**PAC Meeting Summary May 16, 2019 7:00p.m.**

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Tom Bourque, T.O.R., began the meeting with prayer.

**New agenda items**

Finance Update. Steve Anderson gave an overview of the Parish Finance Council and the state of parish finances. Financially we are doing well. Contributions to the parish are down about 3% down from last year; not sure if it is the priest sexual scandal or government shut down or something else. Contributions at some diocesan parishes are down 10%. Parishioners use of Faith Direct has continued to grow, now accounting for more than 40% of contributions. Father Tom will put a financial overview in a future bulletin.

Spiritual Presenters for Advent & Lent Retreats. Fr. Tom asked for and received a number of suggested presenters for next year’s retreats. We will likely have a 3-day retreat during Lent and a 1-day retreat during Advent.

PAC Membership changes. The last PAC meeting of the current term will be in June, when the PAC will say thanks to Terry McNulty and Mark Overberg, whose terms are ending. Tom Reilly will replace Mark as the new Chairperson. The announcements seeking new PAC Members are in the bulletin. Nominations will be submitted during June. New members will be announced in late July or early August.

**Continuing agenda items**

Bishop’s Lenten Appeal. The parish achieved 101% of its pledge goal in mid-May with 19% of registered parishioners contributing. Parishioners have already contributed 70% of the pledged amount. Fr. Tom thanked the parish for its generosity and for responding so quickly to the PAC’s request on BLA Sunday.

New Deacons! We are blessed to have Fr. David here now, already celebrating Masses, baptisms, and weddings. We hope to have Father Vince and Father David with us through this summer, but we won’t know for sure until after the Franciscan Third Order Regular meets in July to determine new assignments. In September, we are hoping to welcome TWO new Friar Deacons – one English speaking and one Spanish speaking.

Maintenance. In July, a contractor will take about two weeks to paint the church, but the painting should not disrupt Masses. We expect to soon receive the Ambry, which will hold the sacred oils and be secured next to the baptismal font. We also plan to begin a study to improve lighting in the church in the upcoming years.

Parishioner Count. We will conduct a census of our parishioners this summer to determine a more accurate count. It has been a number of years since the parish confirmed its membership, which diocese needs.