

## April 2018 Parish Council Minutes

1. Pastor's Report-
  - a. Original plan to renovate the convent could have ranged up to \$3 million, which exceeds our likely fundraising ability, according to 2 fundraising consultants. St. John's currently operates in the black, but Fr. Ed wants to make sure that any capital project will be affordable and not place the current or future parish administrations under too much financial stress. The Parish Life Center Committee continue to look at various options to decrease cost of project. Among them:
    - First option: Raze current convent and build a one-floor building along the rear of the church parking lot. This option could approach \$2.5 million, given the need to replace parking spaces and run utility access underground or overhead from Providence Road. The PLC Committee rejected this option.
    - Second option: Butler Building (Prefab building). A new one-floor building where current convent is situated.
    - Third option: Use current structure of convent but take 2<sup>nd</sup> floor off and add an addition to the back. This would decrease cost because would not require significant building structure to support 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and build an elevator.
  - i. Cost to remediate asbestos: \$200,000
  - b. Decision made to cancel June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - c. Good news is St. John's is financially stable parish. Parishioners are very generous. Christmas and Block collections in 2018 are up compared to 2017. Easter collection is down, but not yet final.
  - d. Archdiocesan Assessment – The annual assessment that each parish pays the Archdiocese to support their programs and personnel will increase from \$133,800 this year to \$159,100.
    - i. 12.7% of St John's collections go to the Archdiocese
2. Review of parish Ministries
  - a. 45 ministries with 8 or 9 new in last 3 years
  - b. Continue to ask of each ministry:
    - i. Who are we serving
    - ii. What are we asking of our parishioners.
  - c. Results: We have a lot of new ministries and we are asking a lot of our parishioners, so we need to be mindful going forward of what we ask of our parishioners and merge ministry events when possible or ask others to share the work. This means more hands to help and more attendees.