



Sarnia Bluewater
Roman Catholic
Family of Parishes

*Serving the Parishes of Our Lady of Mercy,
Queen of Peace, Sacred Heart, St. Benedict,
St. Joseph, St. Michael, St. Thomas d'Aquin*

Welcoming Communities, Encountering Christ, Sharing Faith, Caring for All

**SARNIA BLUEWATER ROMAN CATHOLIC FAMILY of PARISHES
PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES**

**November 12, 2024
7:30pm
St. Joseph**

Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes Pastoral Council Mandate:

The Pastoral Parish Council of the Sarnia Bluewater Roman Catholic Family of Parishes helps to ensure that the Mission and Vision of the Family of Parishes and the mission (Pastoral Plan) of the Diocese of London are ardently pursued. It is also imperative that the Parish Pastoral Council act in an advisory capacity to the Pastor and the Cor Leadership Team and as a source of communication for the Family of Parishes.

To do so, it will be important for the Parish Pastoral Council to focus on the mission of the Diocese of London and its Pastoral Plan with the key role of gathering information from parishioners and sharing information with the family of parishes for the common good of the family.

Meeting called by: Annie Ferrera

Chaired: Annie Ferrera

Note taker: Annie Ferrera

Attendees:

Fr. Brian Jane (FoP), David Kraemer, Leonia Downie (FoP), Annie Ferrera (FoP), Marc Hammond (SM), John Roman (SH), Linda Iacovella (SH), Doris Leblanc (STA-Fr.) Raymundo Mendez (STA-Sp.), Frank Vautour (STA- Eng.), Leo Mayer (SB) (Diane Rose (QP-Eng.) John Spinozzi (SJ),

Regrets:

Fr. Jan Burczyk (FoP), Fr. Edward Okorie, Fr. Joseph Oghenejabor, Jenn Stewart (FoP), Louis Guimond (FoP), Regina Croskery (SB),

Guests:

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order & Welcome:** Welcome Frank Vautour, Linda Iacovella, John Spinozzi, Diane Rose, Leo Mayer
- 2. Review of Agenda:**
- 3. Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes of October 8, 2024 – Marc Hammond; seconded – John Roman; all in favor.
- 4. Opening Prayer:** Fr. Brian opened the meeting with prayer.
- 5. Pastor's Report: Fr. Brian Jane**
 - Alpha retreat was successful
 - Good progress is being made with Charisms
 - There are 3 Bible studies currently offered in our parishes
 - 50 people are attending the Family Catechism at St. Patrick High School.
 - Mass counts are trending up since 2023
 - There is still no word on a priest to replace Fr. Jose. Beginning December 1, our Family of Parishes

will be working with 4 priests. Fr. Eugene Roy has agreed to celebrate the Spanish Mass each Sunday.

6. Updates:

Pastoral Ministry: Leonia Downey & Jenn Stewart

- RCIA has 12 candidates; immigrant families from evangelical backgrounds are wanting to enroll their children in catholic schools and finding that a Christian denomination is not the same at Catholic; they are looking for Mass and structure in their religion. The children will be journeying with the parents with their own program.
- Registrations for First Holy Communion and Reconciliation are at 87.
- Confirmation registrations are now open.
- School confessions are scheduled.
- There is an increase in the number of school classes participating each week at weekday Mass

Liturgy: Leonia Downey

- Vespers will begin on Sunday, December 8 at Our Lady of Mercy; Nicolas Villemaire and Fr. Edward will be leading Vespers every Sunday.
- Fr. Joseph, Fr. Edward and friends are presenting 5 Lessons and Carols on December 1 at Our Lady of Mercy.
- Day of Confessions is set for December 10 & 11.
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception Deaner Mass is on December 9 at Our Lady of Mercy. No other Mass is to take place that day.
- Christmas Mass schedule will be published shortly
- We have received positive feedback about the Pew bookmarks.

Business Administration: Louis Guimond

- No report

Deacon Report: Deacon Dave Kraemer

- No report

Evangelization: Fr. Brian

- Points covered in Pastor's report

Social Team: Annie Ferrera

- The social team has prepared a 12-month calendar of events beginning January 2025.

Communications : Annie Ferrera

- Faith calendars should be available for sale beginning in December. Price is \$5.
- Social Media assistant position will be posted soon. We hope to have someone hired by mid-January.

7. Old Business:

- Marc Hammond was voted as chair of Parish Pastoral Council.

9. New Business:

- Servant Leadership Model was reviewed for the new PPC reps. Annie will provide copies of Divine Renovation Beyond the Parish by Fr. James Mallon for all new members
- Fr. Brian suggested all PPC members should read The Art of Forming Young Disciples by Evertt Fritz. The book will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Goals 4-5-6 of the Pastoral Diocesan Plan – review next meeting

10. Open Forum:

11. Closing Prayer: Fr. Brian closed the meeting with prayer.

12. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 14 – St. Benedict