

**St. Thomas A Becket Pastoral Council
September 15, 2021**

Attending:

Gary Beach
Betsy Coffey
Robert Dunphy
Sean Endsley
Lisa Erhardt

Rev. William Schardt
Jennifer Stroik
Matthew Verghese

Absent:

Lisa Erhardt
Tom Robinson

1. Shawn Endsley convened the meeting at 6:36 PM on the Parish Hall.
2. Opening prayer – Divine Praises offered by R. Dunphy
3. Minutes of the July 21st meeting were reviewed.
4. Parish Re-Opening –
 - a. Religious Education Status – Betsy Coffey
 - i. Classes will begin on September 24th and 25th
 - ii. There have been very few registrations. As of current date only 44 have registered as compared to 120 registrations in 2020.
 - iii. Class times this year are as follows:
 1. Sunday evening 5:00 PM – 6:15 PM – the most popular class time
 2. Monday 4:30 PM – 5:45 PM
 3. Monday 6:15 PM – 7:30 PM – least popular
 - iv. The majority of registrations have been for grade 8 – Confirmation – 12; Grade 2 – First Communion – 10. The remaining 17 registrations are spread among the other age groups.
 - b. Workcamp 2022 will be in Frederick County Virginia.
 - c. Bishop Burbidge will celebrate Confirmation at St. Thomas on October 15th.
 - d. Christmas Tree ornaments will be available again this year.
5. Care of the sick and elderly. Resumption of taking of the Eucharist to the homebound was discussed. Concerns were raised about the comfort level of both recipients and extraordinary ministers due to COVID-19 and the possibility of transmission. No action was planned.
6. Sean Endsley reported:
 - a. The Diocese of Arlington has issued a document on Gender Ideology written by Bishop Burbidge.

- b. He recently attended a meeting of the Parish Finance Committee.
- 7. Catholic Charities Refugee Assistance is helping Afghan refugees among others.
- 8. The next meeting will be in December 2021 – date to be determined.
- 9. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.