

# St. Margaret Mary Pastoral Council Meeting

Date: January 23, 2025

Attendance: Fr. Adam, Deacon René, Bruce Coughlan, Rose Del Grosso, Kim Drotar, Sarah Mandarano

1. Update on Youth Ministry
  - a. A youth minister was hired and this was announced to the Parish community, but the hiring was cancelled by the Diocese
  - b. Fr. Adam has petitioned for the decision to be reconsidered
  
2. Update on Marydale Park for Parish Picnic
  - a. Fr. Adam met with the new director of CYO, Brett Martin
  - b. Brett is not willing to move the pride flag for our Picnic, nor is he willing to engage in any conversation about it
  - c. Parish Council agrees that the Picnic should be moved from Marydale Park, since it is important to stand up strongly for our faith
  - d. Picnic Committee will need to find a new location; in the worst case, we can have it in the parking lot
  - e. We now have the option to have the Picnic on a different weekend, add some other features such as a band, concert, etc.
  - f. Bruce to notify the Picnic Committee
  
3. Securing the church
  - a. In the event that Fr. Adam is away from the Parish, it is important that the doors get locked and the alarm is set in the evening
  - b. A system should be put in place for other community members to lock the church
    - E.g. Joe, Deacon René, a sacristan
  - c. Fr. Adam would like to know about events that will take place while he is away to make sure that someone will be responsible for locking the doors
  
4. Items for Parish Budget for Finance Committee
  - a. Possibly altar server vestments
  - b. Gowns for those who are baptized at Easter
  
5. New Parish Council members
  - a. Spaces have opened up because of retirements and resignations
  - b. It is Fr. Adam's responsibility to appoint parishioners to this role

**Next meeting:** Thursday, April 3 at 7 PM