

St. Thomas A Becket Pastoral Council

November 11, 2020

Attending:

Sean Endsley
Ali Althen
Matthew Verghese
Jennifer Stroik
Peggy Cowdrill
Robert Dunphy
Betsey Coffey
Tom Robinson
Lisa Erhardt
Rev. William Schardt

1. Shawn Endsley convened the meeting at 6:34 PM
2. No direction has been issued by the Diocese regarding procedures in light of the COVID resurgence. Fr. Schardt expects some guidance for Christmas.
3. The Bishop's planned visit has been cancelled for November and will be rescheduled tentatively in April.
4. Confirmation has been canceled due to COVID infection and has not yet been rescheduled.
5. Emails have been received from Janice Ryan and Maureen Reddy requesting that St. Thomas install solar panels on the roof and that St. Thomas install a charging station for electric vehicles.
6. Christmas. Accommodating parishioners for Christmas will be problematic. Sign-up Genius is in place to limit attendance.
7. Christmas Mass Music. If there is a cantor, the congregation may wish to join in.
8. Parish Staff: Renee Wade has joined the office staff. Sean Endsley proposed posting the names and responsibilities of staff members on the parish website.
9. The Financial report distributed will go out to the whole parish in a mailing after January 1.
10. Peggy Cowdrill is moving. Matt Verghese will take over as liaison to the parish office.
11. Ali Althen has acquired a license for Zoom and volunteered its use.
12. Phone Project. The project has come to a halt. No additional volunteers have come forward. It may be possible to contact the current volunteers after the Christmas holidays to restart the effort.
13. Additional Masses. Fr. Schardt stated that more volunteers will be needed for more Masses.
14. White House Ornaments – sales are underway. There will be no table in the Narthex after Mass, but parishioners can order the ornaments for pick-up.

15. The 1st meeting of the social justice committed is planned for December 2, 2020.
16. The Bible Study group begins at the start of Advent.
17. The Next Meeting will be January 13, 2021: 6:30 to 8:00 PM via Zoom.