

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 7:00 PM Conference Room

Present: Fr. Yesalonia, Fr. Hilbert, Barbara Bennett, Laura De Boisblanc, Antonio Del Rosario Ken Kern, Marguerite Lucarelli John Mancuso, Letty Moss-Salentijn, Sabrina Ng, Dolores Troy Quinn, Christian Sanders.

Absent: Christopher Passmore.

1. **Prayer.** Fr. Yesalonia opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. **Review of Minutes, January 14, 2026.** The minutes of the last meeting were approved with no amendments.
3. **Report: Pastor.** Fr. Yesalonia gave an update of various events and works of the parish, including, in no particular order:
 - a. Facilities assessment. Architects and engineers have been examining the HVAC system, the roof of the church, with the probability of a Capital Campaign in the coming year.
 - b. Grammar School Project. The adequacy of space and facilities at the Grammar School were discussed.
 - c. Parish Art Show. This has been deferred to the Autumn.
 - d. Interfaith Trip to Spain. This trip, together with Temple Emmanuel and Peace Island, will take place in October of this year. The group will consist of 30 persons among the three organizations.
 - e. The former Pastor of St. Catherine's Church in Bethlehem, Franciscan Father Rami, will visit our parish in mid-April. A parish-wide event will be held on Friday, April 17th. Roxanne De La Torre is organizing Fr. Rami's schedule.
 - f. The Iftar Dinner on March 6th and the Celtic Evening on March 13th were outlined. Marguerite Lucarelli is planning the Celtic Evening in support of the Grammar School. The price of admission is \$50 for adults, \$25 for children. (For more information, see last month's Minutes.)
4. **Implementation Plan—Update.**

- a. Ken Kern expressed his great satisfaction with the positive feedback from his letter of February 4th to the parish. As one parishioner told him, “It is powerful to see how much is happening in the parish.” Ken thanked the Council members for their contribution, encouragement, and support.
5. **Spirituality and Internet Roundtable.** Ken Kern and Antonio Del Rosario gave an update on this event. It will take place on Wednesday, March 11, at 6:00 PM, in the Carlos Cuartas Parish Lounge. The RSVPs have been arriving, and the group is expected to be 25 persons, including Boy Scouts.
6. **Lenten Week of Service.** Laura De Boisblanc presented the numerous (22) activities planned for the first week of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday with the placing of ribbons on the Cross in the narthex.
7. **Communications Plan: Follow-up.** The plan is progressing, slowly but surely.
8. **Other Business.** John Mancuso reported that the tri-parish LGBT gathering brought over 200 persons to Wallace Hall and was hailed by all as a milestone for the three parishes. Finally, the Council members who were present for the Installation of Archbishop Hicks spoke to us of the welcome and joy of the event.

Fr. Yesalonia led us in a Hail Mary and asked St. Ignatius to pray for us.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 18, 2026, in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted.
Michael Hilbert, S.J.