

Saint George Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2025

Present: Father Dillon, Yolande Eldridge, Jody Fay, Fran Wainer, Debra Falvey, Noreen Wolleben, George Goulet, Regina Beausejour, Ed Pellegrino, Val Campanelli, Ed Pelligrino

Absent: Maggie Bruno, Bob Keiser

The meeting began at 11:43 am with an opening prayer from Father Dillon.

Yolande: Minutes were approved with minor revisions.

Father Dillon: Halloween was very busy! He gave out 874 pieces of candy starting at 4:30 pm. Thanksgiving sharing and Thanksgiving luncheon are planned. Turkeys are in demand since we are not getting as many donations from grocery stores.

Fran (for Donna): There was an October 8th meeting for children to understand reconciliation. On November 22nd there will be another program which will run from 9 am to noon. 470 children are enrolled in the Faith Formation Program. This is on par with last year – had 520 enrolled. Donna is following up on the Saint Carlos Acutis exhibit. Next year on April 25th, 2026, Father will hold Confirmation. There will be two dates for First Communion. April 26th, 2026 and May 3rd, 2026 respectively.

Yolande: No peer ministry report due to work commitment and touring colleges.

Noreen: The Lancaster trip was a huge success. The group left Wednesday at 9:30 am and arrived in Lancaster PA around 4 pm. No complaints about the accommodations. The hotel served a full breakfast each morning. The group toured the Amish countryside. The first night, the group ate with an Amish family. Another bus tour joined us and there were about 70 people served by the Amish extended family. The children helped by serving, washing and drying the dishes. Father said a prayer, and the family sang, "How Great Thou Art". There are photos on Facebook. The second day, the tour guide showed the group the countryside, and had lunch and shopping. In the evening, the group saw the movie, "Jacob's Choice". The movie is on You Tube as well. The show "Noah" was fabulous. The seats were great and the technology was amazing. Many of the animals on the Ark were real. The Christian message was to be faithful. The group visited a huge buffet for dinner. Unfortunately, someone was sick on the trip, but Fran and Frank assisted with this. Discussion ensued about the need for policies from the bus company as well as some guidelines all participants would be aware of ahead of the trip. Jody offered to review a template for legal reasons. Yolande was working on a brief trip guideline document.

Yolande/Deb: Many donations of gloves, hats, socks and underwear were received for the free clothing donation area at St. Paul and James, New Haven. After the meeting council members stayed to sort the items and count them. Deb and Yolande are bringing donations to New Haven. A thank you to our St. George community was in the bulletin, with photos and a count of items and cash donations (\$575).

Yolande: The quotes for the St. George "swag" and online ordering are now set and samples are on order. The swag can be ordered by parishioners by using the website provided. We will receive the information sheet on this, as well as the samples in approximately three weeks. All individual orders will be packaged and available for pick up at the church hall on a designed day to be determined. Fran will

put this in the bulletin. Fran modeled the shirt with the logo in navy blue. Show your Saint George pride!

Jody: Nancy Talalas resigned the council. Father will fill the vacancy. Her term runs to June 2027.

Fran: Fran is taking photos after the meeting for Pastoral Council website for those who have not submitted a photo. The PC website will be changing since the archdiocese is standardizing all parish websites.

Closing prayer by Father at 12:18 pm

Our Next Meeting is November 23, 2025 after the 10:30 AM mass.