

## Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2025

**Present:** Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Betty Jane Schiller, Noreen Wolleben, Jeri Perkins, Izzy Torello, Maggie Bruno, Bob Keiser, Maria Hacker, Nancy Talalas

**Absent:** George Goulet, Regina Beausejour, Val Campanelli, Enzo Taverna and Elizabeth Kozarec

**The meeting began at 4:03 pm with an opening prayer from Father Dillon.**

**Yolande: Minutes** were approved unanimously with a small revision.

**Father Dillon:** Holy Week began with the blessing of the palms and the weather cooperated. At Easter Vigil, eight people were received into the faith. Easter Sunday was crowded with an additional 175 people in the hall. First Communion was today with 27 attendees receiving and next week, we have 35 attendees receiving. Yolande suggested that we have an extra Eucharistic Minister for communion during the holidays at the front entrance of the church. Father agreed to this.

**Fran:** The Columbarium construction commences on 5/20/2025 and will take about a week. Father will conduct a blessing on a Sunday afternoon. The shapes are rectangular and there's currently a list for the same. The brick walkway is currently on hold.

**Izzy:** Newly confirmed sophomores will be entering into the Peer Ministry. Confirmation age is being rolled back to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade by our Archdiocese and Communion is for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

**Yolande/Jeri:** "One Parish- One Book" is being planned for June 7, 2025. We will have a chicken BBQ dinner after the 4:30 pm Mass. There will be a vegetarian option and dessert. Noreen said the book is not available at the Monastery ordering so people will need to buy it on their own. Tickets will be \$20 required in advance. Yolande suggested the book "James" which is about slavery from a slave's perspective. Jeri and Peter will handle the tickets, and the event is rain or shine. Volunteers are needed and the decorations will be red, white and blue. (Note—cancelled due to attendance of 20).

**CONGRATULATIONS** TO Margo and Deb who both have new grandsons!

**Deb for George:** Planning another bus trip to see a Yankees game on a Friday night. More to follow.

**Bob/Yolande:** All be set for water distribution at GHS graduation. Betty Jane does the pinning of the roses in the hall. The water bottle purchase was 12 cases of water last year –this year, 14 cases will be purchased. There will be a donation box and there will be recycle bins. Betty Jane will get the volunteers to help her with the rose pinning. Yolande said she has the signage for, "sponsored by Pastoral Council". We need volunteers for 6/13/2025 starting at 3:30 pm. Bob will orchestrate this.

**Other ideas/New items:** Noreen said the Lancaster trip for 2025 is "Noah" and the 2026 trip is "Joshua". Some trips are out of New Haven on the Blue Diamond Tour. There are two-night trips for \$475 or options for a one-night trip on White Star which is one overnight with a dinner and a show for \$470. All agreed it seems to be worth doing two nights. Donna's Destinations also had two nights for \$641.00 Tours of Distinction are usually mid-October or early November. Noreen with check dates with Father and Fran and the minimum number is thirty.

Nancy suggested a May Procession for the Crowning of our Blessed Mother to occur next year. Betty Jane said many churches do processions. Jeri suggested limiting it to walking around the green. At the

September meeting Nancy will bring it up and we can set the date. There will be a Procession and the Crowning. Betty Jane suggested we walk as the council at the Guilford Fair Parade. We will need a banner and Fran will order it. Yolande and Deb are going to investigate polo shirts and hats for people to order. The Men's Group gets them for \$10 per shirt.

**Yolande:** Pentecost is June 8<sup>th</sup>, and we have a lottery for Parish Council. Father will pull the names, and Fran will place the announcement and application in the bulletin. You can self-nominate or someone may nominate an individual. Bob nominated Maria, which she accepted. Jody, Beth and Betty Jane's terms are completed this year. There are three spots available. Father will also make an announcement at Mass. We will be having a discernment meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> after the 10:30 am mass. Deb, Jody and Yolande volunteered to attend this forty-five-minute informal meeting. Jody will contact the candidates after she gets the names from Fran. There is no May meeting. Our last meeting will be in June, and we will have a luncheon. Betty Jane and Maggie will coordinate the food. Izzy and Enzo are both graduating this year. Yolande thanked everyone for their hard work this year.

**Closing prayer** by Father at 5:05 pm

**Our Next Meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 after the 10:30 AM Mass.**