

# St. Peter Parish Council (SPPC) Meeting Minutes

*April 6, 2026*

Attendance: Father Marty, Michael O'Brien, Vicki Bogdan, Mary Todzia, Jane Alaimo, Mike Farina, Skip Paul, Mary Beth Iacobelli, Ralph Rand, Chase Mack, Chloe Brzoska, Chris Miller, Mary Ann Poole, Kathy Oktavec, Marion Enie

## Opening

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM. Father Marty offered the opening prayer.

## Approval of Previous Minutes

March minutes accepted by consensus.

## Old Business & Recent Events

The latest Parish By-Law edits were reviewed. Fr. Marty suggested that the Teens in Action (TIA) be removed from the ex officio membership, as there is no current leadership or activity. Jane Alaimo made a motion to remove TIA, seconded by Ralph Rand, and the motion was approved. Ralph Rand motioned that the By Laws be accepted with revision, seconded by Vicki Bogdan, and approved.

Vicki Bogdan reported that the Ladies Guild's Palm Sunday fundraisers resulted in \$900 from the bake sale and \$645 from the Kielbasa sale.

The Living Rosary was a success. The next Living Rosary is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Easter Triduum Masses and services were well attended.

- Holy Thursday 110
- Good Friday 130
- Easter Vigil 130
- No report for Sunday Masses

Vicki, Bogdan, Chris Miller, and Jane Alaimo commented that music during the Holy Thursday Mass overpowered the singing. Mike O'Brien did a great job as Cantor at the Easter Vigil Mass. Fr. Marty commented that the Cantor should always sing from the Ambo.

Mike Farina commented that preparing for liturgical events requires a lot of preparation by very few individuals to be done consistently and in accordance with Church requirements. It would be helpful to have a Spiritual Life Liturgy committee be responsible. Father Marty emphasized that the furniture on the altar is sacred and cannot be used for other purposes.

Father Marty commented that the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral is a tremendous opportunity for parishioners to join the larger Faith community. Next year, there will be announcements to inform parishioners about the Chrism Mass. Suggested that the Deanery Lenten confession schedule and confessors be better communicated next year.

Although security announcements continue in the Bulletin, children remain unescorted when using restrooms during Mass.

## New Business & Upcoming Events

Mike O'Brien reported that there have been 2 volunteers for the Parish Council At-Large positions, with others with potential interest.

Per the By-Laws, there will need to be Bulletin announcements for At-Large candidates on 2 Sundays before the election in May, by parishioners. The proposed dates, to be confirmed, with an announcement on May 3, 10, and elections on May 17.

Mary Beth Iacobelli provided an update for the Youth Service Award. The application process is underway with a May 12 deadline. Notices are in the Bulletin, and announcements at Mass. The application is on the Website. Awards will be announced in June, with the amount depending on the number of applications and funds available. To date, donations from the quilters total \$370 and from the Ladies Guild \$500. There is an upcoming collection on the weekend of April 25.

Bishop Reidy and Father Ellis will be leading an hour of Adoration for Vocations on Friday, April 17. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

## Ministry Updates

### Faith Formation

Chase Mack reported that the Faith Formation program for 2025-26 has concluded. We had outstanding teaching support and are grateful to all the teachers. Co-lead Chloe Brzoska was able to support administrative tasks rather than focusing on teaching in this school year. Attendance was closely monitored, and absentee emails were sent to parents weekly. This monitoring and communication have resulted in improved attendance compared to last year, with 65 hours still needing to be made up. Skip Paul spoke to the classes about opportunities to serve as Altar Servers. First Communion is scheduled for April 18th at 11:00 AM, with 12 communicants participating. The Confirmation retreat will take place on May 16th, led by Sr. Renee. There will be no Summer Bible School this year. Connecticut has enacted new legislation regarding Summer Camps that would make it difficult to implement this program. New curriculum materials are being reviewed for the 2026-27 school year.

### Pro Life Ministry

Mary Todzia reported that the Connecticut March for Life was well attended in Hartford. Unfortunately, due to a lack of registrants, there was no local bus transportation to the March.

### Finance Committee

Ralph Rand reported that the Finance Committee will meet with Vic to review Q3 finances. At the end of March, there was a \$4,000 shortfall with \$239,000 in income and \$244,000 in expenses. There is no update on the status of setting up the CD or Money Market. The fiscal year ends on June 30.

### Ladies Guild

Vicki Bogdan reported that the Ladies Guild will be providing coffee and baked goods at the Tag Sale. The Guild will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. John Nork has written a song. How to use the song as part of the celebration is under discussion.

### Knights of Columbus

Mike Farina reported that 30 hams were donated to Social Services. The Knights are also replenishing the Food Pantry.

The Knights are ordering new microphones for the Church. They are also evaluating additional support for the identified insurance issues. Front stairs, parking lot, ramp. Father Marty also said that Alice from the Diocese sent a notice about cost-effective ways to add alerts for water leaks. This will be discussed with Craig Salonia.

The fundraising Gala at Holy Apostle is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Knight's Color Guard is planned for Corpus Christi Sunday Mass.

### Regional Parochial School Liaison

Mary Beth Iacobelli reported that the John Paul II School Strategic Plan is under revision. She will meet with Bishop Reidy on May 11 and ask how the parish assessments will be handled, given the changes in the Deanery alignment.

## Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. Father Marty concluded with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marion Enie  
Recording Secretary