



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

St. Michael's ATM Meeting Minutes Tuesday, March 10, 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 reciting the ATM opening prayer.

January 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes:

- Mark Law made a motion to approve. John Dawson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Budget/Finance Report:

- Kathy reviewed/shared:
 - January Report
 - Donor Letters
 - In February, Paul and Kathy mailed fifty-eight Thank-You letters to July-December donors, who were either new donors or hadn't received a letter within a year. The list of donors is provided by Karen Ames and does not include the donation amount.
 - FY2026-2027 Budget
 - Proposed budget is due to Karen Ames by April 8. Paul and Kathy will prepare a draft budget and send it to the Budget Team for their review/input.
 - Janet proposed that we target a certain dollar amount for end-of-year so that we don't have a large carryover.

Holy Family Parish (HFP) Coordination:

- Updates from Fr. Renier
 - Thanked us for the gift cards that Will delivered. They were equally divided among the four churches and Backpack Ministry.
 - St. Joseph's roof that was damaged by a tree during the storm has been repaired. The whole roof may need to be replaced soon since there are traces of water in some parts of the ceiling.
 - St. Mary's needs \$31,116 to restore their stained-glass windows. So far, around \$17,500 has been raised. They are praying and hoping that more donations will be raised. They will apply for Home Mission Grant to the Diocese of Richmond which could help them with \$10,000. We talked to the contractor and told them they could start working on the windows after Easter Sunday.
 - On March 1, four Catechumens attended the Rite of Election in Roanoke with Bishop Knestout. Both Fr. Renier and Ralph Shawver attended as well.
 - Baptisms - on April 5, three children at St. Theresa's; on April 11, two at St. Mary's; on April 18, three at St. Joseph's.
 - A Penitential Service will be held on March 24 at St. Theresa's.
 - Frannie Minton is receiving an award on March 19 from Buchanan County. She will be inducted into their Hall of Fame. Frannie's award is well deserved. Congratulations to Frannie.
 - Holy Week and Easter Sunday Schedule – Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper at St. Mary's @ 6:00 PM; Friday of the Passion of the Lord at St. Elizabeth's @ 3:00 PM; Easter Vigil at St. Theresa's @ 8:00 PM; Easter Sunday Masses: St. Elizabeth's @ 9:00 AM; St. Joseph's @ 12:00 PM; St. Mary's is TBD.

- “Giving Tree”
 - Will delivered gift cards. Donations given online will be reported in the February budget report and will be provided to Holy Family Parish.

Center for Christian Action (CCA):

- Kathy shared
 - Kim advised that the center needs a new roof this year. They are getting estimates and the Board is going to decide how to proceed. Kim was asked to keep Paul and Kathy informed.
 - Per their newsletter, they have applications for the Virginia Social Services Crisis Heating Assistance program, which are being accepted from January 2 thru March 15.

Teen Venture (TV):

- Mark said that one of the Board members is going to send him information about their new programs.
- Kathy shared that on their Facebook page:
 - They have redesigned the open skate area for the younger and older skaters.
 - Having a “Friends of Teen Venture” campaign with prizes for the most sign-ups
 - Tumbling classes for teens and kids (ages 5-10) are held every Wednesday

ADDITION: Tazewell Young Life (TYL):

- Paul reported that on their Facebook page:
 - On March 6, had a bowling night with the high school students
 - Continue having weekly bible study nights at Andy and Jill’s house
 - Have nine slots left for summer camp, which is June 21-27 at Carolina Point in Brevard, NC

Liaisons’ Reports:

- Dona – Unable to attend meeting but provided an update from Jackie. Said that Fr. Renier believes the window restoration project can be started. They are still trying to raise the rest of the funds needed. Ralph, Fr. Renier, and four Catechumens attended the Right of Election with Bishop Knestout on March 1. There is a small group who meets on Thursday evenings during Lent for Stations and Lectio Devina.
- Mark – Spoke with Donna. Said weather has been rough, but they are doing OK.
- John – Received email from Frannie saying that St. Joseph’s has been busy with new families bringing their families for Baptisms. In April, they have three children and one adult. On Easter Vigil, they have two adults. All of them are being sponsored by Frannie. One of the two adults is an Appalachian School Student/Military with three years left of Military Scholarship. They also have two of their students graduating in May. On May 2, Francis (Nigerian) graduates. He has stepped up to the role of Altar Server since he came to the Appalachian College of Pharmacy three years ago. On May 9, Chris graduates from the Appalachian College of Law. St. Joseph’s will be celebrating these children and individuals. RAM is October 16-18, 2026. Thanked ATM for all we do for St. Joseph’s and Holy Family Parish.
- Lauren – No report; unable to attend the meeting.

Correspondence/Acknowledgements:

- The following were passed around:
 - Holy Family Parish letters
 - Center for Christian Action newsletter
 - The Catholic Virginian (article and picture of Fr. Renier with volunteers packing lunches for St. Mary’s backpack program)
 - Tazewell Young Life letters
 - Tazewell Ministerial Association Thank-You card

Other items and/or issues:

- “Dreams” for Holy Family Parish
 - Fr. Renier would like a larger and more beautiful church which might attract more people. He would also like 100% participation by parishioners, not just the same people participating.
 - Janet would like to see a medical clinic/facility in each of the four towns and for ATM to support RAM directly by providing more funds.

- Dona was unable to attend but shared her dream via email to Paul and Kathy. She would like to see an increase in membership at all four churches because parishioners are needed to avoid shutting down the parish which has happened nationwide for many years now.
- Cathy DiSalvo was unable to attend but shared her dream via email to Paul and Kathy. She would like for Holy Family Parish to be able to have a pastor who is with them for as long as St. Michael's has been blessed to have Fr. Dan.
- Paul would like for more younger people (high school and college) students to get involved and strengthen a collaboration with Tazewell Ministerial Association.
- Meeting with Deacon Bob Young
 - Paul and Kathy met with Deacon Bob from the Richmond Diocese to discuss how to start a twinning ministry. There are two churches who are interested in starting one.

2026 Calendar:

- March 12 – Pastoral Services Lenten Reflection @ 6:30-7:30 PM in the Day Chapel
- May 12 – ATM Meeting @ 6:30 PM in the Lake House Library
- August 15-23 – Blanket and Sweatshirt Drive

Closing Prayer:

- Provided by Fr. Renier

Attendees:

Fr. Renier (phone)
 John Dawson
 Mark Law
 Janet McBride

Dave Rosko
 Kathy Smith
 Paul Smith