

Cathedral of Saint Michael the Archangel
Pastoral Council Meeting

RECTORY
Monday, April 13, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Minutes of the Meeting

Members: Mary Ann Arnold; Carlos Marrero, Timothy Pepler; Mary Somers; Marion Johnson; Virginia Padilla; Nachaly Moreira; Kenneth Welch
Ex-Officio: Very Reverend Gary M. Dailey; Dolly Garzon; Lynn Dubreuil; Wanda Castellano;
Absent: Deacon Joe Rivera; Deacon Angel Perez

Call to Order / Opening Prayer

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.

Acceptance of Minutes of the Meeting of March 9, 2026

Mary Ann moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Mary. All in favor.

Review of Past or Upcoming of Cathedral Activities/Liturgies:

- *Easter Triduum* – The Easter Triduum went well. Twelve persons were received into the Church. Bishop Byrne was missed at the services.
- *24 Hours of Mercy* – There were 153 confessions heard during the 24 hours and Adoration of the Eucharist. There were often times no less than 10 people at the various hours during the night and morning hours.

Religious Education

Bishop Byrne has asked young people in Religious Ed to pray Hail Mary's in conjunction with the 250th Anniversary of the nation. The students at the cathedral have prayed 10,982 thus far. The next Mass for Religious Ed will be the Coronation of Our Lady. There are 13 students who will receive their 1st Holy Eucharist. One family would prefer to wait until next year, so both of their children may receive it together. There are 11 students from the Cathedral who will receive Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday and close to 80 in total.

Latino Ministry

There will be a training for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist of the parish on Saturday, April 25th.

Committee / Organization Reports

1. *Black Catholic Apostolate* – The group will be working on preparing for Juneteenth and the annual Pig Roast event. We are all set with a speaker for Juneteenth.
2. *Take & Eat Ministry* – Michael Jones does the shopping. Maria donates the bread. Some supplies are expensive. We are feeding 67 homebound persons. It is nice to receive notes of appreciation from the recipients of the meals.
3. *Safety & Security* – A meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 4th.
4. *Parish Picnic Committee* – A meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Marshall Center.
5. *Parish Food Pantry* – There will be an announcement in the bulletin to let people know about the 11:00am to noon hour that will be available during the week in addition to the 9 -10am hour on

Wednesdays. Mateus Kurc will manage it. We should reach out to the Salvation Army, BHN, CHD, and ServiceNet to find out how they get the word out to persons who are most in need.

6. *Pocket Book Bingo* – A meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21. Tim reached out to public relations team at LV and the store manager at LV at the West Farms Mall. The event will be planned for Saturday, September 12th at 5:00 p.m., after the Mass.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Census Survey Mailing

The third mailing went out and we have received responses that need to be recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

Concerns /Questions / Thoughts / Items for Discussion

1. New Speakers/Sound System. Some people are unable to hear from the back of the church. A Bluetooth system will be set-up for persons with auditory concerns.
2. Parking Concerns: Vehicles are being blocked and are unable to leave after attending Mass.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

St. Michael's Cathedral may not have a procession on Corpus Christi Sunday this year due to this year's National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. They will be in the Diocese of Springfield from June 18 – June 20. An overnight vigil will be held at the Cathedral on Thursday, June 18. There will be a Praise and Worship Concert at Forest Park. The National Eucharistic Procession will travel from St. Augustine, Florida up the Easter seaboard through New England and end on July 4th in Philadelphia, PA. The Diocese of Springfield is one of the stops.

Next Meeting

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11th.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m. with a prayer led by Fr. Dailey.