

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

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| Date: | 10/07/2025 | Time: | 6:30-8:50 PM | Location: | St. Malachi Mtg. Room |
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Present: Christy Bartlet, Kathy Burke, Jan, Durkalski, Fr. Gurnick, Sharon Lowe-Chapman, Mike Pellegrino, Tom Perrego, Tom Stanton

Staffing:

- Parish Administrator Bob Knopf is retiring due to health reasons.
- During the transition, Scott Menninger and Deacon Dennis Conrad will assist with administrative responsibilities.
- Please continue to send parish-related emails to Bob for the time being.

Tentative Christmas Mass Schedule:

- Vigil Mass: 4:00 / 4:30 PM — both campuses
- Midnight Mass: 9:30 PM — St. Patrick's
- Christmas Day Masses:
 - 8:30 AM — St. Patrick's
 - 10:00 AM — St. Malachi's

Parishioner Engagement & Participation:

- Planning continues for a parish-wide engagement initiative. The first phase may begin with a "Coffee with Council" gathering at St. Malachi's following a 10:00 AM Sunday Mass. Ad Hoc Committee Members: Jan Durkalski, Wyatt Bensken, Kathy Burke, and Tom Perrego.

Events and Community Building Commission:

- Trunk or Treat: October 24, 2025, from 4:00–6:30 PM at St. Patrick's. More information will be shared soon.
- The Commission is coordinating hospitality/events for the liturgical season, including the Feast of St. Malachy, Mass of Remembrance, All Souls Day, and the Thanksgiving Mass.
- A 2026 parish events calendar is being developed.

Pastor / Administrative Reports:

- **The Leadership/Team Building Workshop** is Saturday, October 18, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM at St. Patrick's. Invitations and RSVP requests will be distributed through Commission Chairpersons.
- The Dual Campus Facility Master Plan is progressing with the next steps being the development of an RFP and the selection of outside consultants.
- Discussions continue with the St. Malachi Center Board and the Diocesan Office of Temporal Goods regarding the potential sale of the Center building.

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- The St. Patrick's Restoration Committee is beginning Phase III of the stained-glass window renovation.
- For future planning, both pipe organs are historic and in need of repair.
- The parish will participate in Year Three of the Diocesan Capital Improvement Campaign.

We Give Catholic (December 2):

- This year's campaign will be conducted as separate fundraisers for each campus.
- PPC members will contribute as individual parishioners rather than through matching grants.

Collaboration Concerns:

- Concerns were raised about the elimination of the Vigil Mass at St. Malachi's, including its impact on worshiper retention, parish finances, and the actuality & feasibility of alternating the Vigil location during warmer months.
- Some parishioners have expressed concerns to council members about how St. Malachi is represented on parish letterhead and other publications, particularly the naming convention and font size. Council members were reminded of Fr. Gurnick's written explanation and the need to balance sensitivity to parishioners' perceptions with the importance of accurately reflecting St. Malachi's canonical status as an Oratory within St. Patrick Parish.
- Additional discussion focused on confusion regarding offertory donations, as some parishioners are unclear about how contributions are distributed. As a result, some have chosen to earmark donations for specific purposes (such as the St. Malachi Food Fund or St. Patrick Restoration Fund) rather than contributing to the general offertory.

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – 6:30 PM
- Location: St. Patrick Campus