

St. Michael Parish Pastoral Council

April 7, 2026 Minutes

Members Present: Fr. Marty, Fr. Robert, Deacon Ron, Lou Bufano, Joan Bullock, Lisa Codo, Barbara Judge, Martha Kozub, Jim Lesniak, Alice Lewinski, Mike Morley, Bob Solorio, Connie Solorio, Matt Wieser

Fr. Marty opened the meeting by reading from a discourse by St. Anastasius of Antioch which focused on the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. An opening prayer followed.

The parish's GIFT campaign continues to move forward. Currently the parish has received \$4.18 million in pledges, leaving \$820,000 remaining toward the parish's goal of \$5 million. Mike reported that those who have made pledges continue to make contributions regularly.

Meanwhile, work continues throughout various commissions. For the Parish Life Commission, Martha and Lisa reported that the diocesan Migrant Ministry is planning to support migrant workers all summer long, culminating in an August 16 Mass at Herr Farm, and the parish will be asked to participate in that ministry. For the Peace and Social Justice Commission, Joan and Matt reported that the parish's Wheelchair Ramp Ministry recently installed its 110<sup>th</sup> ramp and that the Good Samaritans ministry continues their good work assisting the needy in the parish and broader community. Finally, Lou reported that the Stewardship Commission will have its quarterly meeting on April 14.

In the coming weeks, the parish's discernment process will be completed, and incoming Parish Pastoral Council members will be invited to the council's May meeting. The coming weeks also include celebrations including Passport on April 18 and events in honor of St. Michael School's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 3. That day will include 11:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop McClory followed by an open house of the school.

Looking further into the future, the parish's annual festival is slated for August 7-8. It was determined at the council's March meeting that Bob and Matt should join Janice Malinowski and Michelle Biscan in meeting with the current festival chairpersons to receive updates on the planning process for this year's event. That meeting took place the night before the council's April meeting, and Bob updated the council on what transpired at that meeting. Following a lengthy discussion, council members came to the consensus that this year's festival will proceed as scheduled and that Martha and Lisa, in their roles as Parish Life Commission liaisons, and others will provide support to the festival chairpersons as needed.

Following the Hail Mary, the council adjourned until its next meeting on May 6 at 7 p.m. in one of the meeting rooms in St. Patrick Hall. An additional meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the rectory.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Cox