

PPC Meeting Minutes May 7, 2025

Attendance:

PPC Members: Fr. John Worgul, Rachel Wandishin, Stephen Paskvich, Laurie Facius, Mark Steinbrunner, Jane Miller

Corporators: Gwen Lilly, Terry Morse

Staff: Cathy Nusbaum, Lauren Glass

Opening Prayer and reflection

Final Version of the Vision Statement:

- Saint Joseph Catholic Church will be the spiritual, moral, and social heart of Eldersburg/Sykesville through encounters with Jesus Christ.

Cathy introduced a timeline to roll out the new vision and mission statements:

- Meeting with ministry leaders June 3rd at 7:00 pm | O'Donohue Room
- Father John will introduce to parish at large through mass homilies Pentecost weekend June 7th & 8th
- Website, WSJF, and social media will be updated with new name, Saint Joseph Catholic Church, on June 8th
- A Pastor gram to address name, vision and mission statements will be released on June 11th

Expanded version of the parish pastoral plan to be finished this summer

A new logo is still in development

Tree of Good Fruits: Cathy will continue to work on a tree graphic to represent the core values/core mission priorities and the discipleship pathway

Mark suggested the creation of a radio commercial with the new name, mission and vision statements to run continuously on WSJF

Cathy noted that Saint Joseph Catholic Church was the original name of the parish and suggested we introduce the change as a return to the original name as opposed to a "new" name.

Pillars/Core Mission Priorities:

Education efforts regarding the pillars/core mission priorities and objectives of the Parish Pastoral Plan will begin in August.

- Each pillar/core mission priority will be individually showcased in the bulletin, pulpit announcements, and on screens
Encounter - August 30 & 31
Welcome – September 6 & 7
Liturgy – September 13 & 14
Accompaniment – September 20 & 21
Sending – October 4 & 5
Mission Support – October 18 & 19
- Ministry representatives will be available after Mass for those groups that primarily fall under that week's pillar

Ministry Assessments:

Terry and Gwen created a ministry assessment form. The 60+ ministries will be divided among PPC members to assist with assessments.

Father John will introduce the idea of ministry assessments at the June 3rd meeting of ministry leaders. At that meeting, the assessment form will be distributed to allow ministry leaders time to reflect on it, possibly discuss with ministry participants, and complete it. PPC members will schedule time with each ministry leader to review and discuss the completed assessment.

Terry and Gwen will construct an introduction template for PPC members to use when they reach out to ministry leaders to schedule assessment reviews.

The purpose of the ministry assessments is to identify ways to assist ministry leaders with moving participants within each ministry along on the discipleship pathway. The assessments will help to identify gaps and overages in ministry offerings, streamline parish efforts, and ensure that all ministries are aligned with the vision and mission of St. Joseph Catholic Church and the core mission priorities/pillars.

Beams of Love:

Father John stated his objective to find opportunities to inject the Beams of Love content into ministry materials

The Beams of Love program has been in development for 3 years. Discussion of how to present the program going forward included:

- Offering sessions on Wednesday mornings at 6am, beginning with mass followed by breakfast and a review of one letter each week starting in October.

- Offering the program on the church website, structured to allow portions of the program to be accessed and used by ministries when relevant i.e.: faith formation, sacramental preparation, community outreach

Next PPC meetings:

- Tues May 13
 - Tues May 20
 - Wed June 4
 - Wed June 11
- Basic Evangelization Training for ministry heads and welcome ministry – will be in the fall

Closing Prayer