

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL – Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday June 9, 2026

**Attendance:** Fr. Brian Miller, Father JV Nguyen, Father Tyler Davis, Michael Balla - Chair, Paul R. Bassler – Vice-Chair, Kenzie Adame, Sue Hissick, Lisa Ianni, Merrick Plaisance, Thomas Rochowicz, Lisa Siciliano - Secretary, Deacon John Stapleton, Deanna Stratton, Cynthia Waldman, Timothy Waldman, Michael Wertz and

**Absent:** Marci Zambito – DRE Ex-Officio Member

**Opening Prayer:** Father Miller

**Pastor’s Report:** Father Miller

- Six men were ordained Priests by Bishop Schlert on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup>. One of those men, Father Tyler Davis, has been assigned as a Parochial Vicar at St. Catharine of Siena Parish, Reading. He will be working with the Youth among other duties while Father JV will be overseeing liturgies and decorations as part of his duties.
- Father Miller will have a Bible Study in July focused on Women in the Bible. Sessions will be Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM on July 8, 15, 22 & 29.
- Due to the unexpected closing of the school at Immaculate Conception, an information night for their parents and students is being held at St. Catharine’s School on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Forty Hours will be held October 25, 26 and 27. Potential speakers are being contacted and will be announced once confirmed.
- Joining with the US Bishops, a Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be done during the 7:15 AM Mass on Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- New votive prayer candles have been placed before the Holy Family statue. A discussion was held about future improvements to the votive candles.
- All Parish Council members were asked to regularly pray for St. Catharine’s Church and to encourage other Parishioners to also do so.
- Discussion was held about having a Marian Procession in October.

## Old Business:

- Father Miller and Mike Balla indicated that a walk through to discuss the future for the Convent building is being scheduled.
- Father Miller mentioned that the new Vocations Team will typically have a meeting the first Saturday of each Month to encourage vocations.
- Tom Rochowicz noted that the Knights of Columbus received new author ideas for the books they purchase as gifts for Parishioners and they will be using those to assist with their future purchases.
- Lisa Siciliano reported that she is collaborating with Father Miller to plan a Hallow mission in person sometime this Fall for all Parishioners. There are also plans to reach out to all Hallow users in our local community through a zip code-based message just before the start of Advent.

## Subcommittee Updates:

- Communications/Marketing:
  - Mike Balla is looking into a computer tech service to assist with enhancing smartboard use in the meeting room and with website improvements.
- Facilities:

Mike Balla reported that:

  - The stained-glass windows are in place. Plexi-glass is going to be installed in front of the lowest windows to protect them. There was discussion about placing articles in the AD Times and with local news sources describing the project of bringing the windows from the Chapel to the Church.
  - The pew screens in front of the first row of pews have been secured and fixed with braces and anchors.
  - A new amp and sound controllers are being purchased for the speakers in the vestibule and behind the sanctuary to improve audibility.
  - The water in the baptismal font was drained and the pump was replaced.
  - The roof is being inspected and stained ceiling tiles are being replaced.
  - St. Catharine's statues are being cleaned and restored.
  - Weed control is being done to improve the exterior areas of the Church grounds.
- Faith/Spiritual:

Deanna Stratton reported that:

  - Social Sundays will be sponsored by Cursillo on July 12<sup>th</sup> and by the Boutique Committee on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Millions of Monica's is selecting a date, but additional groups are needed to host other months.

- The 7 Sisters Ministry needs more women to commit to a year of praying one day per week for one hour for one of our Priests in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We need twenty-one volunteers since we now have 3 Priests to pray for. Contact the Parish Center or Dr. Edmunds to volunteer.
  - The committee will talk with the Youth Group chair to plan for an Altar Server event.
  - Everyone is invited to stop by the firepit next to the pavilion on Tuesday nights in July starting at 7:00 PM to join Father Miller for fellowship. Fireside chats will be held on July 7, 14, 21 and 28.
  - Sites are being considered for a local pilgrimage sometime later this year. Details will be communicated once plans are made.
- Fundraising: No Report.

**New Business:**

- There was a discussion about having laminated Mass guides in the pews to assist people attending funerals, baptisms, etc. who may not be familiar with the Order of the Mass.
- Ways to reduce Church chatter pre and post Mass were discussed to keep the Sanctuary as a prayerful space.

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

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa A. Siciliano  
Secretary