix: Announcement – Fr. Jazmin

Tabernacle:

- During the pandemic the bishop, Most Rev. Bishop Barry Knestout, issued a directive that all tabernacles be moved to the front of the churches.
- This allowed for safe distance while practicing Eucharistic Devotion
- The tabernacle is there to store consecrated hosts for the sick.

Crucifix:

- The crucifix is part of our history as a parish.
- The crucifix is also a form of evangelization.
- The crucifix is part of our identity as Catholics.
- Having the crucifix up at the front of the church with the tabernacle differentiates us from protestant churches.

- The pastor is speaking, move the Crucifix and Tabernacle to the front of the church. Bishop Knestout has given his blessing to make the move.

Question – Parishioner – F.S. – What happens to the risen Christ?

- The Risen Christ will be relocated to the Parish Hall. The sanctuary and altar represent the Eucharist & Calvary and that is what we should be focused on in the sanctuary. The Crucifix and tabernacle are part of the rubrics of the Catholic Church. In the hall it is a happy place. Christ is Risen!! Happy event.
- Final instruction – Swap Locations of the Risen Christ and Crucifix.

Suggestion – Parishioner/ F. Council Member – R.W. - Reverence (Sanctuary)

- Reiterate the importance of reverence in the sanctuary to all parishioners once the move is made. Suggest having conversations in the hall or commons before and after mass so that the sanctuary is a place for reverence and prayer.

Response – Fr. Jazmin – Set clear standards of what each room is used for.

Question – Parishioner – R.W. (Tabernacle) – Move tabernacle to the center of the church?

- Yes, move the tabernacle to the front of the church, center of the altar area.
- The Tabernacle MUST be secured to the fixture to ensure it is not picked up and taken.
- Liturgical colors – The colors around or under the tabernacle must match the others on the altar. (Change out at the same time)

New Priest Announcement:

- A new priest will report to St. Jude and the Shrine by July 1, 2022.
- Come June we will know who the priest is.
- If the rectory is not ready, plan B will go into effect. ***Two parishioners have offered a place for the priest to stay until the rectory rehab is completed.***
- ***The church is responsible for all new priest expenses. i.e., storage, furniture, etc.***

St. Jude Roof Update:

- A selection has been made and the finance council will meet with the administrator to discuss.
- Shingle color vote completed. – Option one (Brown), Option Two (Grey) – Grey won the vote.

Feedback - Chuck Williams – Infinity Roofing – (Put in bid on roof job)

- Gave professional feedback and reiterated interest in being awarded bid.
- Looking for what the decision is.
- **Finance Council member responded** – M. M. – The roofing decision was made Saturday – Have not made any calls to vendors yet.
 - **Pine Trees and Roof- N.H. – Neighbor’s property or ours?**
- Not sure if on our property or the neighbors.
- Suggestions requested for how to manage the pine trees.

Suggestion – Parishioner/Council Member – WC – Roof Max

- We might consider investigating Roof Max out of Milwaukee, Wisconsin – They offer a spray on seal that extends the life of the roof. Would be a marginal cost as opposed to the cost of a whole new roof.

Response – Parishioner/F. Council Member – M.M. – The Diocesan engineers came in and inspected the roof and the result was a total failure of the roof. To remain insured by the Diocese the roof must be replaced. Unless we want to look at purchasing outside insurance.

Question – Parishioner/ F. Council Member – J.S. – What did we just decide, regarding the roof?

- We decided on the color of the shingles and that the parish finance council will meet with Fr. Jazmin to make final decision on vendor.
- The roof is separate from the rectory.

Concern – Parishioner/ Council Member – WC - Repairs- St. Jude – Ladies Bathroom –

- There are lighting issues and a broken toilet
- Safety Concerns
- **NOTE: Repair completed 04/04/2022**

Repairs – Response – Fr. Jazmin:

- Requests a list of priorities for the parishes. (St. Jude and Shrine)
- As leaders of the parish – We are to protect the church and ensure repairs completed.
- Communications are open with the administrator and diocese regarding parish repair needs.

Repairs and Funding:

- For the roof – Pay it outright.
- For the rectory – Possibly BARC involvement. Look at a loan from the Diocese– one-third down and loan for the rest.
- Then start a campaign to repay the loan. (Like we did for the building expansion.)
- Suggestion Box – For feedback and concerns

Question – Parishioner – T.S. – When will parish council and finance council meetings be open to parishioners to attend? (Hopes new priest will allow open meetings.)

- The meetings are always open.
- Minutes will be posted.
- Have a calendar posted with scheduled meetings and make announcements in advance of meetings.
- In the past the pastor did not allow parishioners to attend.
- Look forward not at the past. New day.
- **Protocol – You cannot have a council meeting without the priest present.**

Concern – Parishioner – P.G. – Ladies Bathroom and Safety. Also, memorial bench – P. Bass.

- Bench – Funds are in a separate project fund for Mary’s Garden. Office and councils will investigate the bench.

Rectory Update:

HVAC –

- Boiler Removed – Out of compliance – **Has been removed.** (J. Sauerbier completed.)
- A new Heat Pump system being installed – waiting on a part. This will be a more efficient system and cost saving.
- No more oil heat. (The remaining oil will be removed and refunded to the church.)

Other Repairs – Rectory

- The home inspection has been completed.
- A copy of the home inspection will be provided to each perspective contractor.
- Three contractors will be called.
- Plumbing work, electrical, and under the house repairs need to be done.
- Shutter on the rectory – If you see it hanging down, please take a moment and set it back up. It will be fixed when the rectory repairs are completed.

Question – Dishes – Parishioner/Council Member- WC- Food brought to father at rectory – Where are the dishes?

- May still be in the rectory?

Utilities – St. Jude – Month of March 2022 – C.H. – Finance Council Chair-

- The electric bill for the Church and Rectory was over \$2,000.00 for the month of March. The rectory portion was \$200.00.

Comment- Parishioner – F.S. – No one doubts how hard the parish pastoral and finance council's work. We (the parishioners) just want to have open communication and know what is going on.

Closing Prayer – Fr. Romeo Jazmin

Meeting closing time – 4:24PM

The meeting was attended by 33 parishioners.

No date for the next meeting has been set at this time.

Once a date is set for the next meeting, a notification to parishioners will be sent out.