

St. Albert the Great Parish

News from the Parish Pastoral Council

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- The five pastors and five lay members from each of our Weymouth Cluster parishes will meet on Monday, May 3, to begin pastoral planning for the day when fewer priests will be available to serve as our pastors. Although, if current projections hold, eventually the number of parishes will exceed the number of active priests, the Archdiocese has stated that it will not mandate parish closings. However, diminishing resources could result in locally-determined changes. Cluster collaboration will help our Catholic Christian communities to survive and thrive in the years to come. Outcomes of the meeting will be reported at the next Open Parish Meeting on Monday, May 17, at 7 p.m. in Bryson Hall.
- As part of our continuing communication, Immaculate Conception and St. Albert's will conduct a "pulpit swap" on Sunday, April 25. Fr. Paul will celebrate the 10 am Mass at Immaculate, and Fr. Bill will return the favor at 11 am at St. Albert's. We look forward to welcoming our neighbor!
- A Parish Management Task Force chaired by Mary Akoury will explore various models adopted throughout the country in response to the decreasing number of priests. Their findings will be presented at future meetings.
- The Council has approved a three-fold response to the current crisis in the universal church. A relevant petition will be offered with the Prayers of the Faithful, beginning this weekend; a family-appropriate homily addressing related issues will be delivered on May 9th; a lay-lead prayer service later that month will join our hearts and minds in prayer, fellowship and conversation.
- Do you have a green thumb? Need more fresh air and exercise? Are you proud of our parish property? A landscaping contractor ably manages Spring and Fall cleanups and seasonal lawn mowing, but weeders, planners and planters are needed to enhance and maintain our little corner of the earth. Contact the parish office if you'd like to be part of St. Albert's Green Team!