

St. Paul's Parish Council Meeting
March 18, 2026
St. Paul's Church Hall
5:00 PM

Present: Fr. Tony, M. Hannah, M. Dykstra, T. Blenis, E. Goehner, A. Capaccio, J. Hayes, C. Carnrike, M. Genung, C. Sheldon
Excused: J. DeSarro

Opening Prayer: Fr. Tony

Parishioners Forum - No comments

Previous Meeting minutes - 12/10/25 reviewed online, corrections made and approved.

Pastor's Report - Fr. Dan away. Fr. Tony gave "Pastor's Report"

- Easter schedule in Bulletin and on Website
- First Communion will be May 17, 2026
- Confirmation will be May 19, 2026 in Pompey, NY (Need to have 25 candidates to have Confirmation in your parish)
- RCIA to have 6 confirmed at Saturday night Easter Vigil mass
- There will be washing of the feet at this years Easter services. Thanks to M. Dykstra for enlisting participants.
- We will be housing one of our Seminarians this summer. Deacan Jonathan Hoole will be staying here in Fr. Dan's suite for June and July. His picture is in the church foyer bulletin board with the other seminarians.
- Fr. Dan will pick out recliner and dresser for the rectory soon.

Holy Family School Report

- R. Ballin will be presenting HFS Budget to Finance committee on 3/19/2026.
- Holy Family School Report handed out by M. Hannah. (See Report)

Finance Committee

- Meet our Hope appeal Goal
- Meeting to review HFS budget will be 3/19/2026
- NBT and E. Flanagan gave review of our investments at last Finance meeting. Portfolios were doing well. Budget currently on target.

Tithing Committee - currently there are no requests.

Family Life Committee

- Lenten retreat had a good program but not well attended.
- Noted that in the past there is usually an increase in daily mass attendance during Lent, but numbers are not up this lent. Questioned mass time being at 9:00 AM which is not a good for people who work.
- Committee currently working to organize upcoming programs.

- April 19, 2026 from 2:00 - 4:00 PM will be Appreciation Sunday, a simple welcome for Fr. Dan and Fr. Tony.
- Question of electric outlet requests from M. Jensen will be deferred until later in the spring.
- No Easter Egg Hunt this year as no one volunteered to chair the event. Last two years had poor participation. Instead, the Family Life committee proposed giving out Easter Gift bags to all the children who attended Easter Mass with no age limit.

Buildings and Grounds

- Still have not heard from W. McGuire regarding improved lighting plan for statues flanking the altar.
- Church reroofing is still scheduled for first thing in the spring, weather permitting.
- The electric candle stands should arrive sometime after Easter.
- Still waiting on a date for additional security camera installation.

Phone Scam

- Still on going, Parishioners have received calls from “Fr. Dan” requesting money. There was an insert in last Sunday’s bulletin asking for vigilance when receiving unexpected emails, phone calls or text messages. Please report any suspicious messages to reportfraud.ftc.gov.

Old Business

- M. Dykstra read note regarding moving of the statues. Question if it was talked about at Parish Council, was a survey done, may need to reconsider moving statues back as there are some complaints from parishioners about moving statues.
- E. Goehner read note about statues from last Parish Council meeting where it was voted to let Fr. Dan make the the decision to move the statues.
- May need to relook at the move as parishioners could not “visualize” how the statues would look in new spots.
- A. Capaccio informed Council that H. Capaccio would be doing some restoration painting on statues. Statues would have to be removed from the church for a short period for the work to be done.
- It was suggested that if statues seem to appear too small, perhaps a base could be put under them to increase their height.
- Suggested M. Dykstra take her concerns to Fr. Dan.

New Business- none

Next meeting proposed date - June 10, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

Closing Prayer - Fr. Tony

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Downey Blenis