

# Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

<b>Date:</b> 02/03/2026	<b>Time:</b> 6:30-8:45 PM	<b>Location:</b> St. Patrick's Meeting Room
-------------------------	---------------------------	---

Present: Christy Bartlet, Wyatt Bensken, Kathy Burke, Jan, Durkalski, Fr. Gurnick, Sr. Lizette, Brian Jecker, Charlene McElwee, Mike Pellegrino, Tom Stanton, Maureen Capellas

## Introduction

Fr. Gruncik introduced Maureen Capellas, the parish's new Administrative Manager. Maureen recently returned to the area from Akron, where she served as Stewardship Minister at St. Hilary Parish. Council members welcomed her to the parish.

## The Flourishing Apostolic Church: Part IV – Evangelize/Faith Formation

- Several council members appreciated Pope Francis's analogy of the Church as a "field hospital."
- Discussion focused on how people can "easily find us," including:
  - Accessibility of the new parish website
  - The ongoing presence of legacy websites
  - Use of third-party platforms such as MassTimes.org

## Chat with Council

- Rescheduled for **February 21–22**.
- A separate email will be sent with sign-up information.

## ChristLife Program

- Thirty parishioners registered; enrollment is now closed.
- The parish received a \$9,000 diocesan grant to support the program.
- Council members will host a taco bar dinner for participants on April 1. Additional details forthcoming.

## Bishop Malesic's Mass of Celebration (Vigil Mass) – April 11

- Celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday vigil Mass and the anniversary of the parish collaboration.
- Invitations will be sent to parishioners, clergy, religious, ecumenical partners, and civic leaders.
- Commission members will receive a special blessing during the Mass.

## Parish Website

- The new website has launched: <https://www.patrickmalachicleveland.org/>
- Feedback noted the site is attractive and easy to navigate.

# Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

- Concerns were noted about search engine visibility and potential confusion with legacy websites.

## Promoting Parishwide Events

- Initial discussion on improving communication so campus-specific events are known across both campuses.
- Positive feedback was shared on the ChristLife promotion strategy, particularly brief announcements at the end of weekend liturgies.

## Commission Leadership Dialogue

- Planning is underway for a Commission Leaders Meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2026 from 2-4 PM, focused on strengthening communication and collaboration among commissions.

## Pastor's Report

- Fr. Gurnick expressed appreciation to Deacon Dennis and Scott Menningen for assisting with office administration during the Administrative Manager search process and Maureen's transition.
- An announcement regarding the St. Malachi campus administrative position is expected soon.
- St. Patrick's part-time custodian, Josh Stinson, has resigned for personal reasons. Fr. Gurnick noted custodial staffing needs will likely be addressed during the upcoming facility study and budgeting process.
- The Dual-Campus Facility Study RFP is in final review and will be issued to consulting firms shortly.
- An agreement in principle has been reached regarding the sale of the St. Malachi Center building to the St. Malachi Center 501(c)(3). Fr. Gurnick is awaiting a letter of intent from the St. Malachi Center Board.

## Next Meeting

March 3, 2026 from 6:30–8:30 PM  
St. Malachi Campus

- Opening Prayer: Tom Perrego
- Closing Prayer: Wyatt Benksen