

**Peace of Christ  
Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
April 28, 2026**

Council Members Present: Karen DeFord, Anthony Nozzi, Miguel Dominguez, Mark Figura, Suzanne Stack, Lisa Dwyer, Thomas Flaherty, Steve Wilson

Parish Representatives Present: Fr. Peter Mottola

Excused: Steven Michalkow, Kevin Russell

Recording Secretary: William Rein

Meeting Opened at 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer – Father Peter led the opening prayer.

Approval of February 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes – were approved by Thomas Flaherty and seconded by Miguel Dominguez, with the amendment of Steve Wilson to the attendance.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Peter Mottola

- Gerry Menz recently passed tragically. Funeral is planned for Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon at St. Ambrose Church.
- St Ambrose Church reconstruction, abatement is ongoing. Received our full insurance payment for the repairs. See bulletin article for latest information.
- Save the date for Bishop Bonnici upcoming visits at our parish. On Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:15am school Mass at St. Ambrose. He will also be presiding the Sunday, 5/31 9:45am Mass at St. Ambrose to support a Catholic Schools Day at the Red Wings.
- Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, St. John celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Church. Mass will be held at 11am and will be celebrated by Bishop Bonnici. Maryann Borrelli is spearheading a committee to oversee the Mass and reception to follow Mass.
- Revisit topic: Priest retirement/reassignment. No new updates. See upcoming bulletin article in early May on upcoming updates. Out of 86 priests currently with parish assignments, 37 are over 70 years old.
- Parish Picnic, likely last Saturday in August or first Saturday of September. More updates to come once leadership team is finalized.
- Parish Pictorial directory, parish is working on this for the first time in 10 years.
- Diocese has hired an expert to support with the draft of strategic plans to reconfigure parishes as necessary related to priest shortages.
- Terry Keach, our music director, interviewed a qualified Eastman undergrad student. She was hired and will start in August to support music and a choir at St Ambrose.
- Andrea Milgate has decided to transition into being a stay-at-home mother. She has done great work at the school and has been well supported by the staff in her decision. We have had several applications. More details to come.

Garage Sale – Mark

- Drop off starts June 27 to 30 and July 7-11
- This year, the garage sale dates are July 16-18.

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- More details to come. Volunteer support is greatly needed to support one of the parish's biggest fundraisers of the year.
- Target for \$18-20K gross to support the parish.
- Last year, sale grossed \$17K. A little lower, each year varies depending on the year and donations that come in.

New Pastoral Council Members – Anthony

- Nominations/Volunteers needed
  - Four slots are open for next year.
- Selection planned for Pentecost May 24

Day of Caring – Saturday, May 30

- Meet in Dailey Hall at 8am, breakfast offered. Then group will be split to support church cleaning. Close with lunch in Dailey Hall.
- Many volunteers are needed to support in cleaning the Churches. Please spread the word!

North Winton Arts Festival – Lisa Dwyer

- We need future co-chairs from Pastoral Council to join in to spearhead the event.
- One of our greatest needs is getting tables and chairs over to the local park. Canopy delivery is needed too.
- Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup> 2026 is the date for this year. We need tables, chairs and canopy to be delivered in the morning and picked up in the afternoon and delivered back to the parish.
- Parishioners are welcome to create items for the parish to hand out at the festival.

Pastoral Council Strategic Plan implementation discussion

- Support Service Outreach of the Parish – Suzanne
  - Parish could support more missionary initiatives. We welcome ideas to grow into a more missionary parish and vision outside of ourselves.
- Discussion on plan – Anthony
  - Question about the progress of the parish plan. All are welcome to spearhead initiatives in their areas. Some parishioners have mentioned they are wondering what is happening regarding the Strategic Plan and it would be useful to identify any new activities or growth in activities supporting the Strategic Goals.

Open Forum (general comments/ future meeting topics) – Anthony

- No additional topics were raised as part of the Open Forum

Closing Prayer – Fr Peter  
Adjournment at 8:18 PM.

**\*\*Note date change\*\***: Future Meeting Schedule: June 23<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at St. John's