

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

Nativity Parish Center  
152 Main Street  
Brockport, NY 14420  
Monday, April 7, 2025

**Members Present:** Father Joe, Deacon Vince, Deacon Paul, Andy Gregerson, Cathy Galbreth, Sara Monnier, Jill Campbell, Dr. James Goetz, Jason Horn, Paul Kimball, Theresa Petta, Sharon Wheat, Mary Galbreth, Garrett Horn

**Members Absent:** Gloria Castaneda, Daniel Dailey, Patty Selig

**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."

<b>Opening Prayer/Mission Statement</b>	Jill Campbell
<b>New Business:</b>	
<b>Catholic Daughters of America</b>	<p>Presentation and questions - Sue Parrino Sue asked who decides what fundraisers are run and when? She does not want different committees to overlap with fundraisers. The Pastoral Council oversees all committees, and all committees should be reporting to the Pastoral Council with their goals, ideas of projects, fundraisers, etc.</p> <p>Sue reported that the Catholic Daughters of America give some funds back to both Nativity and SEAS parishes for retreats, CCD programs. Some funds pay local and national dues.</p> <p>It was proposed that a calendar should be made to list all fundraisers. Each committee will have the chairperson or designated volunteer from said committee meet/or submit their requests for the fundraisers and time frames they would like. Pastoral Council will approve or help find a different time to have said fundraisers and write them on the calendar.</p>
<b>Old Business:</b>	
<b>Pastoral Council Election Committee Cathy &amp; Sara</b>	<p>There are 4 terms expiring, Fr Joe stated that if a current member whose term is expiring wishes to stay on the committee, that member could do so. That would adjust the number of open spots for election.</p> <p>Paul &amp; Jill will give a presentation at masses - Cathy will write up a statement, put it in the bulletin and send it to Jill &amp; Paul for April 26/27 and May 3 and 4 masses.</p> <p>April 26-27 &amp; May 3 &amp; 4 paper nominations will be out both weekends</p>

	<p>Patty will create the nomination form and send it to Deb to copy. Ballots and pencils will be on the filing cabinet outside the office. Jason and Sara will place the forms and pencils in pews before masses. Council members will distribute &amp; pick up the ballots and pencils from the pews during mass</p> <p>May 4th all nominations will be turned in. Committee will divide the names to be called – Jason volunteered to organize a spreadsheet (like he did last year) to divide the names to be called. Nominees interested in running for election will provide a short bio &amp; picture to Deb Bausch by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Elections on May 17-18</p> <p>June 9<sup>th</sup> is our picnic/final meeting for the year. We will have a brief meeting and welcome the new elected members. We will send around a sign-up sheet for food at our May meeting.</p> <p>Father Joe would like to have one high school freshman and one high school junior on the pastoral council. He would like the terms to run for two years. Further discussion is needed. How would students who happen to be incoming sophomores/seniors on election years be able to participate?</p> <p>Father would like the council to draft a letter to be given to student pastoral council members to use when applying for such things as jobs/college/trade school, etc. Further discussion is needed as to what information will be in the letter and other criteria that must be met (i.e., percentage of attendance at meetings, involvement in council/activities or committees sponsored by council, etc.)</p>
<p><b>Information Packet</b> Jim &amp; Patty</p>	<p>History of the parish is completed. Jim is still gathering financial information, such as: are there any special funds, how is the church doing fiscally, what is the financial health of the parish? Still considering a 3- or 5-year plan Jim will meet with Father Joe after Easter to discuss further information.</p>
<p><b>Fun'd Committee</b> Jill</p>	<p><b>T shirts:</b> 60 shirts sold.</p> <p><b>Cookie Sale:</b> Waiting for the final fiscal report on the cookie sale.</p> <p><b>Festival:</b> Next meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> Date of festival: June 14th one day: Noon -7 Same as Low Bridge/High Water The Knights are considering sponsoring this event Will have: T-shirt sale, Silent Basket Auction, chicken barbecue, children's games hotdog &amp; Hamburgers- to be sold but need someone to run it <b>SEAS</b> is tentatively interested in holding a garage sale but will need to find volunteers to run it. They will be responsible for their own set up and take down</p>

	<p>Carry in/carry out. they will figure out what to do with the leftovers</p> <p>The committee will gather on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> to clean out/go through the church basement looking for possible items needed for the festival.</p>
<p><b>Social Committee</b> Sharon</p>	<p>Ice Cream Social – May 3 and 4 after masses. This event will incorporate the children’s liturgy and May crowning on Mary.</p>
<p><b>Welcoming Committee</b> Sharon</p>	<p>The committee contacted 3 new parishioners. The committee has sent notes asking if the parishioners would like to meet with someone from our parish. They are waiting to hear from new parishioners.</p>
<p><b>Human Concerns Committee</b> Sharon</p>	<p>The committee is still collecting 40 cans for 40 Days. Any checks for the Rice Bowl can be made out to Nativity with Rice Bowl written on the memo line. St. John’s Clothing Shelter is collecting light weight clothing for adults and children, shoes, belts, and linens.</p> <p>Stations of the Cross evening with soup and social justice series of stations was powerful and moving for those that attended.</p> <p>They are hoping to do some type of collection for those in need overseas this coming September.</p>
<p><b>Cemetery</b> Sharon</p>	<p>Pete Selig will take care of unlocking the cemetery on a daily basis for the months of April, May and in the fall. In past years, Scott opened the gates in the summer.</p> <p>Father is looking to replace Scott Nather with two part time positions. Cemetery – part time sexton, 15-20 hours/week Parish – part time, 15-20 hours/week</p> <p>It was noted that there is debris scattered on the cemetery grounds, and it was suggested that we need a professional tree service to come in and remove the tree that fell.</p> <p>Father would like to have an article placed in the bulletin stating we need people that would be willing to volunteer to lock the cemetery each evening.</p>
<p><b>Closing Prayer</b></p>	<p>Jill Campbell</p>
<p><b>Combined Meeting for Nativity and SEAS</b></p>	<p>Father Joe stated the governor gave a 90-day period for the HALT Act. The correctional officers may strike again.</p> <p>Father Joe is slated to be sent to Kuwait with the National Guard. He could be gone for 90 days. The National Guard is looking to send him in June.</p> <p>Bishop Matano sent in a letter of resignation 4 years ago. There are many bishop seats open at the moment.</p> <p>Bankruptcy: We are responsible for the following amounts of money: Nativity: \$170,000 SEAS: \$110,000</p>

	At this point, there is no expectation that we will pay more.	
	Money given to Catholic Schools:	Money given to Spanish Subsidy:
	Nativity: \$54,000	\$10,000
	SEAS: \$34,000	\$4,000

Next NBVM Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, May 12 at 6:00pm

Meeting Dates:	Meeting Location	Open/Closing Prayers
May 12	SEAS	Paul Kimball
June 9	Nativity	Sara Monnier