

St. Peter Parish Council (SPPC) Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2026 (September Meeting)

Attendance

Parish Council Members:

Parish Council Role	In Attendance
Pastor	Father Joe
Parochial Vicar	Father Marty
Chairperson	Mike O'Brien
Vice Chairperson	Skip Paul
Secretary	
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
At Large	Martha Ceplenski, Kathy Oktavec

Parishioners/Guests:

Mary Todzia

Opening

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

Approval of Previous Minutes

Notes not approved.

Old Business & Recent Events

The Youth Scholarship Award recipient was Maggie Miller.

The trustees are working to get a reasonable price to modify the door at the top of the stairs. The job needs to be re-worked. Estimate received was \$6k.

New Business & Upcoming Events

Bulletin announcements have been made for the Mass schedule change back to 8:30 & 11 as of September 6.

Skip Paul reported on the Liturgical Committee meeting. Their goal is to promote better attendance at parish events through advanced communication and promotion. 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 Blessing of the Animals will take place at the Blessed Mother Shrine on Sunday, October 4 for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It was agreed by consensus that the blessing will take place at 10:30.

Living Rosary will be on October 19th. A flyer will be prepared.

Chase Mack reported that there will be a Coffee Hour between Masses on October 4th sponsored by Faith Formation.

Mike Farina reported that the Townwide Ecumenical service will be at St. Peter this year on Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. Sr. Lany Jo will help coordinate. Who will provide the musical accompaniment was discussed.

Carmelo Rosa reported that the Church requested a technology grant of approximately \$25,000 to update the Church's security system.

Ministry Updates

Knights of Columbus

Chase Mack stated that the Knights will not be working the parking at the Durham Fair this year. Some of their upcoming projects are the Fall cleanup, new folding tables for the church hall and lighting in the sacristy.

Ladies Guild

Vicki Bogdan reported that the Ladies Guild had a successful 90th Anniversary celebration in June. The Ladies Guild will provide a schedule of upcoming events to Marion Enie.

Faith Formation

Faith Formation still needs 2 more teachers. There has been discussion on combining Confirmation classes with other parishes in the springtime. There will be a student retreat and a meeting with Bishop Reidy.

Finance Committee

Ralph Rand reported on the Finance Committee and the end of year budget summary for 2025-2026. We were in the black only due to several large donations/bequests. There has been a decline in the HELP and quarterly Spirit collections. Weekly offertory is OK.

Christmas Fair

Chris Miller reported that the Christmas Fair will be on November 21st from 9 to 3.

Pro Life Ministry

Mary Todzia announced that the Pro-Life Rosary Rally would be held on October 10th at the town green and the Catholic charities/Amazing Grace food pantry are occupying a new building in Middletown. The Social Services food drive is in November and the deadline is the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Closing

The closing prayer was offered by Father Marty.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.