



St. Gabriel the Archangel

FAMILY OF PARISHES

March 18, 2026

Pastoral Council Leadership Report

General

The Canonical Merger Petition is on the Archbishop's desk. It has been reviewed and will be presented to the Presbyteral Council on March 23rd. As I am on the Council, I will let you know what the result is after that meeting. I do not anticipate any challenges, but surprises are always possible.

A few staffing updates:

- Mary Beth Sheleman has decided to explore other career options. I wish her well and thank her for how she challenged me to be a better leader over the last three and a half years.
- Cameron Haller started the first of March and has already made a positive impact in the Family of Parishes.
- Lisa Singer is retiring (again) over the summer and we are going to be looking for a full-time musician for St. Peter, with other duties across the Family of Parishes.
- As of now, we are not seeking to replace Mary Beth, as I want to let a few things settle and see what is needed prior to bringing a new person on board. Let's see what we need, first.

As I write this, we had the first of four sessions on Prayer from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. There were about 165 people in attendance. It was important to me to not just talk about prayer, but also have a prayer experience with each session. They continue on the remaining Mondays of March, working north to south as far as location goes.

We will have Pastoral Council Discernment on April 27 at St. Peter. I will share more information at our meeting.

Faith Formation

Sacramental Season is in full swing. We had our first Confirmation a few weeks ago, with one more coming up on March 22. First Communions are happening shortly after Easter up through the first weekend of March. We have three full triduum celebrations within the Family of Parishes: English at St. Christopher and Our Lady of the Rosary, Spanish at St. Peter (which is combined with the Springfield Family of Parishes). We have around 30 who will be Baptized or Received into the Church at the two English language vigils. There are another 30 to 40 in the OCIA process, either for next Vigil or to be received during the Church year.

Schools

Enrollment for next year is open, both for returning and new students/families. Teacher contracts are being developed and processed. Nothing firm so far on either front, but there will certainly be a few teachers who are retiring or moving away, so we know there will be new teachers in each of the buildings.

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Finances

I'm currently not up on the financial picture of the Parishes. I will seek to get that information by the time of our meeting on Wednesday.

Capital Projects

- SJB
 - o Final touches are being completed on the renovations from last summer, all of which have been covered by the fundraising for the project. Overall, it came in underbudget, over funded, and well completed!
- St. Christopher
 - o We are working on improving the parish offices at St. Christopher with painting and new flooring. It is a tremendous improvement.
 - o We are working on implementing new controls and updates for the HVAC system in the Church. The same engineer who developed the SP HVAC renewal is working with us again.
 - o We are looking into updating the interior of the Church, with initial conversations about to begin.
 - o The skylights have been repaired and we left the scaffolding up to effect repairs to the EFIS (the big white screen on the top of the Church). Hopefully, all should be completed soon and the scaffolding can come down.
 - o We are starting to develop school expansion a bit more, with feasibility to come over the summer months.
- St. Peter
 - o Biggest projects upcoming are relating to the water main into the School, as it is of a similar age to the one at St. Christopher that ruptured.
 - o The HVAC project has seen progress since the last update. The Chiller has been installed. We are waiting for the transformer to be installed by AES before next steps.
 - o The rectory had some significant water incursion during the storms in early March. Many, many thanks to Dennis McGarry, Tim Connel, and Kurtis who did long hours to get the water out and back into livable shape. The end result was a clogged sewer line out near Chambersburg Road.
- Our Lady of the Rosary
 - o The same conversations regarding St. Christopher School are also happening at Rosary School.

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