

St. Catharine of Siena Church  
4975 Boyertown Pike  
Reading, PA 19606

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 3, 2026

**Attendance:** Fr. Brian Miller, Kenzie Adame, Michael Balla - Chair, Paul R. Bassler – Vice-Chair, Sue Hissick, Lisa Ianni, Thomas Rochowicz, Lisa Siciliano - Secretary, Deacon John Stapleton, Deanna Stratton, Cynthia Waldman, and Marci Zambito – DRE Ex-Officio Member

**Absent:** Father JV, Deacon Tyler Davis, Merrick Plaisance, Tim Waldman, and Michael Wertz

**Opening Prayer:** Father Miller

**Welcome New Member:** Sue Hissick was welcomed as the newest Parish Council member.

**Subcommittee Updates:**

- Facilities:

Mike Balla reported that:

- He is getting quotes finalized to restore the stained-glass windows from the Chapel for display at the Church.
- He is working with someone who may want to assist with the Church's webpage and improving the functionality of the Smartboard. A meeting will be set up.
- He is filling in to assist with maintenance while the regular maintenance man is temporarily unavailable.
- New flooring is being installed in the Counting Room plus painting the walls.
- The front pews are being put back in place and secured.
- Audio Improvements are being explored for the vestibule area as well as adjustments to the speakers in the Sanctuary for better audibility.

- Faith/Spiritual:

Deanna Stratton reported that:

- The Young Saints group started in January and plans to have regular monthly meetings for families with younger children.
- Trivia night was a success with about 100 people in attendance. Committee members were thanked for providing the food, the entertainment, and the prizes. Plans are being made to hold another trivia night in the Fall.

- There is an upcoming High School Youth Group Retreat. Please pray for our teenagers who will be leading or attending the retreat.
  - Plan to attend the Diocesan Women's Conference on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
  - Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> will be a potluck meal from the St. Catharine's Cookbook followed by a showing of the movie on the life of Saint Carlo Acutis. Plan to come for lunch, the movie, and stay for 4:30 Mass afterward.
  - The Chrism Mass will be at the Cathedral on Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A rosary making class is scheduled for Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Father Miller will host the next New Parishioner Brunch on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> following the 11:30 Mass.
  - With the USCCB consecrating America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in June, discussion was held about what could be done at St. Catharine's.
  - Tuesday nights in July, Father Miller will be at the Sacred Heart Fire Pit next to the Pavilion. He welcomes people to join him.
- Fundraising:
    - Lisa Siciliano reported that:
      - The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cookbook was a success with over \$5,000 in profit for our Parish.
      - The Hallow Giving Campaign raised \$10,100 to be put towards the stained-glass window project. \$5,000 of that amount was a match paid by Hallow.

Father Miller discussed:

- He plans to do a Bible Study focused on the book from Dynamic Catholic, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory.
- A Prayer of Consecration will be done on Corpus Christi.
- The new Church Directory is almost complete. Discussion was held on an article to highlight key events from the past years at St. Catharine's.
- The Calendar planning meeting went well and a new on-line calendar is being created to make scheduling space for meetings and events easier.
- He plans to have evening Masses at 7:00 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during Lent and hopes that many parishioners will take advantage of this extra opportunity to attend a daily Mass during Lent.
- With Father JV being away at the beginning of Lent, on the first Sunday there will be no confessions.
- The first Sunday in Lent, Father Miller will be talking about a new Vocations Committee; couples to help with a new Marriage Prep program; and Missionary Discipleship.
- The Diocese is revising the Marriage Prep program and Father Miller plans to explain the new program and request volunteers. Volunteers should be couples married at least 5 years, in good standing with the Church, and

willing to devote time to education on the new program and holding one day Marriage Prep retreats twice a year.

- St. Catharine's School currently has an interim Principal due to a resignation. There is a search for a new Principal currently underway.
- The Knights of Columbus have Fish Fry's scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup> and March 27<sup>th</sup> with a Crab Cake dinner on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Another special Lenten meal may be scheduled for March 13<sup>th</sup>.
- There was discussion about special themes for Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- The Diocese may be having a 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary large Mass at the Fairgrounds with a Family Fun Day. Notice will be provided once details are finalized.
- Forty Hours is being planned for October 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>.
- Optional kneelers may be put in place for people who prefer to receive Communion during Mass while kneeling.

**Old Business:**

- The Knights of Columbus plan to continue to supply Matthew Kelly books to parishioners.
- More volunteers are needed to be Ministers of Hospitality as well as more volunteers to assist with the Children's Liturgy at Mass.
- The By-Laws were revised, signed and finalized. Per the By-Laws, several Parish Council members are completing their first 3 year term of service. Unless they notify the Chair of an intent to resign, they will remain on Council for a second term. The Officers will remain in place at this time.

**Blessing:** Father Miller gave a blessing to close the meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa A. Siciliano  
Secretary