

**Southeast Rochester Catholic Community
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2025**

Present: Donnell Adler, Shirley Cirillo, Nance Goyette-Duncan, Dick Kilmartin, Fr. John Loncle, Ted Malone, Jonathan Maurer, Mike Mongeon, Mario Montalbo, Mary Pinsky, Eileen Scardino, Ed Schmitt, Tim Smilnak, David Stewart, Amy Voelkl
Absent: Giuseppina Alabastro, Jim Holleran, Kathleen Whelehan

Opening Prayer offered by Tim Smilnak

Agenda Topic: Approval of Minutes		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Minutes were reviewed.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Moved by Ted Malone, seconded by Eileen Scardino.	Minutes unanimously approved	None
Agenda Topic: Pastor Updates – Diocesan Bankruptcy/Reorganization		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John reported that the reorganization plan has been accepted. Waiting for final approval and implementation.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only		None
Agenda Topic: Pastor Updates – City Parish Planning		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John reported that the priests assigned to City parishes have been meeting to discuss the future of those parishes as part of a City Planning Initiative requested by Bishop Matano. Work continues on the Mission and Vision statements.		
Recommendation	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only		Report at the next Council meeting.
Agenda Topic: Pastor Updates – Financial Challenges		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John stated that the annual meetings for each church will be held the weekend of September 27 & 28 th . At those meetings, he will share that some significant expenses are expected and options for reorganization and bringing in funds are being considered.		
Recommendation	Actions	Follow Up
Information and Discussion		Revisit at the next meeting.

Agenda Topic: Pastor Updates – CMA Pitches		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John let Council know that he will be looking for members to offer a 2-3 minute pitch for the CMA at each of the four weekend masses sometime in the next couple of months. We will touch base again at the October meeting when he knows the specific dates.		
Recommendation	Actions	Follow Up
Information only		
Agenda Topic: Chair Update – Council Secretary		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Jon reported that Amy has agreed to serve as parish council secretary for the next year. This is her last year on Council, so someone else will fill that role starting next year.		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only		
Agenda Topic: Chair Update – Council Blessing and Annual Meeting Attendance Schedule		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: A blessing for the PPC Members is scheduled for the weekend of September 27-28, 2025. Please let the presider know you're at Mass so he can give the blessing. The Annual Meetings are scheduled for that weekend as well, and Fr. John asked for Parish Pastoral Council representation. He noted that the annual reports will be specific for each church.		
PPC Member Annual Meeting Attendance:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/27 – 4:30 PM, St. Mary's: Ted, Amy & Shirley • 9/28 – 8:00 AM, St. Boniface: Eileen, Dick, Mike, Donnell • 9/28 – 9:30 AM, Blessed Sacrament: Mary, Tim, Jon, Jim & Kathleen, Giuseppina 		
Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
Information Only	Mark calendars	None
Agenda Topic: Finance Council Update		
Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Jon reported that he, Eileen and Fr. John had two meetings with the Finance Councils. The first meeting introduced the financial model. At the second, they discussed and filled in the assumptions assuming current trending (i.e. status quo if no strategic options were pursued). At those meetings, the following items were discussed:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The financial statements have not accounted for depreciation 2. Variables are changing quickly, e.g., collections, attendance, inflation 3. Strategic Options include growth in attendance and collections, cost reduction, capital campaign 		
The Finance Councils were asked to:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comprehend the model and supporting data 2. Accept the historical facts 		

3. Come to consensus on status quo "Assumptions"
4. Work with parish council on revising forecast based on future strategic options

Jon and Eileen are making some adjustments to assumptions at the request of the Finance Councils.

Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
None	Continue updating/fine-tuning the financial model.	Revisit at the next meeting.

Agenda Topic: The Journey Ahead

Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Jon and Eileen reviewed the committee structure discussed at previous meetings and added that a few Council members have already agreed to lead the committees. They then asked for volunteers to serve on the committees.

- i. Committee Structure
 1. Financial Stability - Jon & Eileen with Finance Councils
 - Staff Resource include Molly
 2. Buildings/Capital Fundraising - Kathleen Whelehan & Ted Malone (co-chairs), Mike Mongeon, Dick Kilmartin, Dave Stewart.
 - Staff Resource include Molly
 3. Liturgy/Ministry - Mary Pinsky & Giuseppina (co-chairs), Shirley, Eileen
 - Staff Resource include Duncan, Ginny, & Tyler
 4. Communications/Evangelization - Nance Duncan-Goyette (Chair), Jim, Donnell, Tim, Amy
 - Staff Resources include Cheryl, Katie, & Tyler

Discussion followed about how to get additional parishioners involved on these committees as needed. Amy said she has a list of parishioners who volunteered to help after one of the parish presentations. She will share that list with the Council leadership. It was agreed that when asking parishioners to become involved that there be concrete actions and activities they can act on. The chairs of each committee were asked to convene a meeting to begin work on a mission statement and bring 3-4 concrete ideas to the next full Council meeting.

Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
None	Committee chairs to convene a first meeting. Amy to share list of volunteers with Council leadership team.	Report back at the next meeting.

Agenda Topic: Next Steps – Diocesan Capital Campaign

Discussion Summary/Conclusions: Fr. John believes that coming out of bankruptcy, the Diocese is very likely to initiate a capital campaign. The last campaign, “Partners in Faith” (circa 2004), set goals which split the funds raised between the diocese and parishes (50/50). Discussion followed about a potential campaign, the funds and how they could be utilized.

Recommendations	Actions	Follow Up
None	None at this time	

Closing Prayer – Tim Smilnak

Next Meeting: Monday, October 20, 2025 – Parish Office at Blessed Sacrament

Prayers – Kathleen Whelehan