

Saint Mary Parish
Franklin, MA
Parish Pastoral Council
Faith Formation Classroom

Minutes for the March 9, 2026 meeting (Approved 6.8.26)

Parish Staff Members Present: Father John Tanyi, Parochial Vicar; Jim Flanagan, Director of Family Faith Formation

Parish Pastoral Council Members Present: Pandora Carlucci, Patricia Colford, Paula Coughlin, John Determan, Kara Gulla, Lauren Kelleher, Jim Lane, Paula Marano, Lisa Oxford, Nan Rafter, John Ristaino, Thomas Seery

Youth Members Present: Matthew Colford, Meghan Markarian

Finance Council Members Present: Patty Carroll, Tom Duval, Regis Schratz

Open Meeting – Pandora Carlucci welcomed all to the meeting.

Opening Prayer – Fr. Wally thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting with a prayer

Approval of Meeting Minutes-Pandora Carlucci asked participants to suggest edits to the November meeting minutes or to approve them. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Updates from Fr. Wally

- He introduced himself to everyone and provided information regarding his background and how he was chosen to assist in the parish at this time.
- He provided an update on Fr. Bob's health and asked for continued prayers
- He asked all present to assist in spreading the word about the Catholic Appeal and its importance.

Around the Table-Fr. Wally asked everyone present to introduce themselves and to explain their role in the parish and its ministries. This evolved into a discussion of the parish in general and the role of the Parish Pastoral Council. He spoke of the opportunities parishioners have to share ideas with the councilors. He also shared suggestions to make councilors more visible and accessible to all.

150th Anniversary Sub-Committee Update-Pandora Carlucci shared updates regarding plans from the 150th anniversary sub-committee. While planning continues, some aspects of the planning require Fr. Bob's input. Fr. Wally suggested that the outstanding questions be provided to him and he would seek input from Fr. Bob.

Closing Prayer – Father John led us in a closing prayer.

Minutes compiled by John Determan