

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025, 7:00 PM Conference Room**

Present: Laura De Boisblanc, Kenn Kern, Marguerite Lucarelli, John Mancuso, Sabrina Ng, Letty Moss-Salentijn, Fr. Yesalonia.

Absent: Paul Capetillo, Antonio Del Rosario, Ben Denihan, Fr. Hilbert

1. **Prayer.** Fr. Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia gave an update of various events and works of the parish, including, in no particular order:
  - a. **Cardinal Dolan.** Fr. Yesalonia and several other pastors from the NYC area were invited to meet with Cardinal Dolan on February 24 to discuss the Catholic Church's current financial needs.
  - b. **Confirmations.** Grammar School and IREP students will be confirmed by Bishop Whalen on April 10.
  - c. **New Offices.** Two new office spaces and a communal bathroom have been created on the third floor of the Parish House. Fr. Yesalonia's former first-floor office will become the new Fr. Bergen Office of Ignatian Spirituality and Faith Formation.
3. **Implementation Plan - Update.** The Parish Council discussed the current state of the Implementation Plan initiatives and shared updates on their work. Kenn Kern plans to start drafting the next biannual update letter to the parish for distribution in late June.
4. **Sister Parish in Bethlehem, St. Catherine's.** After discussion, Fr. Yesalonia has agreed for St. Ignatius Loyola to be a sister parish to St. Catherine's in Bethlehem. In addition to holding virtual socials between the parishes, St. Ignatius Loyola will raise \$20,000 for St. Catherine's each year through two bi-annual second collections.
5. **Pastoral Associate, Roxanne De La Torre.** Roxanne De La Torre has accepted the position of Pastoral Associate of Ignatian Spirituality and Faith Formation. She currently works at Xavier Mission and will officially join the parish staff in mid-June.

6. **Power-washing of Church's Façade.** A parishioner is offering to fund the power-washing of the Church's façade along 84<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue.
7. **Other Business.** Fr. Yesalonia shared the new ways parishioners will soon be able to give donations: through QR codes displayed on the back on pews, and an electronic donation kiosk to be installed in the back of the Church.

**Father Yesalonia concluded the meeting with prayer.**

**The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.**

**The next meeting is Wednesday, 14 May 2025, in the Conference Room.**

Respectfully submitted.

Marguerite Lucarelli