



St. John Fisher - Parish Council

Minutes from Meeting –September 15, 2025

Parish Staff/Trustees		Parish Council		Other Attendees	
<u>Ex officio</u>		Jim Castellani	√	Carlos Pina	√
Rev. George Makuka	√	Pedro Cristavao	√	Sean Waldstedt	√
Sr. Dcn. Em. John McKaig	R	Barbara Gaudette	√		
Dcn. Bill Gilles	√	Tim Geary	√		
Marlene Luebeck (Trustee)	R	Nancy Gianetti	√		
Peter Yorio (Trustee)	R	Julie Groene	√		
<u>Non-voting</u>		Paul Kriksciun (Vice President)	√		
Janice Reska (DMM)	R	Barbara Meyer (President)	√		
Cindy Bryan (CFF)	√	Colin Tracey	R		
Helena Thomas (CFF, DYM)	√	Nancy Visco	√		
Todd Gianetti	√	Christina Warchut	√		
		Matt Wilson (Secretary)	√		

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – PC President, Barbara Meyer **6:56 PM**
- II. **OPENING PRAYER** – Father Makuka
- III. **REVIEW MINUTES** of **May 22, 2025** – All
 - Barbara Meyer provided a markup of the minutes. Deacon Bill Gilles made a motion to accept the May 22, 2025 minutes with Barbara’s changes, Nancy Gianetti seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved with changes by voice vote.
- IV. **PARISHIONERS’ COMMENTS** – All
 - Barbara Gaudette said that it was raining after a recent 4:00 Mass, and Jean Jacques escorted people to their cars.
 - At a recent 8:30 Mass, Norm Cavoli gave toys to each child present.
 - Julie Groene complimented Susie, our new cantor, on her beautiful voice.
- V. **DEACON’S COMMENTS** – Deacon Bill Gilles
 - Deacon Bill said that that we need to get families to come to Mass.
 - Barbara Meyer said that Father Makuka coming to Faith Formation had a big impact on the kids. Cindy Bryant said that Jim Henderschedt is planning a children’s choir.
- VI. **PASTOR’S COMMENTS** – Father Makuka
 - Missionary Father Andrea was happy with the collection.
 - Father Makuka said he will be going to Zambia in October. Father Sas and Father LeBlanc will cover two weekends each, and Father Zach and Father Ron will cover weekday Masses.
 - Father Makuka said that we will emphasize recruitment of altar servers, and will expand the search to include adults. Helena, Cindy, and Eileen will ask Faith Formation classes for volunteers. Barbara Gaudette said that there is a Google Doc for altar servers. Julie Groene has

drafted training materials for altar servers. There is a You Tube video illustrating altar service. Todd Gianetti will serve as an adult altar server the first weekend in November. Deacon Bill Gilles said that we don't have enough kids of appropriate age at Mass (i.e., who have had their first communion). The kids are at Faith Formation classes but not at Mass. Father Makuka said that Deacon Bill will be the scheduler and trainer for altar servers.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS – All**

- Todd Gianetti said that there will be name tags for Greeters and the Social Committee.
- Julie Groene reminded everyone to remember to keep stairwell light on, and Sean Waldstedt suggested a motion detector.

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS – All**

- Sean Waldstedt was introduced. Sean will help with maintenance.
- Barbara Meyer reminded everyone to schedule events with Heather. Heather puts the events in the master calendar insert, Barbara puts them in the monthly bulletin insert, and Gil puts them on the website. Also, make sure to tell Todd Giannetti so he can set up. Todd reminded everyone to make sure to turn off the lights when you leave.
- Barbara Meyer asked for a volunteer to take notes for action items. Nancy Visco volunteered.
- Gil asked for help with website support, and Deacon Bill volunteered.
- Gil said that we need content. He takes information from the bulletin. We need content for Face Book, too.
- One action item was for all ministry/committee leaders to review information on website for accuracy and completeness.
- Cindy Bryan said that Faith Formation leaders need help. Someone is needed on Saturdays. People do not need to attend every Faith Formation session. Any help is welcomed.
- Julie Groene asked, "What are our expectations of families in Faith Formation?" We should get them to sign up to attend and help out at least one, maybe two, class sessions.
- Barbara Meyer said that a "Ministries in Motion" event will be held the weekend of November 8th and 9th. The purpose of the event is to recruit for ministries and committees and share all the opportunities at St John Fisher. Ministries and staff will set up displays to help inform parishioners of volunteer and ministry participation opportunities.
- Father Makuka has chosen a book for the annual "Parish Book."

IX. **PASTORAL CARE**

- **Christian Outreach Updates** - Barbara Meyer from September 2025 Christian Outreach Report:
 - **Monthly sandwich making, collection and distribution** continue to St. Vincent dePaul in Middletown. The morning Mass goers make sandwiches after the last Thursday of the month Mass (Jen O'Neill provides the fixing via a grant from the Knights of Columbus to pay for supplies), 4-5 other parishioners make sandwiches at home and deliver to church that same evening – to include bagged cookies, snacks and drinks. All donations are collected and brought to St. Vincent dePaul the following Friday morning by Doug Meyer.
 - **Weekly food and household goods drive** – John Noel manages and delivers the food and household cleaning items donated each week. John and the food bank are pleased with the donations and St. John Fisher remains the primary supporter of the foodbank in town. In addition, the foodbank is one of two agencies we support through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal – the second being AHM Youth and Family Services located in Hebron and serving Andover, Hebron, Marlborough and Columbia. The targeted Thanksgiving food drive will be

coming up next with John providing bags and shopping lists for requested items – this is always a successful drive with numbers of bags increasing each year.

- **St. Vincent dePaul Sunday Supper is September 21st** – the second of our two annual commitment dates is coming up quickly. Nancy Gianetti has recently managed this event with Diane Barganier playing lead on this effort. Details of the full meatloaf meal have been provided in the bulletin and on the website. Sign-up sheets are at church; cooks, prep folks and servers are needed. Hot food delivered by 2:30 to church and those serving leave by 4:00 to head to St. Vincent dePaul in Middletown.
- **Another successful backpack and school supplies drive** – as we have for many years, we receive a list of items needed from Marlborough Elementary School (MES) and parishioners provide the requested backpacks and required school supplies. It has worked best that committee members shop for the backpacks and items (given the very specific supplies list) and parishioners provide the monetary support. Even with the smaller number of backpacks requested this year (6), the cost of the backpacks and supplies were close to \$300.00. We are very fortunate with generous parishioners supporting this annual effort! Sabrina Paradise and Barbara Meyer lead this effort.
- **Community Garden** – Peg Filloramo from September 2025 Community Garden report.
 - The St. John Fisher Community Garden has had an exceptional season of growing and donating the fresh produce to the Marlborough Food Bank this year. We are still meeting weekly in the garden and will probably do so until mid-October. It is the tenth anniversary of the garden behind the church.
 - The garden has grown a great variety of veggies and is lovingly cared for by a small but mighty team of volunteers each week on Mondays at five . All of the food goes directly to the town food bank to be distributed on Tuesday morning. We will surpass 400 lbs. donated this year Our best year yet.
 - We had one new volunteer this year and are always happy to welcome anyone who would like to join in. It is a great way to make an impact for those in need right here in our community. You do not need to be a gardener, just show enthusiasm to help others
- **Lending Library and Book Club** – Barbara Gaudette from September 2025 Lending Library Committee report
 - We continue to accept and process books in our library. We are open to suggestions to increase the use of our wide variety of books.
 - In June the SJF Book Club met to discuss The Little Liar by Mitch Albom. This month we discussed Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. In December we will discuss Small Things Like These by Claire Keegan. We currently have 17 members and new members are always welcome.
- **Comfort and Warmth (Prayer Shawl) Ministry** – Barbara Gaudette
 - Since our last Parish Council meeting we have given out 6 prayer shawls and 11 baptismal blankets.
 - We decided to meet regularly on the third Saturday of each month unless there is a conflict with a parish event. Margaret Muscanell helped to organize and collate welcome packets for new members. She and Jan Passacantando have been a great help recently.

X. LITURGICAL

- **Altar Serving Ministry** – No report
- **Ministers of Communion** – Gil Thompson from September 2025 Report

- We've completed our first required training sessions on 9/7. The next scheduled training session is 9/21. Fr. George is returning many of the processes we have been used to, and these training sessions are designed to assure we are all performing our duties as prescribed. We also have some new EMHCs that need to be trained.
- There aren't as many EMHCs as needed, so there are some recruitments being done as well. Since Fr. George is going to Zambia for October, so implementing the changes will take place when he returns.
- Homebound Communion: Additional training is being worked on for those EMHCs who visit the homebound. The session(s) will be conducted soon.
- **Liturgical Committee** – Father Makuka and Barbara Meyer
 - The committee has met twice. One change was greeting everyone before Mass.
 - All Souls' Mass on Sunday, Nov 2nd 10:30 Mass with gathering to follow for those who lost loved one's this year. Working on personalized cards celebrating those who have passed, altar set up, invitations and gathering to follow.
- **Reader and Greeter Ministry** – Julie Groene from September 2025 Report
 - The reader ministry and greeter ministry both stand at 14 participants. The greeter ministry welcomes one new greeter, Kirsten DellaRocca.
 - We will once again reach out to faith formation families to ask them to consider becoming a greeter at a mass as a family activity. This was done in the spring and a short piece was included in the bulletin for several weeks during lent inviting all parishioners to consider this ministry.
 - Requests for the fourth quarter will be coming out shortly in September.
- **Music Ministry** – Director Janice Reska from September 2025 Music Ministry Report
 - Our Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on September 24 and sing at the September 28 mass . Announcements were made in the church bulletin inviting new members to join the choir, but to date, no one has responded.
 - We welcome our newest cantor, Susie Guarino. A second young woman, Angelica Lawrence, has expressed an interest in serving as a cantor after October. Mike Bogue and Mike Gaudette continue to serve as cantors at mass. We are very grateful for the volunteer work that these cantors provide each week at mass.
 - This summer, the Wilcox family once again generously donated \$500 to the music ministry. This money will be used to purchase copies of Respond and Acclaim, a booklet that the choir uses to sing weekly responsorial psalms and gospel acclamations at mass. This will allow individual choir members to have their own booklets since making copies of this publication infringes on copyright law.
 - Several members of our Adult Choir sang at our Sunday masses during the summer while other members of the choir were on vacation. Their willingness to sing and lead the congregation in song is deeply appreciated.
 - Cindy Bryan has asked the Adult Choir to sing at the Christmas Pageant that is being planned for early December. The choir will be preparing for a few new songs to sing at the pageant.
 - Jim Henderschedt has expressed an interest in helping to organize a children's choir with the hope that they will sing at the monthly Family Masses. Jim has received VIRTUS training and

has worked with our young people in the past. I will be consulting with Cindy Bryan to discuss further plans.

- Carlos Pina (of Unitech) is waiting for a new altar microphone that has been ordered for Father George. It currently seems to be on back order, but will be installed as soon as it is received. He has hidden the choir microphone wires behind the wall but looks better visually. Once the new altar microphone is installed, Unitech will balance the sound in the church to make sure that the vocals are equally distributed and heard by all to the extent possible.

XI. EDUCATION & FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- **Family Faith Formation (Grades K,1,3,4,5,6)** – Cindy Bryan from September 2025 Faith Formation Report
 - Classes are set to begin for K,1,3,4,5,and 6 this coming Thursday with the first Family Mass set for Sunday September 28 at 8:30 followed by Coffee and Donuts for all parishioners. Grades 7 and 8 are set to begin their classes on Sept. 28 7-8:15pm. We have approximately 29 children enrolled in these grades. (23- Family Faith and 6 7th/8th). I am pleased to say that the number of children enrolled has been increasing each year. This year I believe only 2 did not return. One is enrolled in Catholic school.
 - I am very excited to start this year. I have made a few changes to the Family Faith program based off feedback from the children and the parents. Our Saturday session for parents will be hosted by different people well versed in the topics the children will be studying. Deacon Bill will be kicking off the parent session in October with the topic God and Creation. Kelly Hendershedt will follow in November with the topic Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Father George will be hosting in February with the Sacraments. The other 2 sessions are yet to be confirmed. We have also added a second children only session each month and will be utilizing the workbooks for Loyola Press's "Finding God" series.
 - Throughout the year, we are hoping to have a few events that bring together parishioners and ministries. Our first such event will be a Christmas Pageant where all grades will be invited to participate as well as the adult Choir. I have already spoken with Janice and we are very excited to work together. The date is yet to be determined but we would like input and assistance from all ministries in some capacity. I would like to discuss this and set the date soon to get things in motion.
 - Last weekend, I made a plea at the end of all masses for help with all classes. I did receive 2 parishioners' inquiries but have yet to hear back with a definite answer. Hopefully I will hear back soon. One was interested in my Saturday session, the other in the 7th and 8th grade Sunday sessions. I also have 2 parent volunteers and Barbara Gaudette for my Thursday sessions. Helena is looking for someone to assist the 2nd grade Holy Communion classes and 1 more person for confirmation. Parish Council.

2nd Grade, 9th Grade, and 10th Grade Faith Formation – Helena Thomas from September 2025 report

- We had successful kick-off meetings for both 2nd Grade and 9th grade Confirmation classes on September 13. Right now, we have 8 children enrolled for the 2nd grade First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion Faith Formation Program and 13 enrolled for the 9th grade Confirmation program. Right now, I am relying on parents to stay for the 2nd grade class and assist me if necessary. This should not be a problem considering three parents signed up to help at all the classes. Deacon John and Paul Krikscium have agreed to assist me with the Confirmation class again this year. I did not get any additional parents to volunteer to assist with class. The 9th grade Confirmation program will begin on Saturday, September 27, the 2nd grade Faith Formation program will begin on Tuesday, September 23, and the 10th grade Confirmation program will have their first lesson this year on Sunday, September 21. The 9th

grade program will run through the end of April and the 2nd grade program will run through the first weekend in May.

- 2nd Grade Sacramental Year:
 - The 2nd grade will meet bi-monthly on Tuesdays from 4:45 to 5:45. The children will continue to utilize the We Believe books for 2nd grade. Classes will combine catechesis instruction and a related activity (time permitted). In past years, siblings from other grades were welcome to attend my Tuesday classes. This year, we have one family who will have their 5th grader attend the Tuesday 2nd grade class due to their inability to bring the 5th grader to Cindy's Faith Formation classes. Right now, 1st Reconciliation is scheduled for January 17 at 11:00am and 1st Holy Communion is scheduled for May 2 at 11:00am. The Archdiocese mandated annual Protecting God's Children instruction will occur in September.

- 9th Grade Confirmation Year:
 - The 9th grade Confirmation teens will also meet bi-monthly on Sundays from 3:45 to 5:00 for instruction and an additional 1 hour after class for community service on 5 scheduled Sundays throughout the year. The mandatory retreat is scheduled for April 12 next year once again at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford. A new addition to the 9th grade class schedule are two mandatory Eucharistic Adoration evenings with parent(s), one on December 5 and the other on February 20 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. The Archdiocese mandated annual Protecting God's Children instruction will occur in September.

- 10th Grade Confirmation Year:
 - The make-up retreat is scheduled for September 28 at The Holy Family Retreat Center. I have one teen participating and may have another from last year's class who decided not to get confirmed. Hopefully, he will get confirmed with this year's class. Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, October 26 at the Cathedral of St. Joseph's in Hartford beginning at 2:30. We have two classes scheduled, one on September 21 and another on October 18. These classes will be reviewing key lessons from last year and preparing for the Confirmation Mass. On October 18, we will have a Confirmation Dedication Mass at the 4:00pm Vigil Mass. We will have mandatory confession and exit interviews on Saturday, October 25 beginning at 11:00am. Afterwards, the teens will read letters written by their parents/guardians offering support and congratulations to them. The Archdiocese mandated annual Protecting God's Children instruction will occur in September.

Youth Ministry – Helena Thomas from September 2025 report

- St. John Fisher Faith Formation is collaborating with the Youth Ministry team at The Church of the Holy Family, located in Hebron, for our meetings. Youth Ministry is open to high school students and their friends. This is a great collaboration considering most of our teens in the Confirmation program go to RHAM. Our monthly themed meetings are held at the St. Columba Parish Hall located in Columbia on Saturday evening from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The meeting site is a comfortable meeting room with couches, fun chairs, fun lighting, stereo system and a large TV. At every meeting, pizza, snacks and refreshments are served. Our first meeting was September 13 with the theme, "NO FILTERS: A Youth Night on our Authentic Self" and was communicated to former Confirmation candidates. One 10th grade teen attended this event with his RHAM friends from The Church of the Holy Family. He had a great time! He will share his experience with the rest of our 10th grade Confirmation class.

- **Nurturing Seedlings** – Barbara Meyer
 - working with Barbara Gaudette to determine when best to offer our next 5 week session to new/young parents.

- **Adult Faith Formation** – Barbara Meyer
 - working with Father, Deacons, parishioners and Parish Council to develop a strategy to help build, nurture and demonstrate adult based faith growth opportunities throughout the new year.

- **Order of Christian Initiation for Adults/Adult Confirmation** — Jim Castellani from September 2025 Report
 - Aug 22, 2025 – Met with Fr. George to discuss the STF OCIA process, study materials and process management. Thank you, Fr. George.
 - Aug 22, 2025 – A calendar outline for 2025-2026 has been drafted with hopes of beginning Sep 28, 2025.
 - Aug 30, 2025 – The SJF Finance Committee approved a submitted budget for the management of OCIA.
 - Sept 21, 2025 – Holding an OCIA open-door Introductory Q&A at the church after the 10:30am mass.
 - As of Sep 12, 2025 - no inquiries. I have contacted 4 individuals who have expressed interest to and No activity. 4 Inquirers during 2024.
 - KNOW OF ANYONE? If you know anyone interested in following their “Journey of Faith” through the OCIA process, advise Coordinator Jim Castellani at 560-295-9904, jcast3951@aol.com OR have the inquiry contact Jim or the parish office.
 - Adult Confirmation - No active participants

XII. ADMINISTRATIVE

- **Finance Council** – David Lenihan from September 2025 Finance Council report
 - Key financial information for the fiscal year 7/1/24 to 6/30/25 and approved budget:
 - I am happy to report that we ended the fiscal year with a surplus of almost \$9,000 due primarily to the very generous support from parishioners for our weekly and Christmas collections (up \$7,100) and Annual Collection (up \$9000) compared to budget.
 - On the expense side, we were over budget by almost \$8,000 primarily due to the church repair and maintenance account exceeding budget by \$12,600 (\$4,300 in unexpected HVAC repairs and a planned expenditure of \$10,000 for the painting of the exterior of the church). The painting was covered by donations to the Annual Collection noted above.
 - The Finance Council prepared, and Fr George approved, a balanced budget for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 of \$343,250. This budget includes an increase of \$8,000 to our Annual Collection budget to \$75,000 to help fund needed repairs to: (a) the side entrance ramp and handrail, (b) all outside doors, (c) an upgrade to the fire alarm system, and help cover various inflationary impacts on other expenses. We also added a part-time maintenance position to the budget to help provide ongoing maintenance and manage our maintenance projects.
 - As you know, SJF applied for and was awarded a \$50,000 grant from the State of CT to provide security infrastructure (installation of surveillance cameras with monitoring equipment, security system and outside office door reinforcement). The project was completed at the end of June, and we await reimbursement from the state.

- PACT investment balance as of June 30,2025 was \$940,800.
- **Maintenance Committee** – Refer to Finance Committee Report
- **Communications/Social Media** – no report
- **Web Ministry** – Gil Thompson from September 2025 Web Ministry Report
 - The new Archdiocese driven website is now up and running. There is still work to be done and I really appreciate the patience shown as the website is being constructed. There are a lot of differences from our former website both in the front end (what the site visitor sees) and the back end (administration side). There is a learning curve to say the least. Not only in learning the new website but also setting aside some of the skills that were needed to run the old website.
 - Gil said that the contact form on the website didn't go anywhere, so he took it down.
 - Training on the new website software by the software vendor was very helpful.

XIII. PARISH LIFE

- **Social Committee** – Christina Warchut from September 2025 Social Committee Report
 - The Parish Picnic/50th Year Celebration was very successful and very well attended. Even though the weather was quite warm and most people stayed inside, we all had a very special time. There was plenty of food and music. Music was provided by Jim Henderschedt, Janet Reska and Paul Kriksciun.
 - The Farewell Reception for Father Al was well attended and fun. Hopefully Father Al had a memorable day and left with many good wishes and gifts.
 - The Welcome Reception for Father George was held on July 26-27. We had a small gathering. I believe because of Summer and vacations.
 - Coffee Hour will begin again on the fourth Sunday of October.
 - We need to set a date for the Spaghetti Dinner and the Parish Picnic and possibly discuss a St Patrick's Day event.
- **Knights of Columbus** – Jim Castellani from September 2025 report
 - Venerable Michael McGivny - Your Knights Council ask that you pray for the furtherance of the cause to canonize Blessed Fr. Michael McGivny, who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at St. Mary's in New Haven, CT.
 - In Memoriam, Sir Knight Rodney Madore – We sadly lost a valiant brother, Rodney Madore on June 7, 2025. We offer prayers of thanks to the 4th Degree Assembly, its color corp, and Worthy Navigator Don who with 2 other color corp Knights, stood guard at the wake and funeral of our Brother Rodney. We will miss our brother greatly especially for his fervor for the order of Knights and the overwhelming example of purpose and action he displayed throughout his service as a Worthy Knight. Council 15734 has, in accordance with tradition, arranged for 5 masses in memory of Rodney. A special memorial will also be offered during All Soul's Day mass in his honor with support from our 4th Degree Knights Assembly stationed at St. Mary's Church.
 - 4th Degree Knights: In 2025 4 Knights of our Council were exemplified into the 4th Degree completing their commitments to the Church and the Knights principles of "Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism." Carlos Pina, Rodney Madore, Jim Castellani and Andre Lepine. We anticipate 2 additional Knights will pledge to the 4th Degree in 2025/2026.

- 2025 12th Annual Golf Fundraiser – After months of planning and support solicitation, we are ready to go on our Thursday, September 18, 2025 event date. We tee off at 12:30pm at Blackledge Country Club. Golfers, sponsors and donors support have lagged behind the previous 3 years. Limited support comes from within our parish. The majority of support is from business connections outside of Marlborough, which makes our long-term success expectations shaky and uncertain. This is only major fundraiser sponsored by Council 15734.
- Coming Up:
 - 2025 Coat Drive Nov 8, 2025 – On the green from 9:00am until 6:00PM. Please bring you gently used coats to our collection station. We always have the greatest need for adult men’s coats.
 - 2025 Christmas Lights, Saturday November 15, 2025 – The Knights, along with the SJF Men’s Group will be installing Christmas Lights on the exterior of St. John Fisher Church. This effort is managed by Jim Castellani.
 - 2025 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest – Starts in early December, 2025. Posters will be submitted by “age groups.” 1st place Winner Awards of \$50 will be offered by age group. Our winners may to fortunate enough to advance to District, State, National and International level competitions.
- JOIN THE KNIGHTS – Contact Worthy Grand Knight Carlos Pina or any Knight. Informational materials are available in the vestibule.
- **Men’s Prayer Group** – Jim Castellani (co-Chairman with Peter Yorio) from September 2025 report
 - Regular Gatherings - We continue to meet in-person the 1st Thursday (7pm) and 3rd Saturday (7am) of each month. (NOTE: Meetings continue throughout the year.) Contacts - All are welcome to participate, just contact Jim Castellani or Pete Yorio to get on the mailing list or to have questions answered about the Group. Just come to any session and see if the experience is or you. God Bless.
 - Bookmarks and Mission Cards – Both of these are located at the Exits of the church and are FREE to take. The latest bookmark offers the encouraging statement – “The Messiah is among you.”
 - Men’s Retreat – Mark your calendars for our next retreat scheduled for April 10-12, 2026. (FYI, Easter Sunday is April 5th.)
 - Christmas Lights with Knights of Columbus – Saturday, November 15, 2025 – 9:00 AM
- **Women’s Prayer Group** – Barbara Meyer from September 2025 report
 - This group of 19 women meet each month on the last Tuesday of the month beginning with a 6:30 pm optional social and the meeting running from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm. We continue to work through 33 Days of Eucharist Glory and begin our meetings with praise, thanks and intention sharing with the meeting ending with written prayer intentions that we each take and pray during the month ahead and then time spent with Jesus in front of the tabernacle. It is a wonderful, supportive and faith-filled group of women!
- **Online Rosary** – Gil Thompson from September 2025 report
 - Our online rosary is being featured on “Branches on the Vine” bulletin insert in an article written by Joe Pisani. You may know Joe as a contributor to Catholic Transcript. Once I receive a copy, I’ll post it to the website.

- Currently we have about 6 regular participants each Monday morning at 8:30am. It's a fulfilling way to start the week. Link is on the website, either from the Ministries section or all the way at the bottom of the webpage in the footer section.
- I hope we can integrate the Branches on the Vine bulletin stuffer in our bulletin. It's a nice tool to let our parishioners know what's going on in other parishes in our Archdiocese.

XIV. ACTION ITEMS

- Motion light for stairway to downstairs—> Knights
- Follow up with Janice re: recognizing children that sing with cantors/thanking them —> Barbara Meyer
- Follow-up to see if Priests covering in October will be staying in the rectory on Saturday nights —> Father George
- The contact form/join our Parish form isn't currently working —> Gil
- Website help for Gil - Deacon Bill offered to help him
- Ministry/Committee chairs should review content on website for accuracy and completeness:
 - Admin to look at staff section
 - Leads of ministries -get write ups to Gil
 - Faith Formation Section
 - Deacon Bill section
 - Any content/stories please send to Gil
 - Knights of Columbus section
- Reach out to Nora (Facebook) regarding adult helpers for Faith Formation —> Barbara Meyer

XV. **NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, **November 20, 2025** (7:00-8:30 PM)

Email Committee Reports to the Parish Council email list by **November 13, 2025**

XVI. **ADJOURNMENT – 8:37 PM**

XVII. **CLOSING PRAYER** – Offered by Father Makuka