

**Peace of Christ
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2026**

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

Parish Representatives Present: Fr. Peter Mottola, Fr Timothy Brown, Seminarian Joseph Maurer

Absent: Kevin Russell, Ariana Braccio

Recording Secretary: William Rein excused

Guest: Gary Smith

Meeting Opened at 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer – Father Peter led the opening prayer.

Father Peter thanked Lisa Dwyer and Steve Wilson for their service on the council and completing their terms. He also welcomed new member Michael Abel. Introductions by all present were performed.

Approval of the April 24th Meeting Minutes – were approved by a motion from Thomas Flaherty and seconded by Miguel Dominguez, all in attendance were in favor.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Peter Mottola

- St Ambrose Academy Principal position is still open. Candidates continue to be interviewed.
- Catechetical coordinator position to replace Winston Achar has been filled. Winston's work has been appreciated and he completed his commitment to stay through May 2026. Winston will be moving on soon to serve in the U.S. Army. Winston's replacement will be publicly announced in the bulletin the week of July 5.
- St Ambrose Church reconstruction continues to progress with the new carpet going in this week. Additional work will continue. The parish received an insurance payment to cover the expenses. Discussions continue with the City and County on a long-term solution for the intersection. So far, no formal solution has been identified.
- The next parish council meeting will be August 11th @ 7pm at St. John's hall. The normal August retreat event will not occur since conflicts with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A potential new retreat date will be researched for October.

Garage Sale – Mark

- Drop off starts June 27 to 30 and July 7-11
- This year, the garage sale dates are July 16-18.
- Volunteer support is greatly needed to support one of the parish's biggest fundraisers of the year.
- Discussion occurred around finding ways to evangelize at the event. Ideas included having an information table as well as handouts such as a bulletin or brochure.

Parish Picnic – Anthony

- New Pastoral council member Michael Abel will be the lead for the parish picnic. Stella and Anthony Nozzi are available to help assist in the planning and will contact Michael. The date selected for the parish picnic is Saturday, September 5, from 1 to 4 PM.

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North Winton Village Arts Festival – Lisa Dwyer

- Lisa is leading the event which is scheduled for September 19. She has registered the Parish for a booth. Volunteers are needed to work at the booth. Contact Lisa to volunteer.

Day of Caring – Anthony

- Overall, the event was successful. A decent number of volunteers showed up and the required work was completed at the three parish sites. Discussion focused on the difficulty coordinating the date with key players from the three parish sites. Concern was also raised about doing inside projects while the weather was nice outside. Proposals were made regarding breaking up the event into smaller pieces and potentially coordinating activities as they arise based on need in the parish. More discussion will occur and Steven Michalkow volunteered to work with Anthony on new ideas.

Parish Financial Statement Review – Gary Smith

- Gary Smith, the chair of the parish finance committee presented the parish financial statement. Gary summarized the details. Overall, while ongoing expenses are higher than revenues, the parish is in very good financial standing based on investments. The information shared can be shared publicly. Gary also highlighted that Patty Macera is doing a wonderful job on managing the finances and contracts.

Pastoral Council Strategic Plan implementation discussion

- Discussion on background of Strategic Plan occurred based on new attendees. With the completion of pastoral council term for Lisa and Steve Wilson, a new pastoral council member(s) is needed to shepherd the “Grow lay participation in the church” goal. Anthony will contact pastoral council members and look for a volunteer.

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

- A proposal from Steven Michalkow was made to discuss potential design/structural enhancements for St. John’s church. This agenda item will be planned for the August meeting.
- No additional topics were raised as part of the Open Forum

Closing Prayer – Fr Peter
Adjournment at 8:20 PM.

Meeting Schedule:

August 11th @ 7pm at St. John’s hall

Future dates to be discussed at the August meeting.