

## **Nominations for Our Lady of Peace Pastoral Council**

Pastoral Council has **2 upcoming vacancies** each for a 3-year term. The position is renewable for an additional 3 years after the completion of the first term. Parishioners may nominate themselves or another member of the parish.

- **Nominees must meet the following requirements:**
  - ✓ Be a registered parishioner of OLP for at least 3 years who is at least 21 years old
  - ✓ Be a regular participant in the worship life of our parish who receives the sacraments
  - ✓ Be a parishioner that takes their faith seriously
  
- **Nominees should also have the following characteristics:**
  - ✓ Enthusiasm regarding the future of our parish
  - ✓ Ability to collaborate with others and an openness to other ideas
  - ✓ Desire for spiritual growth for themselves and the parish
  
- **How do I Nominate myself or another?**
  - ✓ **Complete the nomination form and return it to the parish office by May 20, 2022**
  - ✓ Obtain the signature of the person you are nominating (if not yourself) as well as another parishioner as a personal endorsement
  - ✓ Pastoral Council members are available to assist with endorsements and may be reached by leaving a message with the office at 814-833-7701 (current council listed below)
  
- **Member Selection:**
  - ✓ Applications will be reviewed at the May Pastoral Council meeting for completeness
  - ✓ From the eligible applicants, names will then be chosen by lot at the May meeting
  
- **What is Pastoral Council?**
  - ✓ It is a visionary body that works in collaboration with the Pastor
  - ✓ Council meets regularly with the Pastor to offer ideas for us to live out the parish mission and meet the needs of the parish
  - ✓ Parish council **does not** make decisions about the daily operations of the parish
  
- **Time Commitment:**
  - ✓ Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month except July and December
  - ✓ Additionally, there is a one-day retreat and a planning session with the parish staff
  - ✓ Each member may also be asked to serve on a subcommittee as needed

Current members of Pastoral Council: Fr. Rich Toohey (Pastor), Justin Miles (President), Kathleen Fross (Vice-President), Jen Malue (Secretary), Cathy Kuzma, Herb Morrow, Anne Rutkowski, Thomas Sargent, Nancy Sherwood, Dominick Sisinni, Debbie Steiner, Cheryl DiPietro, Stacy Congdon, and Sue Quinn.

