

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. NICHOLAS-ST. MARY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2025**

Members Present:	Fr. Joseph Verespy, Pastor	Terri Nowak
	Fr. Fidel Ticona, Vicar	Janice Oliver
	Mike Golubiewski, Deacon	Elia Paris
	Martha Callahan	Robert Reilly
	Robert Desciak	Nancy Verespy-Forbes
	Thom Greco	Phyllis Wujcik
	Judy Kosloski	

The Pastoral Council members met at St. Nicholas-St Mary Parish Rectory. Fr. Verespy opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Verespy provided an update on the sale of the St. Mary property. The offer from Vida Nueva Church on Hill Street in Wilkes-Barre will not be accepted. There is concern that there could be competition between their church and our parish because both would be serving the Hispanic community one block away from each other. Also, they may not need all three buildings, and they would not be able to purchase the property in full at one time. Mr. Lisman indicated that it would be hard to subdivide the property.

Mr. Greco and Mr. Reilly had a conversation with Pastor Adam McGahee, Moving Ministries, who owns the former Planter's Peanut building on South Main Street in Wilkes-Barre. He was not interested.

Mr. John Basaliga has offered \$375,000 via email to Mr. Reilly. He would follow up with a written offer to Fr. Verespy. It should be up to the Bishop to make accept the current bid or make a counteroffer. Mr. Basaliga has not indicated how he intends to use the property.

There was further discussion about a broker. Mr. Lisman will speak to Mr. Rob Mericle about his interest in listing the property for sale.

A draft of the Council by-laws was reviewed, and additional changes were made.

Fr. Verespy received two comments from parishioners regarding the sound system and the organ. He also informed Council that the Youth Group meeting had an excellent turnout with about 30 young people attended. They are planning several summer activities.

It was suggested that we provide a list of some of the items taken from St. Mary's Church in the bulletin. The Council discussed bringing the Our Lady of Fatima statue to St. Nicholas.

Mr. Desciak provided a financial report to the Council. A brief summary will be included in an upcoming bulletin.

Mr. Reilly suggested making changes to the area in the front of the church on the rectory side. This is where people with mobility issues sit.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kosloski