

St. Peter Parish Council (SPPC) Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2026

Attendance

Parish Council Members:

Parish Council Role	In Attendance
Pastor	Father Joe
Parochial Vicar	Father Marty
Chairperson	Mike O'Brien
Vice Chairperson	
Secretary	Marion Enie
Ladies Guild	Vicki Bogdan, Joanne Beekley
Faith Formation	Chase Mack, Chloe Brzoska
Knights of Columbus	Mike Farina
Finance	Ralph Rand
Christmas Fair	Jane Alaimo, Chris Miller
Building and Maintenance	
Regional Parochial School	Beth Iacobelli
Trustees	Carmelo Rosa, Ken Vallera
At Large	Martha Ceplenski, Kathy Oktavec, Skip Paul

Parishioners/Guests:

Melissa Carlson, Mary Ann Poole

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Father Marty offered the opening prayer.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Ralph Rand made the motion to accept the May minutes with the following edits: include Jane Alaimo and Chris Miller as Christmas Fair co-chairs and change the 6-month CD to an APR of 3.74% in the Finance report. Carmelo Rosa seconded and minutes were approved.

Old Business & Recent Events

The new At Large members; Martha Ceplenski, Kathy Oktavec, Skip Paul were welcomed

The Living Rosary was inspiring but attendance was light. Better advertising is needed to promote the event. The next Living Rosary is scheduled for Monday, October 19 at 6:30.

Mike Farina reported that the Tag Sale generated \$55,600. This amount may increase.

Mary Beth Iacobelli reported that there was just one applicant for the Youth Service Award. Maggie Miller will receive \$1,000. The Award will be presented at the June 14th 9 AM Mass. Unused Award funds will be used for next year's Award.

Ken Vallera reported that a quote is in progress to update Exit door leading to the Rectory.

New Business & Upcoming Events

The floor was handed to Carmelo for the Election of Officers for the term September 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027.

Marion Enie nominated Mike O'Brien as Chair. Vicki Bogdan nominated Mary Beth Iacobelli, who could not be forwarded as Mary Beth is an Ex-officio Council member. Skip Paul was nominated for Vice Chair. Marion Enie as Secretary. The Officers were approved.

Marion Enie noted that a Google Calendar is being developed to track and manage the annual Liturgical events. Marion Enie will organize a meeting with Chase Mack, Ralph Rand, Skip Paul, Chloe Brzoska, and Laura Vallera to incorporate this into the overall organization of all Church activities.

Ken Vallero reported that a lot of trash accumulates in the trash-can area due to Church Hall activities. Currently, the Church Secretary takes the trash to the corner for pick-up. Ken Vallera will call Pete's Trash Removal to organize trash pick-up from the corral.

Ken Vallera noted that the sacristy is messy. Mike Farina commented that space is needed to store items that have only seasonal use. Jane Alaimo will reorganize the vestment closet.

Skip Paul noted that the newly formed Liturgical Committee will meet on the last Monday of the month. Committee members include Fr. Marty, Mike Farina, Mary Todzia, Chase Mack, Chloe Brzoska, and Jamie Carrero

Upcoming liturgical and Parish Community events include:

- June 4 Corpus Christi Sunday with outdoor procession, weather permitting
- June 20 St Peter Prom
- June 29 Feast of St Peter and Paul Mass at 6:00, Fr. Marty proposed a reception to follow Mass

Fr. Marty noted that there are 4 Catholic Liturgical Vigils:

- New Year
- Christmas
- Pentecost
- All Saints

The 2026-2027 Parish Council Meeting Schedule was agreed as follows:

- Monday, August 31 (moved due to Labor Day)
- Monday, October 5
- Monday, October 26 (moved due to All Souls Day)
- Monday, December 7
- Monday, January 4
- Monday, February 1
- Monday, March 1
- Monday, April 5
- Monday, May 3
- Monday, June 7
- July and August: No Meetings

Ministry Updates

Altar Servers

Skip Paul indicated that 4 servers are needed for Corpus Christi Sunday

Knights of Columbus

Mike Farina noted that the Charitable committee will be providing additional food as need is great during the Summer months.

Ladies Guild

Vicki introduced Joanne Bleekley as the newly elected Ladies Guild VP. The Ladies Guild supported 2 recent large funerals for Nestor Gendreau and Regina Sonski. Families were very appreciative for this support. The 90th anniversary dinner is scheduled for June 13, with Mass at 5 and dinner to follow in the Church Hall.

Faith Formation

Chase Mack reported that Sister Lainey led a successful retreat.

Bishop Reidy is encouraging more coordination across the Deanery. There was a meeting in May in Cromwell. Bishop Reidy continues to coordinate youth events. Upcoming dates are October 3, December 9 and April 10 or May 15. Additional June opportunities for youth include Corpus Christi, Parish Prom, Prayer for Peace, and Prayer and Praise.

Finance Committee

Ralph Rand reported that the Bulletin's financial reporting is being revamped to reduce any confusion regarding the financial picture. The Finance Committee is working on the 2027 budget. Currently, there is a shortfall of \$10,000-\$12,000.

Christmas Fair

Chris Miller reported the following Christmas Fair meetings, all at 6:30 PM in the Church Hall.

- Wednesday, August 5
- Wednesday, September 2
- Wednesday, October 7
- Wednesday, October 28
- Thursday, November 12
- Saturday, November 21 Christmas Fair

Spiritual Life

Fr. Marty reported that confessions are available before Friday Adoration. Jaime Carrero is organizing simple suppers.

Fr. Marty highlighted an Open Forum for Mental Health and Wellness on specified dates on Saturday afternoons, 3:00-5:00 in the Church, June-December. This is an important initiative to support those dealing with depression, addictions, loneliness, divorce, sickness, deliverance from cults and evil spirits. Additional details are included in the flyer. A copy is included at the end of the minutes in Supplemental Materials.

Regional Parochial School

Mary Beth Iacobelli reported that she attended the annual meeting with Bishop Reidy. She asked about the Parish financial assessments with the changes across the Deanery. The Bishop commented that it will be discussed at the next Deanery meeting, and there will be a different financial set-up.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. Father Marty concluded with a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marion Enie

Recording Secretary

Supplemental Materials

OPEN FORUM

FOR
MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Saturday Afternoons

May 16,30 • June 13,27 • July 25 • August 22

September 5,19 • October 3,17,31

November 14,23 • December 12,26

1:00 P.M. Presentations Discussions Questions

- *Depression, Anger, Fear, Worry*
- *Substance Abuse, Addictions, Behavioral Addictions*
- *Loneliness, Rejection, Divorce*
- *Physical, Emotional, Sexual and Ritual Abuse*
- *Deliverance from Cults and Evil Spirits*

3:00 P.M.Exposition Novena and Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Afternoon Prayer

4:00 P.M Confessions

4:45 P.M. Evening Prayer and Benediction

5:00 P.M.Vigil Mass with Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick (for those eligible)
and Praying over any others

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