

St. Catharine of Siena Church
4975 Boyertown Pike
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Meeting Minutes
Tuesday April 21, 2026

Attendance: Fr. Brian Miller, Michael Balla - Chair, Paul R. Bassler – Vice-Chair, Sue Hissick, Lisa Ianni, Thomas Rochowicz, Lisa Siciliano - Secretary, Cynthia Waldman, Timothy Waldman, and Marci Zambito – DRE Ex-Officio Member

Absent: Father JV, Deacon Tyler Davis, Deacon John Stapleton, Kenzie Adame, Merrick Plaisance, Deanna Stratton, and Michael Wertz

Opening Prayer: Father Miller

Pastor’s Report: Father Miller

- Twenty-two new members joined the Church at the Easter Vigil this year.
- Plans for the Convent and use of that space for group meetings was discussed.
- The heating unit in the gymnasium is being replaced, and air conditioning is being added.
- Cindy Williamson is the new Principal at St. Catharine’s School.
- Father Miller plans to do a Bible Study each week focused on the book from Dynamic Catholic, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. A Prayer of Consecration from the end of the book will be held on Corpus Christi at all the Masses.
- Starting May 2nd, the new Vocations Committee will meet monthly, usually on the first Saturday.
- The Diocese is revising the Marriage Prep program, and Father Miller is looking for volunteers. Volunteers should be 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.
- April 29th is the Feast Day of St. Catharine of Siena, our Patroness. Masses to honor her will be at 7:15 AM and 6:30 PM. The evening Mass will include the second graders and their parents as they are meeting from 6:00-8:00 PM to prepare for First Holy Communion.
- On May 23rd there will be an extended Mass for Pentecost.
- To allow people to pray in silence in the Sanctuary, Father Miller requests that the doors to the Church remain closed after Mass and any conversations take place in the large Narthex we are blessed to have.

Old Business:

- Lisa Siciliano gave a report on the Hallow partnership with St. Catharine's and will be looking into outreach to all Hallow users in our local community through a zip code-based message.
- The lighting in the Sanctuary will be fixed to ensure that all the lights are operational.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Communications/Marketing:

- Mike Balla is looking into a computer tech service to assist with enhancing smartboard use in the meeting room and website improvements.
- The new Church Directory was proofread and should be delivered soon.

- Facilities:

Mike Balla reported that:

- Framing for the stained-glass windows from the Chapel has begun and they will be installed soon at the main entrance of the Church.
- New flooring and painting the walls in the Counting Room has temporarily been postponed.
- The work to secure the front pews is almost done.
- Audio Improvements are being explored for the vestibule area as well as adjustments to the speakers in the Sanctuary for better audibility.

- Faith/Spiritual:

Lisa Ianni reported that:

- A rosary making class is on Saturday April 25th at 10:00 AM in the meeting room.
- Rosaries are being said before all Masses in May except for the May 17th 9:30 AM Mass when the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a family rosary following Mass.
- The annual Marriage Vow Renewal event and dinner is May 16th.
- Father Miller will host the next New Parishioner Brunch on Sunday May 17th following the 11:30 AM Mass.
- Social Sundays are set for May and July. Dates will be in the Bulletin.
- About 20-25 people attended the March 28th Carlo Acutis movie day.
- 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:
No report

New Business:

- A Papal Flag is now on the flagpole in front of the Church along with the US Flag.
- Discussion was held about what to do with the Cross from the former Chapel.

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa A. Siciliano
Secretary