

# Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 2025-2026

<b>Date:</b> 04/07/2026	<b>Time:</b> 6:30-8:45 PM	<b>Location:</b> St. Patrick's Meeting Room
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Present: Kathy Burke, Jan Durkalski, Fr. Gurnick, Sr. Lizette, Brian Jecker, Sharon Lowe-Chapman, Ryan Mann, Charlene McElwee, Mike Pellegrino, Tom Stanton

## Minutes from 03/03/2026 approved

### Education / Enrichment

- Council members reviewed Parish Pastoral Council norms alongside updated Diocese of Cleveland guidelines issued in 2025. Parishes have until March 2027 to transition, with waivers available as needed.
- St. Patrick & St. Malachi began this assessment during the strategic planning process through the PPC Integrated Steering Committee. Immediate priorities include clarifying term lengths for current members and the selection process for new members.
- Council Members are asked to quickly complete and return the *Parish Pastoral Council Member Survey* to Jan Durkalski.

### Review of Parish Fundraisers

- Brian Jecker and Sharon Lowe-Chapman reported on the St. Patrick Day Breakfast & Raffle and the St. Malachi Church Run. While final reports are pending, both events met participation and fundraising goals.
- Brian noted the Restoration Committee will revisit ticket quantity, distribution and online sales options. Sharon suggested adjusting future race routes to avoid MetroParks fees incurred for limited use of park property.

### Holy Week Observances

- There was a significant increase in non-infant baptisms this Easter across the diocese and nationally through the OCIA process.
- The Holy Night Hike continues to be a well-attended local Holy Thursday event. Appreciation was expressed for Christy Bartley's work organizing participant passports for the seven-stop route.

### Celebration of Unity Mass with Bishop Malesic

- Council reviewed logistics for special blessings of Council, Commission, and Strategic Planning Committee members. Members were encouraged to invite parishioners to attend the Vigil Mass and reception.

**"Chat with Council" planning was deferred to May.**

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## Pastor's Report

- Fr. Gurnick anticipates no staffing changes in the upcoming fiscal year and is hopeful the accountant/bookkeeper position will be filled soon.
- The Finance Council is working with the diocese to finalize the merger of the two campus budgets ahead of the July 1 deadline.
- The parish has agreed to terms with the St. Malachi Center Board for the property sale; final documents are under diocesan review.
- An ad hoc selection committee is nearing a recommendation for a firm to lead the Dual Campus Facilities Study. The 5–6 month process will include parish-wide listening sessions.
- A joint Parish Finance & Pastoral Council meeting may be very appropriate for an upcoming May or June meeting.

## Next Meeting:

**Date:** May 5, 2026

**Time:** 6:30–8:30 PM

**Location:** St. Malachi Campus

Opening Prayer: Sharon Lowe-Champman

Closing Prayer: Mike Pellegrino