

St. Charles Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Opening, Call to Order

Date: May 20, 2025 Time: 6: 30 PM

In Attendance:

Fr. Michael, Deacon Don, ~~Bob James, Pat James, Andrea Scott, David Scott,~~ **John McCormick, Karen Leffel, Karey Fallon, Kevin Fallon, Tara Ashworth, Marta Rose, Brian Heath , Kim Heath, Leticia Palacio, Adela Montalvo, Jose Montalvo, Rob Harris, Marge Surran, Joan Natali, Jeanette Orzo, Judy Chuisano. Maria Herrera-Juarez, David**

Focus on Faith – Readings for 6th Sunday of Easter are read (copies to be provided), followed by discussion. Reading 1 – Acts 15:1-2, 22-29. Responsorial Psalm – 67:2-3, 5,6,8 (4). Reading 2 – Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23. Gospel – John 14:23-29

Approval of meeting minutes- Moved John , Second Adela

Questions, Comments – Few corrections to attendance, Kevin will correct.

New Business:

Old Business Update:

Finance Council Reported by:

Archives Chair: Marge Surran

Ecumenical Chair: OPEN Reported by John McCormick

April 23rd meeting. John Raithz made a presentation for CC social service

May 8th Sunday of Hope preparation meeting; Sept 7 is Sunday of Hope and Relay is Sept 27th at Nandua HS. Luminary forms are forthcoming

May 13 – Love, Inc meeting; 4 different denominations are participating. They need 2 more to complete. St. Charles is listening, but not making an official commitment.

May 28 - Next ecumenical meeting. M. Francis will be the speaker (Northampton County dept of Social Services)

Facilities Management Chair: Rob Harris (Report is collective from PC members)

Parish Hall ramp will be painted. Windows will be cut into the classroom doors for compliance with diocese.

Discussion about stair lights on parish hall outdoor steps. Suggestion to move them to a better location.

A Boy Scout has offered to power wash the church walkways to earn a badge.

New kneelers are still in progress.

Helping Hands Chair: Joan Natali

Hispanic Ministry: Chair: Adela and Jose Montalvo, Leticia Palacio

Retreat is moved to July 5th weekend.

Migrant Ministry: Chair: Karey Fallon

- We attended two Masses at Sunripe camp this past month in support of St Peter the Apostle church.
- We attended a Heat Stress Prevention zoom meeting on April 14, 2025 to discuss the logistics associated with providing AC units to the Migrant Camps on the Eastern Shore. Three of the camps are in the St Charles area of responsibility (Bayford, Church Neck and KMC-Cheriton). We are focusing efforts on the acquisition of the AC units and the logistics along with the distribution at the start of the season and collecting/storing them at the end of the season.

Parish Life: Chair: Jeanette Orzo and David Scott

On Sunday, May 4, the Parish Hall was filled with joy as we celebrated Father Michael's remarkable 60 years of priesthood. The Knights of Columbus hosted their traditional pancake breakfast, bringing our church family together in a warm and festive atmosphere. A heartfelt letter from Bishop Knestout was read and presented to Father Michael, chronicling his six decades of devoted service. We saw a wonderful turnout, with everyone deeply honored to be in Father's presence, celebrating his legacy and spiritual leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

David Scott & Jeanette Orzo

A letter from Bishop Knestout, commemorating Fr. Michael's anniversary, was published in the bulletin.

Religious Ed: Chair: Kevin Fallon

Religious Education -

- Classes are now completed for the 2024 - 2025 school year.
- Morning Sessions K-8 and RCIA-C: 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM
- Afternoon Session 9-12: 2:50 PM to 3:50 PM
- Enrollment (21) (includes Mason Elgas)
- Reconciliation/First Communion: 8
- Family of Faith (non-sacramental formation): 6
- Confirmation: 5
- RCIA - Children (New): 2
- Current Catechists:
- Judy Chuisano: Reconciliation and First Communion
- Diane Partin: Reconciliation and First Communion
- Karey Fallon: Family of Faith (Non sacramental); Confirmation
- Maureen Bochman: Family of Faith (Non sacramental)
- Kevin Fallon: Confirmation
- Laura Sherman Rudmin: Trained VIRTUS Parent for Afternoon Session

Adult Education –

- Our next faith formation offering will be Season 4 of the Chosen. More details to follow.

Evangelization -

Fundraising: Chair: Tara Ashworth

Social Ministry: Chair: Open

Worship Chair: OPEN. Funeral Liturgy – Peggy Phillips and Marge Surran, co-chairs

Core group met to review Holy Week and make notes for next year. Advent is the next big time for planning.

Homebound Ministry: Chair: Judy Chuisano

Communion visits to several people in the community. Judy escorts a parishioner to Mass.

New Office Info: Chair: Marta Rose

Secretary's Time: (clarification of notes taken, if necessary)

Pastor's Time & Closing Prayer:

Adjourned : 7:29

Next Meeting: June 17th 6:30PM