

**MINUTES OF THE
ST. NICHOLAS-ST. MARY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2025**

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

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 Vida Nueva Church on Hill Street in Wilkes-Barre submitted an offer to purchase the property in two phases - \$375,000 to purchase the church and community center. In one year, they would purchase the rectory for \$300,000. They would use the church for religious services and the community center for various events. The rectory would be used as a retreat center. Until they complete the purchase of the rectory, they will be responsible for the rectory's maintenance and upkeep and cover the cost of insurance. They have requested to be able to use the school parking lot when there are no school events.

There has been no contact with John Basaliga following his tour of the facilities. Margarita Azul has also expressed an interest in the property.

Fr. Verespy will contact the diocese regarding the offers and parking.

The Council decided that we should also list the property with a realtor. Rob Mericle will be contacted to see if his company is interested and, if not, get a recommendation from him as to who we should contact.

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

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Kosloski