



"Serve God by Providing Love and Resources to Those with Need in Appalachia"

St. Michael's ATM Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

Below is a summary of the Agenda items that were discussed during the meeting held in-person at the Lake House Library. Thank you to all who were able to join us.

Opening Prayer:

- Members joined in the ATM opening prayer.

November 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes:

- Will Langley made a motion to approve. Mark Law seconded. Unanimously approved.

Budget/Finance Report:

- Kathy reviewed/shared:
 - November Report
 - Robert said he saw that funds were sent to Tazewell Ministerial Association and asked if we have received financial information from them. Paul advised that we did request this from Pastor Grills and Thresa, who handles their funds. No report has been received yet. Paul and Kathy will follow up.
 - Christmas Programs Donation
 - Received anonymous donation of \$2,036 and specified it to be used for Christmas programs in Southwest Virginia. Paul & Kathy sent emails to both Fr. Renier and Kim Shoun for input.
 - Fr. Renier advised that Mary's, St. Joseph's, and St. Theresa's have Christmas programs. A check for \$1,036 was sent to Holy Family Parish to help support these. (email passed around in correspondence folder)
 - Kimberly Shoun, Center for Christian Action Director, advised that they have a Christmas gift card program where they give \$100 gift card to families to help them purchase food for their Christmas meal. A check for \$1,000 was sent to support ten families for this program. (email passed around in correspondence folder)
 - Teen Venture Financial Report
 - Mark received report which was passed around to the members. Paul noted that it did not include current year assets and liabilities so he asked Mark to contact the Director and ask for this information as well as the most current 990 Tax Form.

Holy Family Parish (HFP) Coordination:

- Updates from Ralph Shawver
 - Fr. Jay Biber covering all Masses until Fr. Renier returns on January 21.
 - Nine new members are preparing to join Holy Family Parish during the Easter Vigil. They are from all four church locations and are mostly current residents.
 - St. Mary's has received donations of about \$13,000 toward the estimated \$30,000 needed. #iGiveCatholic has been open for donations for about one month. The Diocese has recommended that the same group who refurbished the murals at St. Elizabeth's be used to repair the windows. It is Holy Family Parish's decision on who to use.
 - There are no plans yet for a Spring picnic.

- “Giving Tree”
 - Total gift cards and cash received was \$1,715. This does not include online donations that continued through December 31. Will said that he is planning to go down to Tazewell in February, so he will deliver these.

Center for Christian Action (CCA):

- Kathy shared email from Kim
 - Had 46 Angels adopted by individuals for their Angel Tree program.
 - Have forty-two families signed up for the Christmas Gift Card program which will cost \$4,200. They have received \$2,000 towards this program.
 - Had an emergency request for a family with two children to provide gifts because the dad was hurt at work and had not received his pay due to a mix up in paperwork.

Teen Venture (TV):

- Mark had nothing new to report other than receiving their financial information.

Liaisons’ Reports:

- Dona – Nothing to add to what Ralph reported.
- Mark – Spoke with Donna. Jerry is recovering from a leg injury.
- John – Spoke with Frannie today. Rayburn is doing well from his surgery. She has closed her clinic. They are excited to be getting new members.
- Laureen – No report; not at the meeting.

Correspondence/Acknowledgements:

- The following were passed around:
 - Fr. Renier’s email
 - Center for Christian Action’s email and card
 - Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians’ letter

Other items and/or issues:

- Paul posed a question to the members and Holy Family Parish (Ralph) to consider answering for discussion at the next meeting. If you were to dream about what you’d like to see for Holy Family Parish and Appalachia what would it be?
 - Please send your thoughts to Paul & Kathy by March 1st.
 - Ralph’s initial thoughts – Beautiful Church; Beautiful Liturgies; Parishioners engaging as Disciples.
- Mark said he read an article in the latest Catholic Virginian about St. Mary’s Backpack Program.
- Ralph shared that he was interviewed by their local Channel 6 about the Catholic faith.
- Paul asked Ralph to speak with Pastor Grills with Tazewell Ministerial Association about their financial status report that was requested but not received. Ralph agreed.

2026 Calendar:

- January 21 – Fr. Renier returns from vacation
- January 24 – K of C food drive @ 2:00—4:00 PM Lake House Loop
- February 18 – Ash Wednesday
- March 10 – ATM Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the Lake House Library

Closing Prayer:

- Provided by Ralph Shawver

Attendees:

Ralph Shawver (phone)
 John Dawson
 Cathy DiSalvo
 Kess Kessler
 Barbara Kessler

Will Langley
 Mark Law
 Janet McBride
 Robert McBride (phone)

Kathy Smith
 Paul Smith
 Dona Whitehead
 Brent Holliday (guest)