

# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Nativity Parish Center  
152 Main St. Brockport, NY

Monday, January 13 2025 6:00 p.m.

**Members:** Fr Joe, Dcn. Paul, Sara Monnier, Jason Horn, Patty Selig, Andy Gregersen, Paul Kimball, Gloria Castaneda, Theresa Petta, Sharon Wheat, Dr. James Goetz, Jill Campbell

**Members Absent:** Dcn. Vince, Cathy Galbreth, Mary Galbreth, Garrett Horn, Daniel Dailey

**NBVM Parish mission statement:**

"Nativity Parish strives to be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."

Opening Prayer	Jim Goetz
On-going business:	
Fun'd Committee	<p>Report from Jill Campbell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cookie sale: over \$900.00 made <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Over 50 bakers</li> <li>○ 34 workers</li> <li>○ Final report will go into the bulletin</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Apparel sale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Samples available sizes sm-3XL, kids sizes on request</li> <li>○ Event: Jan 25-26 presale after masses</li> <li>○ Andy will help with Spanish translation of order form</li> <li>○ Objective: parish enthusiasm &amp; visibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Festival/Chicken Barbecue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ June 14th to coincide with "Low Bridge, High Water"</li> <li>○ Jess Horn is asking youth for help with games</li> <li>○ Baked good will also be sold</li> <li>○ Looking for volunteers for music</li> <li>○ Knights have offered to run a raffle to benefit the parish</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Information Packet	<p>Report from Jim Goetz &amp; Patty Selig</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mary Lynn Turner is working on the History &amp; Priests who served here</li> <li>● Parish Soft can give us # of families going back many years</li> <li>● Looking for # of registered who attend weekly mass</li> <li>● Finance Council/Pat O'Brien can provide information about collections</li> <li>● Patty will request a short statement from the different ministries</li> </ul>
New Photo Directory	<p>Report from Paul Kimball</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In process</li> </ul>
Social Committee	<p>Report from Sharon Wheat &amp; Theresa Petta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Coffee Hours after mass Feb 8 &amp; 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coffee, water, cookies, donuts</li> <li>○ Fr. Joe will order the donuts someone will have to pick them up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Welcoming Committee	<p>Committee Report from Sharon Wheat &amp; Theresa Petta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Deb will give new parishioner info to the committee</li> <li>● Committee will make contact, set up a visit, bring small gift</li> <li>● Connect them with neighbors who are parishioners</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide a list of opportunities for participation &amp; any needs for sacraments or faith formation</li> </ul>
Human Concerns Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joining SEAS in January to donate gently used books and money donation to pay for shipping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For library in Liberia, many books coming in</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Oak Orchard Warming Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open when the temperature is below 32 degrees</li> <li>○ 2-4 people coming every night</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Ways our Parish assists the poor and migrant communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion is on-going</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<p>Pastoral Council Election Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Timeline 2 weeks maximum beginning May 10th</li> <li>● Jason will help</li> <li>● Selection on Pentecost, May 24</li> <li>● 4 member needed</li> </ul> <p>Nativity Bells: Bell were quieted out of respect for our neighbors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will resume ringing before masses</li> </ul> <p>Sick list in the bulletin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● There are too many to list</li> <li>● Anyone wishing updates should join the Prayer Network listed in the bulletin</li> </ul>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jim Goetz
<b>Joint Pastoral Council Fr. Joe's Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finances are stabilizing</li> <li>● We need to find our Evangelization goal: what are our community's needs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emphasis on young adults &amp; young families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Hospitality Ministry</li> <li>■ Good liturgy, preaching, music</li> <li>■ Social Justice</li> <li>■ Relationship building</li> <li>■ Everyone welcome- even babies</li> <li>■ Faith formation &amp; social events</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Hospitality training for volunteers</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Next meeting:** NBVM Pastoral Council Meeting: **Monday, March 10 at 6:00 pm**

<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	<b>Meeting Location</b>	<b>Open/Closing Prayers</b>
February:	<b>No Meeting</b>	
March 10	SEAS	Andy Gregerson
April 7	NBVM	Jill Campbell
May 12	SEAS	Paul Kimball
June 9	NBVM	Sara Monnier