



St. Sebastian Parish Council

Meeting Agenda

9/25/2025

In attendance:

Excused: Mark Adamczyk

7:00 – 7:05 pm Welcome and Opening Prayer (Carrie)

7:05 – 7:15 pm Father Valencheck's Update

- **Staffing:** The parish is actively searching to fill two positions: a full-time Youth Minister and a part-time Young Adult Minister.
- **Diocesan Capital Campaign:** The parish is preparing for an upcoming diocesan-wide capital campaign.
- **School Playground:** A professional assessment of the school playground concluded that the junior high section is deteriorating and poses a safety risk. The section for younger children remains in good condition.
- **Ministry for Unclaimed Remains:** A new ministry is being formed to provide a dignified burial for the cremated remains of indigent or unclaimed individuals. The parish is working with the diocese to secure a burial niche.
- **Parish Events & News:**
 - A school-wide procession with altar servers was very well-received and will be planned again.
 - The diocesan Priest Convocation will take place on Tuesday, October 14th.
 - Father Anthony Simone will be installed as pastor at St. Jerome's and Holy Redeemer parishes on Sunday, October 19th.
- **Parish Properties:**
 - A generous donation was received for landscaping around the greenhouse.
 - The Elmdale Manor property is being used for some meetings on a temporary basis.
- **Staff Communication:** A reminder was issued that when staff members do not have an immediate answer, the proper response is to find the information and follow up.

7:15 – 7:25 pm Father Marcelli's Update

- **Young Adult Ministry:**
 - The ministry is being restructured with a renewed focus on faith content and discussion.
 - Interim gatherings are being held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM, which include adoration, prayer, and study.
 - A special event for young adults is planned for the evening of October 19th, featuring a chili dinner and a talk on leadership.
 - Job descriptions for the open ministry positions are posted on the diocesan website.
- **Parish Activities:**
 - The Praetorian Fitness Club will resume its weekly meetings on Wednesdays from 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM, starting October 1st.
 - School students are being encouraged to participate in the Governor's Fitness Challenge.
 - A potential pet blessing is being planned for an upcoming Saturday.

New Business

- 7:35 – 8:00 pm

Old Business

- 8:00 – 8:20 pm

Pulse of the Parish/Commission Reports

8:20 – 8:30 pm

Compline (Carrie)

October 23, 7:00-8:30 pm

St. Sebastian Rectory

Prayer and Compline – Tom