



ST. JEANNE JUGAN PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING AND CURRENT REPORTS

CHURCHES OF: HOLY FAMILY, ST. BERNARD, ST. PATRICK, ST. MARTHA, ST. ADALBERT

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MINUTES OF MEETING

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

Location: Holy Family - Fr. Kerwan Hall

Member Attendance – Elected, Ex-Officio, Clergy: (x – present, e – excused)

<u> </u> Fr. C. Kelechi Anyanwu	<u> </u> Fr. M. Kappalumakkel	<u> X </u> Vicki Mitchell*	<u> X </u> Josh Sullivan
<u> X </u> Sue Cotter	<u> X </u> Pat Keck	<u> </u> Charlene Mongillo	<u> X </u> Marianne Tittarelli
<u> E </u> Mark DiBacco	<u> </u> Monica Kedzior	<u> E </u> Dcn. Vince Motto	<u> </u> Dcn. Michael Torres
<u> </u> Donna Doyker	<u> X </u> Regina Klundt	<u> </u> Marie Pyznar	<u> </u> Fr. Robert Villa
<u> X </u> Kristen Fitzsimons	<u> X </u> Joe Kubinski	<u> </u> Dcn. Paul Robert	<u> X </u> Kerri Work
<u> X </u> Fr. John Golas	<u> X </u> Bill Landry	<u> X </u> Darlene Saucier	<u> </u> MaryAnn Zaleski
<u> E </u> BJ Gomeau	<u> X </u> Ryan LaRoche	<u> X </u> Faith Scavetta	<u> </u> Maggie Griffin**
<u> X </u> Dave Goyette	<u> X </u> Dcn. James Marco	<u> </u> Michael Smyth	<u> </u>

*Vicki Mitchel – phone in

** Youth member

Guest(s) in attendance: Walter Kruzel

Opening Prayer: Fr. Golas. John 10:23-30 Jesus identifies Himself as the Good Shepherd. We don't always appreciate the good hands of our Lord that we are in because of our worldly concerns. Thought: When we have something in hand figuratively or literally, think of how we are in the Lord's hands.

Agenda Items:

Approval of minutes from March 4, 2025: Motion to approve by Kristen F, 2nd by Dave Goyette . Minutes approved.

Old Business:

- Carnival Committee Succession Plan. Gary will be ending his stewardship of the committee, and new committee members are needed. Josh Sullivan expressed interest in becoming co-chair of the committee.



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- St. Jeanne Jugan Festival of Hope. Volunteers are lacking. Pat is not able to secure commitments from all the individuals that would be part of the event program, with music being one of the programming areas that isn't coming together well. The music programming is seen as integral to the eucharistic adoration and celebration aspects of the festival. Setting a date for the festival has been difficult due to conflicts with other events, such as SJJ picnic, or KOC car show.

New Business:

- Holy Day Mass. Proposal is to add a mass at 7:30am at St. Bernards to better accommodate parishioners working schedule. After discussion, motion made by Kristen Fitzsimons and seconded by Faith Scavetta. Vote was taken and motion passed.
- St. Bernards Change of Mass Time. Worship and Parish Life proposed changing the 10:30am Sunday mass to 11:00 am to accommodate the organist. Council discussed the proposal and was in agreement. Motion to accept change made by Kristen Fitzsimons and seconded by Faith Scavetta. Vote was taken and motion passed.
- Parish Security. Vicki Mitchell contacted Carl Sferrazza the former Enfield Police Chief, and he is available to speak to Worship and Parish Life (W&PL) about security concerns and measures. Fr. Golas suggested that this be a separate meeting outside of the Council, and then report back to Council, beginning sometime in September. Discussion points included having volunteer time from security professionals, having security professionals prescribe a good security plan, and have ushers and parishioners capable of carrying our security measures. Safety concerns from personal experience were raised to demonstrate the importance of having security awareness and a plan to deal with emergencies. A separate security committee will be considered in addition to or to work with W&PL.
- Election Committee. Due to oversight, nomination and election process will get underway with final voting to occur on June 22. The June new member meet and greet meeting will be postponed or incorporated into first meeting in September. Election committee has been selected and will comprise of Josh Sullivan and Bill Landry. Joe Kubinski will participate in support of the committee for documents and communication.
- Parish Picnic. Council has agreed to hold the picnic in August of 2025. Kristen asked if anyone would step forward, but will plan to be the organizer again for this year. Because there is no 11:00 am mass at Holy Family, proposal is to have an outdoor mass before the picnic. There will be details to work out.



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Pastoral Report of Fr. Golas:

- Organist for St. Patrick's. Two choir members are looking at Trinity college music department.
- St. Bernards School. Seeking to fill position of custodian.
- St. Patrick's. Duplex in process of being sold. Surveyor looking at access issues and how to address them.
- Parish Center/Old Convent. Contract signed. Environmental study done being redone to deal with hazardous material. Once building is taken down, the area will grassed.
- St. Patrick's Cemetery. South side facing highway will have new section added along with access road. This is important because cemetery expenses are funded by selling new plots. The endowment will cover the cost which is expected to be approximately \$100,000.
- Feast of Corpus Christi. Deacon Vince Motto is in process of putting together a procession which will include transport by truck.
- Friday Divine Mercy Holy Hour at St. Bernard's. Announcement made that it will be ending first Friday at 3 pm due to very low attendance. Recitation of Divine Mercy will be on Friday after morning mass.

Closing Prayer: led by Fr. Golas.

Motion to adjourn made by Pat Keck and seconded by Faith Scavetta.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Tuesday, Aug 26, 2025, 7:00 p.m. at:

 Fr. Kerwan Hall of Holy Family Church

 X St. Bernard's Church meeting room

Respectfully Submitted,
Joe Kubinski

Secretary



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Committee Reports Submitted By Committee Chair(s) (unless otherwise noted)

Facilities (Ryan LaRoche)

- Repairing lights in church-SM
- Replacing and building mailbox post and mailbox- old one was falling over and door was not staying shut put numbers and reflectors on it as well-HF
- Temporary fix of front roof over vestibule (flat roof-wasn't in contract) working on getting quotes to fix and new roof drains
- Replaced emergency light-SM-per insurance
- Repaired light in church-SM
- Repaired shower doors in rectory-HF
- Replaced emergency light per insurance-SBS
- Dusted lights, windowsills, statues, and organ cage in church-HF
- Tried getting air going in hall for craft fair-called Trane-HF
- Working on getting quotes for heating controls at St. Marthas and trying to figure out the best way to do it.
- Working on getting quotes for sidewalks at Holy Family

Legion of Mary (Regina Klundt):

- On March 23, 2025, Father Golas and Our Lady of the Holy Family Praesidium hosted the Acies event which brought active legionaries and auxiliary members from our praesidium and other praesidia together to profess individual Acts of Consecration to our Blessed



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Mother. Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the Holy Rosary, and Benediction took place at Holy Family Church. A reception at Fr. Kerwan Hall followed the event.

- Legionaries from Our Lady of the Holy Family Praesidium continue to visit residents in the local nursing homes. They pray the Holy Rosary with the residents and the Divine Mercy Chaplet is also added to the Rosary at one facility.
- Our praesidium has certain members who bring Holy Communion to the homebound and for some parishioners who are in nursing homes.
- Two members sang recently at a funeral.
- Three members of our praesidium assisted in the presentation about the Holy Rosary and Our Lady's Brown Scapular for the First Holy Communion children at St Jugan Parish on April 30th. The children received blessed Rosaries and scapulars along with the children's Rosary meditation pamphlets. Meditation Rosary pamphlets were distributed to the parents.

Upcoming events:

There will be a crowning of Our Lady of Fatima Statue at Stonebrook Village at Windsor Locks in May. There will be a recitation of the Holy Rosary and the singing of Marian songs.

Prayer Shawls/Bears (Debbie Reith):

Senior Lunch (Debbie Lynch):

Pro Life Committee (Donna Doyker):

- We chose 3 pro-life centers to donate to. Abundant Hope in MA, Carolyn's Place in Waterbury and the new revitalized St Gerard in Hartford. Each center will receive \$500 from our fund
- The CT March for Life was very successful with an estimated attendance of over 2500. There were a lot of great speakers including a young woman who survived an abortion. There also were quite a few young college men who told us that the Catholic Church on their Campus was standing room only!



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- We purchased several signs to explain what SJ 35 would do if made an amendment to our state constitution during the 2026 midterm elections, and many people at the march took photos of them.
- We also wrote letters to our State Reps asking them to vote No on RB7213 but it passed overwhelmingly. Although minors already can have abortions in CT without parental notification, now they can also get contraceptives and prenatal care without any parental involvement.
- We hope to have Little Feet pins to distribute on Mother's Day.

Respectfully submitted
Donna Doyker

Religious Education (Pat Keck):

- Students in Grade 2 both in the Religious Education Program and at St. Bernard School received the Sacrament of Communion on Saturday, March 3, 2025. 36 students received the sacrament.
- Grade 9 Confirmation Class presented the Live Stations of the Cross on Sunday, April 6, 2025 after the Teen Mass.
- K-5 participated in a Good Friday Scavenger Hunt at all four churches collecting objects that represented the passion of Christ.
- Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was Saturday, April 12 as a fundraiser for Steubenville. We had approximately 160 people participate.
- OCIA candidates made their sacraments at the Easter Vigil. We had 8 people and two children, of a couple who made their sacraments as well, receive First Holy Communion.
- Novena of the Divine Mercy was held for nine days at three churches in the evening at 7 p.m.
- Divine Mercy Sunday was at St. Bernard Church. Voices for God sang, and the 9th Grade Confirmation students attended.
- Crowning of Mary was at both St. Bernard and Holy Family on Sunday, May 4th.



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- VBS will be June 23-27 at St. Martha Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Keck
Director Religious Education and Faith Formation

St. Bernard Schools (Charlene Mongillo):

Little Angels:

- Parent night was very well attended on April 9th
- 4 year old graduation is on Friday, May 23rd at SBC
- Last Day of school for all students at LA is Monday, June 9th
- 13 LA students will be transitioning to Kindergarten at SBS
- First Day of School 2025-2026 – Tuesday, September 2nd

St. Bernard:

- Very successful Curriculum Fair and Open House on Monday, April 28th
- NJHS Induction of nine students took place on Thursday, May 1st
- Sacrament of 1st Holy Communion took place on Sat. May 3rd at HF (16 students received their Sacrament)
- Final Family Mass of the year was on Sunday, May 3rd
- Grandparents Day is being held on Friday, May 9th
- Field Day Monday, May 12th (Rain Date 13th)
- 8th Grade Class Night, Friday May 17th @ Grassmere
- Spring Concert Tuesday, May 20th @ 6:00pm at SBS
- 8th Grade Last Day of School – Wednesday, June 4th
- Kindergarten Graduation – Friday, June 6th @ 10:00am @ SBS (last day of school for K)
- 8th grade Graduation – Friday, June 6th @ 7:00pm at SBC
- Last Day of School – 1st – 7th Tuesday, June 10th
- LA/SBS Golf Tournament – Monday, August 11th
- First Day of School 2025-2026 – Thursday, August 28th

Respectfully submitted
Charlene Mongillo

St. Vincent dePaul – Holy Family (Dave Goyette):



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- The Holy Family St. Vincent de Paul society held a successful closet restocking drive the weekend of April 26-27. Thank you to all who donated. Your willingness to help us serve the needy in Enfield is greatly appreciated by those we serve.
- Special thanks to our pastor Fr. Golas for his continued support of our mission.
- We will be electing a new set of officers to begin serving in the fall at our June meeting. Our meetings are held on the first Friday of each month after morning mass at Holy Family.

St. Vincent dePaul – St. Bernard (BJ Gomeau):

March 3rd 2025 meeting in Person at St Bernard's: 6 members in attendance, 2 members virtual and 4 invited guests

Feb 2025, we served 5 clients:

- 1.) Homeless man with son in need of shelter. 2 Nights at Motel 6 and some Dunkin Gift Cards
- 2.) Family of 4 needed assistance with rent. We helped supplement their rent for 1 month.
- 3.) Mother with 3 children needed assistance with rent. We helped supplement their rent for 1 month.
- 4.) Helped a woman in need of assistance with Car Insurance. We helped by sending a check to her insurance company.
- 5.) Helped woman in need of food. Gave 2 grocery gift cards.

New Business:

- Easter gift card collection announcement will be submitted to the Parrish.
- One of the invited guests attended a lecture given by a former Dean of the Yale Divinity School, and current parishioner at St Thomas More Chapel at Yale. The lecture was about the derivation from sacred scripture of the Church's teaching regarding immigration. Our invited guest shared the PowerPoint slides from the lecture with our group. This PowerPoint presentation was sent out for everyone for review.
- Old Business:
- Hartford Council is encouraging us to become a 501c3. They have offered to help us with this process.

April 7th, 2025 meeting virtual: 11 members in attendance. We welcomed 4 new members to our chapter.

March 2025, we served 5 clients.

- 1.) A single mom of 3 children lost her job and apartment. We gave them 2 nights at Motel 6 and grocery gift cards for food.
- 2.) Homeless woman in need of shelter. We gave her 2 nights at Motel 6, and Target gift card.



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3.) Man battling cancer in need of heat assistance and food. We sent 100 gallons of oil from Rich's oil and gave him some grocery gift cards.

4.) Homeless man in need of food. We gave some grocery gift cards and Dunkin gift cards

5.) Homeless woman who lost her husband needed shelter. We attempted to put up at Motel 6, but she had no picture ID. No help was given. Referred her to nearby shelter.

New Business:

- Greta asked the group to consider doing an Annual Collection at the beginning of Lent for our Chapter. Discussion was presented to Fr. Golas. Fr. Suggested collection envelopes be put in the pews.

Old Business:

- Bob Williams is working with Ed to file paperwork for 501c3.
- The Easter gift card collection will run through next Monday April 14th. To date we had collected \$900 in gift cards from Target, Big Y, Stop N Shop and Shop Rite

Women's Guild (Faith Scavetta & MaryAnn Zaleski) S:

- At our March meeting we made 80 Easter favors filled with chocolate for the Little Sisters of the Poor St. Joseph's residents. The meeting was attended by 43 members.
- At our April meeting we had a guest speaker, Paula LaJoie sharing her experience with ACTS Retreats. We also experienced Lectio Divina led by MaryAnn Zaleski. It's a way to encounter God's word in a deeper more personal way. It was also our annual Baby Shower for donations to Birthright in East Hartford. The ladies again were exceptionally generous. There were 44 members in attendance.
- The April Bazaar netted over \$2700.
- The Women's Guild \$500 scholarship for St. Bernard School is being awarded to one student. The Fran Jansujwicz/Women's Guild \$1,000 scholarship is awarded to a graduating SBS eight grade student attending a catholic high school in the fall. Unfortunately, the recipient has decided not to attend a catholic high school due to financial issues.
- The Reverend Francis T. Kerwan Scholarship is being awarded to six high school students attending college in the fall. A special thanks to parish council members Kristen Fitzsimons, Josh Sullivan, Kerri Work, and BJ Gomeau – who stepped up to fill a the void created from another member's schedule change.
- All scholarship winners will be listed in the bulletin.



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Faith Scavetta and MaryAnn Zaleski
Copresidents of the SJJ Women's Guild

Worship & Parish Life (Sue Cotter):

- A recommendation was made at the last Parish Council meeting that an early mass be added to the Holy Day mass schedule so that parishioners who would not otherwise be able to attend mass on a Holy Day due to work schedules would be able to attend an early mass before work. Father Golas has agreed to add an early mass to the Holy Day mass schedule, and the issue was discussed with the W&PL group members. There was agreement that a 7:30 a.m. mass be established. Father recommended that the new 7:30 a.m. Holy Day mass be celebrated at St. Bernard Church.
We are putting this issue in front of the Parish Council for its vote and endorsement.
- In addition to her role as Music/Choir Director for St. Bernard Church, Beth Surapine will be serving as the Choir/Music Director for Holy Family Church for the foreseeable future. This means that on Sunday morning, Beth plays at the 7:30 a.m. Sunday mass at St. Bernard Church, then travels to Holy Family Church for choir practice and music for the 9:00 a.m. mass, then travels back to St. Bernard Church for choir practice and music for the 10:30 a.m. mass.
- The timing of everything has been challenging for Beth, and she proposed to Father Golas and the Worship & Parish Life group whether the current 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning mass at St. Bernard Church could be changed to 11:00 a.m. This will allow Beth more time for travel and choir practice at St. Bernard on Sunday morning.
Both Father Golas and the W&PL group are in agreement with this change.

****Note:** This involves only a change in the mass time from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernard Church to accommodate Beth's needs. It is NOT a proposal for discussion suggesting any changes to the current mass schedules at either Holy Family Church, St. Patrick Church, or St. Martha Church.
We are putting this issue in front of the Parish Council for its vote and endorsement.
- I contacted Sgt. Austin at the Enfield Police Department and inquired if the Department would provide security/safety training for members of SJJ Parish. Sgt. Austin advised that the Department does not offer any type of citizen training.



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- Several years ago after the initial merger between St. Bernard and Holy Family Churches, there was discussion about starting something along the lines of a security committee that would provide guidance regarding how to deal with certain safety/security issues that might arise in the churches. At that time, members of the proposed committee would include active and/or retired police personnel and others who had a background in security and emergency training.
Do we want to take another look at forming this type of committee made up of qualified parish members?

Youth Ministry (Kristen Fitzsimons):

- Youth Ministry continues to meet twice a month. We are planning for Steubenville and VBS. Our last Sunday meeting of the school year was Sunday, 5/4. We will continue to meet to plan for VBS as we approach that week.
- 22 students are attending Steubenville East. We have hosted a Breakfast with St. Nicholas, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Divine Mercy Dinner, and sold palm crosses to fundraise for our trip. In May and June we plan to sell candy bars after Masses. Thank you to our parishioners for their generosity.