Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2026, 11:35 AM

Present: Fran Wainer, Father Dillon, Andrew Montgomery, Lena Pavel, James Kenefick, Val Campanelli, George Goulet, Maria Hacker, Regina Beausejour, Noreen Wolleben, Jim McMahon & Jody Fay. Absentee Members: Bob Keiser, Peer Ministers (TBA), Donna Yatcko (on a retreat)

Father Dillon gave an opening prayer at 11: 37 a.m.

June Minutes approved with one small revision.

New and Continuing Business:

Fran: Faith formation starts next month

Re Holidays: There will be no holiday craft fair this year, and No cookie stroll this year.

Sr. Kathleen will again conduct our Parish Thanksgiving Dinner. Also, Sr. Kathleen will conduct her Advent program

Fr. Dillon: As discussed with Jody and George, Father's goal is to enhance the spiritual life of the Parish beginning with a focus on the Feast of St Luke (October 18th traditionally)

Results of Knights of Columbus Carnival were outstanding. A total of $32,872 collected. Approximately $29,000 of that was from white elephant sale.

Our new youth minister, Oliver Shannon, started on June 1st, 2026.

Fr. Dillon assigned Lena to research a parish trip via White Star Tours to Montreal and Quebec which would include St Anne de Beaupre, St Joseph Oratory, etc. The group believes late spring summer onset would be best time. Noreen submitted the flyer from White Star Tours

Re Catholic TV Hartford: Father Dillon has attended about 4-5 times per year. Mass attendees are invited and desired to attend mass and fill pews while it is aired on TV.

Sr. Lany Jo will be conducting a retreat in December in the Parish Hall.

Re Parish Trips: Jody, George and Father are contemplating small Parish day trips – possibly Enders Island

Re Clothes Collection: A Parish Council member will place plastic bins in the church and Fr. Sullivan Center to begin the Hat, Glove & Socks drive for St Peter & James Episcopal Church. The collection will take place beginning the weekend of November 14 & 15 thru the weekend of Nov. 21 & 22. The bins will require daily emptying and content storage until we sort and deliver to St Peter & James after the Council meeting on November 22nd.

Family Mass and K of C Pancake breakfast is the 2nd Sunday of each month. October 11th will be the next family mass. The Franciscan Order will be celebrating the "transitus" of St. Francis and a ceremony will be held during this mass to honor the day St Francis died. A video of St Francis is planned after mass in the Church Hall.

November 8th is the subsequent Family Mass & breakfast and Council "Meet & Greet".

Maria: ESCA is at full capacity this year – a total of 230+/- students. Our Youth Minister, Oliver Shannon needs recruits for Peer Ministry and Bible study. It is thought that students are best at recruiting other students. Adult volunteers are needed for "open time" tutoring.

This council speculated on whether we should have a "School Liaison" to keep us updated on Youth Ministry Activities.

There is a new priest in the Madison parish. Reverend George S. Mukuka effective June 30, 2026. Fr. Dillon added that this appointment was announced by Archbishop Coyne.

George: on Baseball Game trip to Fenway: 29 of the 31 people registered attended. A different venue or team sport will be considered for next year's sports trip. UConn basketball will be considered. St John Bosco Parishioners thanked us for hosting the trip and hope we do it again.

George proposes that we not waste business time on frivolous issues so that we can complete council meetings in one hour. Jody added that we will not be strictly following "Roberts Rule of Law".

James K proposed that a member of the Parish Council/Liaison sit in on the Parish finance Committee meeting. Lena supported Jim on this idea. A vote was taken resulting in a 4-4 not enough votes. Father and four council members not in favor of this. He also proposed that we change the "St Michael prayer for vocation to the priesthood" to a different more general or inclusive one such as the one in our Sunday missal. Maria, Lena and others liked this idea, but per Fr. Dillon Archbishops Blair and Coyne directed that only the current prayer be used.

Resolved: Fran will ask Archbishop Coyne if we can adopt a different prayer for vocations.

Noreen: Re Communion: following up on status of receiving communion under both species. Per Father Dillon, a Minister of Cup is still needed and if secured, may be offered once per month during mass.

Andrew proposed that a directive be used before Mass for people to offer a friendly greeting to those adjacent to them. Per Father we can try this occasionally or once a month, to be announced by our Cantor.

Father Dillon closed the meeting with a prayer.

Adjourned 12:21Pm

Next meeting October 25, 2026 after 10:30 AM Mass.