

Below is a summary of the activities conducted by the Parish Council over the last few years:

- Reviewing of our parish's 100th Anniversary Celebration; planning Fr. Walter's Farewell and Fr. Steve's Welcome Celebration.
- Receiving updates regarding parish finances, administration, maintenance, facilities, Diocesan communications, the work of the Knights of Columbus and various community service/social justice projects.
- Receiving individual Ministry updates: During Covid, reports from ministries lapsed, but the plan is to restart these updates in the near future.
- Reviewing and providing feedback on Bishop Robert Barron's "Letter to a Suffering Church" regarding the clerical abuse scandal
- Considering and consulting on changes in Mass and collection scheduling
- Considering and consulting on parish infection control measures and parishioner feedback about safety concerns related to celebration of Mass during the Covid pandemic
- Conducting personal outreach and sending greeting cards to homebound parishioners during the Covid pandemic in 2021 and 2022.
- Studying diocesan communications and collaborating on plans for our "Welcome Back Celebration" via the parish picnic in September 2021, the design and installation of our Prayer Tree, and the painting and future installation of the paver bricks in our outdoor altar area.
- Consulted and followed up on publicizing Our Lady of Lourdes New Holland, our website, and our mass schedules in local news publications.
- Consulting on fundraising for our new church organ
- Conducting an online/QR code-accessed survey for young parish families to better understand their perspectives.
- Studying diocesan communications about the Vatican's worldwide "Synod on Synodality" and facilitating discussions starting February 2022.

Moving forward, please expect to see Parish Council meeting minutes posted in the social hall. We are all one family, and while mindful of challenges, are thankful for God's many blessings.

Sincerely,

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Council Members

Kathleen Millay (Chair), Amy Spina (Vice-Chair), Judy Archibald, John Oldynski, Stacie Varley, Ted Cutrona, Marc Spina, Jill Archibald, Karen Smith-Kernc, Ron Zega and Maryanne Zega