

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

(Joint Pastoral Council Meeting & Picnic—St. Mel and St. Mark)

Tuesday, July 2nd , 2024, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm

Present:

Fr. Adam

Pat Kerrigan

Natale Badillo

Rob Cahill

Sarah Franks

Don Harrington

Carl Orban

St. Mark Pastoral Council members

➤ Ending and Continuing St. Mel Pastoral Council Service Terms:

- There are three St. Mel Pastoral Council members who ended their service terms this year. The other three Pastoral Council members will continue for two more years. The three newly elected Pastoral Council members (elected in June 2024) will serve for four years.
 - Outgoing Members (completed service terms):
 - Susan Mitchell, Tom Stamper, Sally Armstrong
 - Continuing Members (serving for two more years):
 - Rob Cahill, Pat Kerrigan, Natale Badillo
 - New Members (serving for four years):
 - Sarah Franks, Don Harrington, Carl Orban

We give a warm “farewell and thank you” to outgoing members, a warm “hello and welcome” to incoming members, and an ongoing “thank you” to those who are continuing to serve! 😊

- **The new officers for Pastoral Council (for the next two years) are:**
 - **Rob Cahill: Chairperson**
 - **Pat Kerrigan: Vice-Chairperson**
 - **Natale Badillo: Secretary**

****As a reminder:**

- **St. Mel. Pastoral Council meetings typically occur on the second Thursday during odd-numbered months, so the next meeting for the St. Mel Pastoral Council will be sometime in September.** (St. Mark’s Pastoral Council meetings

are on the same schedule during even-numbered months). **They are held in the basement meeting room in the rectory at 7:00 pm.**

- **Non-members of Pastoral Council are absolutely welcome to come to Pastoral Council meetings, but they are there as observers** (not to engage in discussions).
- **St. Mel Pastoral Council members are representatives for parishioners, so please make your compliments, concerns, and ideas known to Pastoral Council members whenever you see them, to be brought up for further discussion with Fr. Adam at future Pastoral Council meetings.**
- **St. Mel Pastoral Council meeting minutes are always available to parishioners—feel free to call the parish office to ask to view a copy!**

➤ Parish Picnic (St. Mark & St. Mel):

The weather was unexpectedly chilly, but the food and activities were great! For those who came, a good time was had by all! Thank you again, St. Mark, for inviting St. Mel! 😊

➤ St. Mel Census:

The St. Mel census of active parishioners at St. Mel is almost concluded—thanks to Fr. Adam and Bill (and other individuals who helped) for their hard work on this! We will know the exact number of active parishioner households at the end of the census.

- Deanery update: The Diocese has hired a moderator (lay person coordinator) for all of the deaneries (regional Diocesan groups), who will work in tandem with the appointed Dean (Father Rob Ramser from Our Lady of Angels Church) to manage the workings of the deaneries. The Diocese has, however, put the development of the deanery project on hold temporarily, due to unforeseen events. More information will come later when the Diocese announces more details.

- Window Project update: The Diocesan office is still working on details of the St. Mel school building window replacement project. The latest update from the Diocese is that the window project will likely occur next summer. Details are still being determined by the Diocese regarding the specific company that will be doing the window replacement work.

Upcoming Dates:

- Next Donut Sunday Date: Sunday, July 14th
- Donut Sundays typically occur on the second Sunday of the month, after both the 7:00 am and 10:00 am Masses.
 - The cost of the donuts, coffee, and beverages are free to parishioners, but a free-will donation toward the costs (though not required) is always appreciated. Come have a donut and get to know fellow parishioners and families in a fun, relaxed setting! 😊

- Next Pastoral Council Meeting: September (Fr. Adam will confirm the exact date later this summer)