

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

Date: 7-8 pm, Monday, 4/27/2026

Location: SMCC – Kerin Center, Room 201

Attendees: Father John Putnam, John Ferrannini, Jairo I. Cadena, Jr., Bill Mooney, Mike Garcia, Chris Bixler, Mark Antoszyk, Adriana Cadena, Nadia Rahaim, Devon Atkins, Scott Bruno

Absent: Tricia Sisson, Chad Wilson, Chris Fernandez, Rob Cannon

Guests: Were invited to introduce themselves as prospective council candidates – Mary Jane Zimmerman, Al Jarvis, David Thompson, Dave Harmon

1. Opening Prayer & Intentions

The meeting opened with prayer. Intentions included:

- Prayers for a member's wife who is ill
 - Prayers for an end to political violence
 - Prayers for all receiving First Communion and Confirmation
 - Prayers for all for whom the parish has promised to pray
 - Guidance of the Holy Spirit for the council and parish
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2. Approval of Minutes

- March 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed.
 - Motion to approve: Passed unanimously.
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3. Membership Updates

- **Devin Atkins** requested to begin a second term (Aug 2026–May 2029).
 - Father approved; council congratulated Devin.
 - Bulletin notice resulted in several parishioners expressing interest in joining the council.
 - Those who contacted were invited to observe the meeting.
 - Introductions were made.
 - Follow-up communication will occur before August; decisions expected by late summer.
 - Guests were encouraged to stay and observe the meeting.
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4. Committee Reports

A. Membership Committee

- Standard monthly reports submitted to Father.

B. Buildings & Grounds

- **New bench installed;** positive reception.

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- Additional bench is delayed due to supplier shipping constraints.
 - **Sidewalk hazard repaired** after a parishioner fall.
 - **Roof leak update:**
 - Lower roofline repair scheduled (~\$6,000).
 - Ongoing insurance challenges with Catholic Mutual; discrepancies noted in storm-damage reports.
 - Council agreed to make one more attempt to resolve it with insurer.
 - **HVAC issues:**
 - Control hardware previously fried; system requires technician intervention.
 - Diocese now oversees HVAC vendor relationships.
 - Recommendation: identify multiple-trained staff who can adjust settings.
 - **Fountain lighting:**
 - Wiring has already been installed for future lighting expansion.
 - Council supports adding lights to upper bowls when feasible.
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5. Old Business

- **Bylaws revision** ongoing; goal to finalize next term.
 - Council is encouraged to increase visibility at parish events and greet parishioners.
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6. New Business

A. Fraternus & Fidelis Programs

- Question raised about potential integration between boys' and girls' programs.
- Father noted integration should be determined by program leaders; Life Teen may offer natural co-ed opportunities.

B. Boy Scouts Chartering

- St. Mark will **not renew** the Boy Scouts of America troop charter after current Life Scouts complete Eagle projects.
 - Reason: Catholic scouting requires practicing Catholic leadership; troop leadership has not met this requirement.
 - Pack (younger scouts) will continue as long as Catholic leadership remains in place.
 - Alternative Catholic scouting options exist (e.g., Troops of St. George).
 - Recent case involving a transgender scout at another parish highlighted complexities.
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7. Pastor's Report

- **Sacramental season updates:**
 - Remaining First Communions
 - Additional Confirmation
 - 8th Grade Graduation Mass
 - CTK Baccalaureate Mass
 - Diaconate and priestly ordinations

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- **Priestly Ordinations:**
 - Four men to be ordained; three are St. Mark parishioners:
 - Patrick Martin
 - Connor White
 - Bradley Loftin
 - Each will preach at designated Masses following ordination.
 - Reception planned for newly ordained Deacon James Tweed after his first Mass.
 - **Rectory Construction:**
 - Expected completion: October 2026
 - Open house planned once construction is complete.
 - **Clergy Assignments:**
 - Father Martinez and Father Angermeyer will remain at St. Mark.
 - Newly ordained priests will temporarily return to their last parish before beginning new assignments.
 - This will result in a temporary period with Father Tweed and Father Lugo assisting.
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8. Meeting Schedules

- May 2026 meeting suspended due to heavy sacramental schedule and falling on Memorial Day.
 - No meetings in June or July 2026 (for standard summer break).
 - Next meeting: 7 pm, Monday, August 24, 2026. Father Putnam reserves the right to call a special meeting before this date if deemed necessary.
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9. Council Transitions & Planning

- Chair announced he will retire after next year (final term).
 - Several members will complete first terms next year.
 - Council encouraged to:
 - Attend Parish open houses
 - Greet new parishioners
 - Increase visibility
 - Name badges will be ordered over the summer; members should report any replacements needed.
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10. Closing Prayer

The meeting concluded with:

- Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be
- Prayers were offered Deacon Louie, who was reported to be hospitalized.

Meeting Adjourned