

ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH (SMCC) | HUNTERSVILLE, NC
PASTORAL COUNCIL | MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 2026 | PRE-FINAL

Date: 7-8 pm, Monday, 3/23/2026

Location: SMCC – Kerin Center, Room 201

Attendees: Father John Putnam, John Ferrannini, Tricia Sisson, Jairo I. Cadena, Jr., Bill Mooney, Mike Garcia, Chris Bixler, Mark Antoszyk, Adriana Cadena, Chad Wilson, Rob Cannon, Nadia Rahaim

Absent: Devon Atkins, Scott Bruno, Chris Fernandez

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.
 - The meeting opened with prayer & intentions.
 - Roll was taken. A quorum was confirmed.
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2. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the February 24, 2026, meeting were presented for approval.
 - **Motion:** To approve the February 24, 2026, minutes.
Second: Received.
Vote: Unanimously approved.
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3. Welcome & Introductions

- Nadia Rahaim attended as a guest to observe and consider joining the council.
 - Nadia shared her background: parishioner since 2014, mother of four, former catechist, preschool director, active in community, etc.
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4. Overview of Council Role (for Nadia)

- Council consists of 13 members.
 - Members serve as liaisons to parish committees and bring reports back.
 - Council advises the pastor on parish matters.
 - Members often receive parishioner feedback and concerns.
 - Bylaws are currently being revised.
 - New focus area: engaging young families and married couples.
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5. Membership Updates

- Member resignations noted.
- A potential announcement will be made to fill vacancies.
- Pastoral council thanks Scott Matey and Liz Swanson for their past volunteering on the council.
- New Pastoral council cycle begins August 2026.

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6. Committee Reports

Membership Committee

- Ushers' closet supplies may be moved to the Kerin Center for consistency.
- Awaiting cost information on consumables.

Buildings & Grounds

- No major updates.
- Still exploring options for mats at the drop-off area.
- Discussion of possible naming rights for donated benches.

School Report

- No report was received.
- School dismissals and events have impacted parish traffic and attendance.
- No new investments in the school this year.

Eyes & Ears (Parish Feedback)

- No major feedback.
- Blue tape on the ground has been removed as previously requested.

Safe Environment / Protecting God's Children

- **Adriana Cadena** must complete required volunteer training.
 - Several members have upcoming renewals.
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7. Pastor's Report (Father John)

Safety & Insurance

- Parish is self-insured with catastrophic coverage.
- Ongoing challenges with claims management through Catholic Mutual.

Staffing

- Actively searching for a new Faith Formation Director.
- Restructuring evangelization and formation roles.

Liturgical & Seasonal Updates

- Holy Week and Easter preparations are underway.
- Easter Sunday will include an additional early Mass (7 am).
- One Mass will be held at CTK.
- Dominican mission was successful and well attended.

Sacraments & Clergy

- Confirmations scheduled for the last two Saturdays in May.
- Chrism Mass next Tuesday.
- No expected clergy assignment changes.

Other Updates

- Organ components have arrived and are being stored until installation.
- No changes expected for kneeling pads during Bishop's visit.
- Precious Blood distribution will resume on Holy Thursday.

Young Families Initiative

- Growing demographic of families who feel "in between" existing ministries.

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- Exploring a soft-launch social event with childcare to build community.
 - Considering collaboration with ideas proposed by Chris Fernandez.
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8. New Business

- Inquiry about volunteer opportunities for youth:
 - Contact: **Richard Clancy** and **Karen Donahue**.
 - Discussion of future social gatherings for council members.
 - Planning for May 2026 meeting is tentative due to Memorial Day.
 - June 2026 and July 2026 meetings will be skipped unless urgent issues arise.
 - August 2026 meeting marks the start of the new council cycle.
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9. Prayer Requests

- Parishioner undergoing chemo; condition is serious.
 - Continued prayers for parishioners in recovery.
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10. Closing Prayer

The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer and invocation of St. Mark.

11. Reporting Cadence

Committee reports are to be submitted to **Karen Donahue (karen.donahue@stmarknc.org)** **before the third Sunday** of each month for inclusion in a compiled digest distributed prior to meetings.

12. Next Meeting

7-8 pm, Monday, 4/27/2026, Kerin Center

13. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:30 pm.
