

**Peace of Christ
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2026**

Council Members Present: Karen DeFord, Anthony Nozzi, Suzanne Stack, Thomas Flaherty, Steven Michalkow, Michael Abel, Ariana Braccio

Parish Representatives Present: Fr. Peter Mottola, Fr Timothy Brown

Excused: Kevin Russell, Mark Figura

Recording Secretary: William Rein

Meeting Opened at 7:00 pm

Opening Prayer – Father Peter led the opening prayer.

Approval of the June 23rd Meeting Minutes – were approved by a motion from Thomas Flaherty and seconded by Michael Abel, all in attendance were in favor.

Pastor's Report – Fr. Peter Mottola

- We have a new principal at St. Ambrose Academy. Verbal approval provided, awaiting final acceptance before full announcement. See upcoming bulletins for more information.
- St. Ambrose Church work continues. Currently screwing down pews.
- Miguel Dominguez has submitted resignation to Pastoral Council. Please pray for Miguel and his family.
- Mini retreat: Meet and Greet with The Good Shepherd this upcoming Tuesday, August 18th 6:30pm in St. Ambrose Dailey Hall, with Sr. Mary Rose Bingham.
- Pastoral Council retreat in the Fall this year, aiming to join the Liturgical Enrichment Day on Sat. September 26th at 9:30-11am in St. Ambrose Dailey Hall. A talk will be provided by Fr. David Tedesche.
- North Winton Arts Festival update – Lisa Dwyer registered parish at the booth September 19th. Volunteers will be needed, if we want to have a booth. We need a new lead, as Lisa has stepped down. If you are interested, please let us know. The Knights will look into moving tables and tents.
- Update provided on St. John's interior proposals. PDF available upon request from Fr. Peter. Based on 50 year plan, proposed from 1976-2026, we could be working on another 50 year plan for the future. Consultation will take place in the coming months, approval from the diocese required. If you would like to be a part of this, please let me know.

Conflict of Interest- Will

- Each member is required to review and sign the disclosure statement. Please send the signed form to Will as soon as possible.

Parish Picnic – Michael Abel

- Preparations are coming together. Bulletin details are upcoming.
- Magician will be back.

Pastoral Council Strategic Plan implementation discussion - Anthony

- Ariana Braccio willing to sign up on encouraging lay participation
- Sr Beth is moving forward with an event for vocational growth. More information to come.

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- Round robin various goals at upcoming Pastoral Council meetings.

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

- None.

Calendaring for future meetings:

- Fourth Tuesdays are ideal for the group. 7pm at St. John's, unless noted otherwise.
- September 26 – Liturgical Enrichment retreat 9:30am-11am at St. Ambrose Dailey Hall
- October 27th
- December 1st, at parish office
- February 23rd
- April 27th
- June 8th

Closing Prayer – Fr Peter

Adjournment at 8:05 PM.

2026-27 Meeting Schedule: Please see above.