

Saint George's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2026

Present: Fran Wainer, Father Dillon, Maria Hacker, Val Campanelli, Yolande Eldridge, Debra Falvey, Bob Keiser, Noreen Wolleben,; Jody Fay

Absent: Mikayla Scalici, Regina Beausejour, Emily (youth rep), Lorelei (youth rep), George Goulet (volunteering at St. Carlo Acutis Exhibit); Donna Yatcko (volunteering at St. Carlo Acutis Exhibit)

OPENING PRAYER 11:52, Father Dillon.

Yolande: Minutes were approved with minor revisions. Thanks to Fran for amending with corrections.

Father Dillon: Holy Week was very well attended as well as Easter. Holy Thursday had the least attendees.

The Easter Vigil had over 350 attendees. We are working on a meeting with three pastors concerning the Youth Ministry position. Once chosen, the person will begin in September.

Fran: Confirmation is Saturday and Holy Communion is Sunday. The new website format is coming from the Archdiocese and St. George will have its own customized (uniform) website. Archbishop Coyne wants all websites to be uniform throughout the Hartford Diocese.

Youth Representative Report – Deb for Mikayla: There are no changes regarding minimal student involvement. There is a retreat at St. Margaret's on May 1st . There will be a taco, nacho and trivia night to fundraise for the upcoming Appalachia trip. Cost: Ages 3 to 12 are free and \$25 for adults.

Maria Hacker is having a meeting with Mikayla on May 24 th to generate more youth involvement. Maria will use sign up genius and will ask for RSVPS.

Yolande stated that the council would provide refreshments for the meeting.

Faith Formation – Fran for Donna: No updates.

George-August 19 th is the baseball game trip to Fenway. The Red Sox are playing the Arizona Diamondbacks. The link will be available to sign up for the trip, and it will be in the bulletin, and Father will announce it at Mass.

Yolande- Yolande created guidelines for council member expectations for 2026-2027.

There will be a discernment meeting on May 16 th @ 9:30 AM for candidates nominated for Pastoral Council. Yolande, Deb, Jody and George will attend the meetings as PC reps. It will be explained that new candidates are expected at meetings and and be active on the Council. Noreen suggested giving a clear example of what the council has done in the past and we want members to support what activities and projects the Council takes on. We need

ambition. Some examples of initiatives were as follows: church magnets, dinners, church swag, Sister Lany Jo retreats, baseball games, Lancaster Trip, Movie night, Glove collection for free clothing site in New Haven, Shared Parish Book, bottled water distributed at GHS graduation (with Men's group assistance).

Fran stated that the nomination forms will be available in the bulletin next week for three weeks. There are three vacancies on the council.

Fran needs the Pastoral Council pins returned from those no longer serving.

Father again requested nominations from the council to fill the resignation vacancies. At the upcoming June meeting, elections for new officers will be held. New members are inducted to voting status (per the by-laws) at the June meeting.

We will plan a celebratory luncheon following the meeting. At the May PC meeting, we will ask for a chairperson for the luncheon and PC members to sign-up to bring a luncheon item to share.

Motion to adjourn – all approved.

Closing prayer by Father at 12:27 pm

Our Next Meeting is May 24, 2026 after 10:30 AM Mass. New lottery candidates are asked to attend.