

## September Pastoral Council Meeting Summary

Our first pastoral council meeting of the fiscal year was held on September 8, 2015.

- A new ministry to provide food for the poor “Simply Soup” was introduced by Deacon Mike. It will be explained to the parish in weeks to come.
- The in-pew Greeting before Mass and our annual Ministry Day were evaluated and the council felt that both should be kept in place.
- Pope Francis has declared a “Jubilee Year of Mercy.” It will begin on December 8. Our Lady Star of the Sea has been chosen to be one of the Churches in the Diocese of Camden with a designated **Holy Door**. A pilgrimage to our Church at this time holds special blessing for all who come here. A committee within the council was established to facilitate this Year of Mercy in the parish.
- Security cameras will be put in the Church.
- Our lower Church is almost ready to be opened for worship. We hope to have daily Masses there during the winter months.