

## ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

### Pastoral Council Minutes

March 11, 2026

Present: DC John Pedrotti, Tracy Capone, John Herrmann, Peggy Ford, Cece Kurpita, Darlene St. John, Sharon App, Kathy Fisselbrand, Maureen Murphy, Lyn Pinto, Angie Banes, Liz Case & Kristin Jankowski

**OPENING PRAYER---** Tracy led us in a prayer

**MINUTES FROM OUR FEBRUARY MEETING—**The minutes of the February meeting were approved as presented.

**SUGGESTION BOX...**At the Information table a parishioner asked if we had generic St Augustine envelopes for donations. We did not have any available at the information table, but as of March 15<sup>th</sup> we will have them available there.

**Covenant Ministries activities, as reported in the bulletin...**Exodus will be presenting "The Passion of Jesus" on Friday March 13, 2026.

**Stewardship -Sharon-**Rekeying is finished. The snowplowing in conjunction with St Mary's worked well this past winter.

#### **Parish Life & Worship-Cece**

We have a shortage of Liturgical Ministers. We need a larger pool of ministers and need to certify more through the Safe Environment Training. Tracy has signed up to teach the certification & recertification Safe Environment training classes so more sessions will be available locally. It was suggested that we put an "ad" in the bulletin in May followed up with an announcement from the alter encouraging parishioners to sign up at Covenant Sunday. Lyn added that a personal invite may be helpful. Liz has communicated the names of seniors eligible for the Fr Thomas McLaughlin scholarship.

#### **Spiritual Development-Darlene...**

Pat Slack will be speaking at the Women's Group on March 21, 2026, from 1:00-3:00 presenting "Creative story tellers Yesterday & Today".

#### **Parish Outreach-Peggy...**

**Online Prayer**—still in need of a volunteer to take over for Kris Skinner

**OCIA**...St A's has 1 person who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil and 1 person who will be received into the church

SEAS has 3 people for baptism and 3 people for reception.

Currently there are 5 others who will be confirmed sometime during the Easter season. Also we have 1 catechumen for next year along with his wife who will be fully initiated.

**SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY:**

- **Jail Ministry**...Melissa Demjanenko from SEAS joined us to express their willingness to work together in this ministry and possibly others.
- **Baldwinsville Interfaith Green Team**---The Pollinator Project is ongoing. Rotary is organizing plans with OCRRA for Earth Day 4/25.
- **ACTS**...Rt 81 Housing Issues...A simple soup & sandwich lunch will be held on 3/18 for Pioneer Homes. Sticky mats, magnets with information regarding keeping dust & toxic materials from collection in homes will be distributed. (mop vs sweep floors).. Volunteers will be going door to door with information.
- **Hearing aid & eyewear collection**--- ongoing..ends 4/15
- **Easter Food Collection**...40 families will be supplied with food donations. Donations being collected 3/15-3/29
- **St Patrick/St Joseph Day**...Baked Goods on March 22. Proceeds to go to Food Pantry
- There are several other projects in the planning stages...Luncheon for the Samaritan Center, Chili or pizza for men's shelter in April, Migrant Workers Collection, Outhouse coming in May

**Good Samaritan Fund Update**- Maureen...It is still "in the works" & hopefully will be available soon.

**Luke 10**- Maureen-The members are working toward informing other churches of the program. Maureen has met with Sr Marcia Barry at St Mary's and Jennifer Guild at SEAS who oversee their charitable works programs. The program concludes in June.

**Lead Poisoning** -Maureen- Members met with the water commissioner & others to work on the lead poisoning issues. It appears they may be making some headway. This is the Amazon Wishlist for the Lead Free Home in Syracuse that Families for Lead Freedom and A Tiny Home for Good have built and are furnishing for families who need a temporary place to go while their homes are being remediated for lead.

Here is the link:

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**COVENANT WEEKEND-** Will be held on Sunday May 31. Changing name to “Covenant Sunday”

## **WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF A VOLUNTEER TO CHAIR!**

Once we have a chair, we will form sub-committees to make plans for the Sunday & form a task list.

### **YOUTH REPORT—**

Pancake Breakfast will be held on Palm Sunday

DC John advised we have a large confirmation class this year. Confirmation will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. A discussion was held regarding ways to welcome back & invite our students to return to church following graduation. Ideas included “goodie” boxes & Christmas cards. Tracy & DC John will work with Nick on this issue.

**DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL REPORT---**Lyn. No report as there has been no recent meeting.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY CONCERNS—**

On April 30<sup>th</sup> Officer Lefancheck from the Baldwinsville Police Department will be visiting St Mary’s. We are awaiting a security check to determine what changes we need to make at St Augustine’s.

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS-Maureen**

45 survey responses were received with many good suggestions for increasing fundraising and updating the event. As a result of insights gained, the finale will be held on: **Saturday November 7, 2026 from 12:00-3:00** which Maureen will coordinate. There were several suggestions to raise money throughout the year. Suggestions were seasonal baskets (ex Easter), raffles during the year, special collections.

It was also noted that many wanted the New Beginnings gathering in September to be returned.

**INFORMATION TABLE—**Contact Lucretia if you can work the table after Mass.

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**OTHER BUSINESS...**

Combining the bulletin with all 3 churches is still being worked on.

The question regarding whether to charge for the use of the parish hall was discussed. Currently it is donation based & insurance is required. This discussion was tabled for the next meeting. At this time we will allow parishioners only to utilize the hall.

Painting of the exterior of the church was tabled to the next meeting.

Follow up on counseling location and set up of conference room. Since Tyler will not be using the room, we are all set for him to use Room 6 and the conference room will be set up.

Earth Day Clean Out of Storage Areas & Rectory Basement: Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>...The Rectory Basement will be cleaned out as it is in need.

**Next Meeting---APRIL 8, 2026 at 6:30** (no dinner)

**Closing Prayer** ...Tracy led us in the closing prayer

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Peggy Ford**