



ST EUGENE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

2025-2026
Asheville, NC



Meeting Minutes December 16, 2025

Attendance:

Participants (P – Present; NP- Not Present)				
Rev. Sabastian (NP)	Rev. Dr. Mike Zboyovski (P)	Rev. Dr. John Langlois (P)	Joe Stritch (Chair, 6/26) (P)	Abel Lomeli-Garcia (Vice Chair, 6/26) (NP)
Laurie Zone-Smith PhD (Secretary,6/26) (P)	Betty Lynne Leary (6/28) (NP)	Nathan Lawrence (6/28) (P)	Dr. Ellen Lawson (6/28) (P)	Vanessa Garcia Hernandez (6/28) (P)
Michael MacCauley (6/26) (NP)	Ginny Raviotta (6/27) (P)	Noe Valdez (6/27) (P)	Dr. Daniel Frayne (6/27) (P)	Terry Ryan (6/27) (P)
Guests: Maryellen Shephard Parish Life Coordinator (NP); Amy Arias-Cordova Dir Religious Ed. (NP)				

- I. **Call to Order** - Joe Stritch
 - a. Call to order at 6:04 pm
- II. **Opening Prayer** – Deacon Mike
- III. **Welcome and Introductions** – Joe Stritch
- IV. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting** (11.19.2025) - Joe Stritch
 - a. Deacon John moved to approve, Gionny seconded – approved.
- V. Discussion –
 - a. What will happen to the Rose House? Joe to discuss with Father Sabastian.

VI. **Commissions:**

- a. Building and Facilities – Nathan Lawrence/Terry Ryan joined the facilities commission.
 - i. Report submitted.
 - ii. HVAC – Chain link fence option has been scrapped, hail guards for 4 units, waiting for bid from Sheer Comfort.
 - iii. Rose House – needs work, panel upgrade, basement floods, heat issues, etc. The sliding door has been replaced, the project is not complete, and the ceiling fan and lights are not working.
 - iv. Made initial inquiries into partition walls separating the day chapel from the sanctuary.
 - v. Working with Noe on the list of affordable contractor/laborer people for projects.
- b. Education & Formation – Abel Lomeli-Garcia
 - i. Report submitted.
 - ii. Anyone in the parish can create an account to join "Formed". It's a program/app from the Augustine Institute and it has many videos, podcasts, and audiobooks that people can view.
 - iii. It's completely free and easy to sign up for. The instructions are in the PDF I attached. You can print a few copies for the council to view.
 - iv. To summarize, you need to create an account with your email and then look for our parish, "St. Eugene Church," and you'll be good to go!
 - v. We also have a Spanish version of this PDF (not attached). I've only seen it in the Faith Formation bulletin out in the social hall, but I will tell Amy to spread the word elsewhere.
- c. Evangelization & Communications – Vanessa Garcia Hernandez, Betty Lynne Leary
 - i. No Report submitted.
- d. Liturgy & Worship – Rev Dr. Michael Zboyovski
 - i. Utilization of lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, etc., for services falling outside of normal weekend services has commenced and worked well.
 - ii. Sacristans for additional liturgical settings have been appointed.
 - iii. Preparation for Christmas is underway
 - iv. Decoration of Christmas trees in the social hall
 - v. Team is set for church decoration after the ACS school Mass Christmas presentation
 - vi. Scheduled for the afternoon of 12/19/2025
 - vii. Ecumenical Advent services at St. Eugene and St. Mark Lutheran church were well attended
 - viii. Last service at St. Paul Methodist Church (Fr. Sabastian is homilist) is scheduled for December 17, 2025, at 6pm
 - ix. Fr Sabastain has initiated an additional day to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation

- x. Wednesdays at 6 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6 pm to approximately 7 pm
 - xi. Communion services continue weekly for Harmony, Deerfield, and Bella Vista retirement communities
 - xii. Communion and visitation of the homebound/hospital also continue on an as-needed basis when the office is notified
 - xiii. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is meeting weekly between the Sunday morning Masses
 - xiv. St. Eugene will be hosting one of the Rites of Election as Lent begins. Date/time to be announced
- e. Outreach (Ecumenism) – Ginny Raviotta
- i. No updates to report
- f. Parish Life – Ellen Lawson
- i. Women’s Guild had a very successful Christmas bazaar raising just over \$1700.00. The women from the Guild worked tirelessly daily under the direction of Paula Kotz and Walkyria Almonte to insure that all gift tickets were completed.
 - ii. Once again this year a generous couple from Sacred Heart Parish in Cincinnati assisted us in that fulfillment by taking forty tickets and driving down here with the gifts.
 - iii. For 2026 Angel Tree will be recognized as a ministry of the Women’s Guild. Previously, it had been listed as an activity of the parish.

VII. Open Issues

- a. Protecting God’s Children certifications are renewed annually for anyone serving the parish who has the potential to be in contact with a child, they should do this training. Contact Michelle in the office to sign up if you have not done it already.

VIII. New Business

- i. Suggestion Box items were distributed to the commission leaders for review.

- IX. **Adjournment** – Joe Stritch at 7:02 pm. Closing prayer offered by Deacon John.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 21st at 6:00 pm at Church Hall