

Our Lady of Hope
Pastoral Council Minutes
May 4, 2026 @6:00pm

Present: Fr. Michael, Deacon Michael, Chuck S, Tony M, Jeryl R, Donna R, Bill K, Michele R, Matt S, Rita K, Andrew K, Sara P, Mike H, Anne S

Absent: Lori H and Dc John

1. Opening Prayer: Led by Fr. Michael

2. Approval of the February 9, 2026 Minutes

- Motion to approve by Bill K. & second by Matt S. Unanimous consent.

3. Financial

- Mini Financial Statement: Report was updated and included in bulletin. Feedback on report was positive & liked the idea of adding pavilion.
- HOPE Appeal: Approximately \$6659 overage, first check will be \$2000, will get remainder as pledges are paid.
- Money Collection Update: Money counting instructions distributed to teams.
- Syracuse Diocese Settlement: At the Business Manager meeting, discussion indicates interest from money put aside for settlement earned additional interest. Expect to get a refund.
- Horrigan Room Use Fee: Discussion on whether we should set limit or just suggest donation when room is used to host receptions, particularly funeral luncheons. Average donation has been \$75-\$150 for funeral luncheons with family providing food. Fee will continue to be discussed with funeral families up front at time of funeral planning with a fee of \$150.

4. Safe Environment

- New Update from Diocese: Annual review of the approximate 160 names to see who needs to recertify. Currently all staff are compliant.

5. Grotto Masses

- Saturday June 27 at 4pm (with ice cream)
- Sunday July 19 at 8am: Suggest invite Sisters to provide music
- Sunday August 16 at 8am
- Saturday September 19 at 4pm (Fall Festival)

6. Fundraising/Outreach

- Fundraising (Pastoral Council?): Discussed several ideas, plan for each Council Member to come up with ideas for fundraising by next meeting.
- Outreach (Evangelization team?): Would like to develop a Team to educate people & parishioners on Parish events and Outreach programs. Possible include meet & greet new parishioners, increase outreach for homebound parishioners.

7. Buildings & Grounds

- Spring Cleanup of Campus & Grotto: Will be held Saturday 5/16 at 8:am. Lunch will follow for volunteers.
- Building and Grounds Team? Discussion regarding idea of putting together a team of people with various skills to support and guide maintenance staff with projects.

- Security Team?: Discussed possibility of setting up a team for emergency response, update services & who to call list

8. Round Robin

- Donna R looking at updating our emergency/cpr teams and training. Tony M will look into
- Need to follow up on Grotto lights.
- Issue with delayed church envelope mailings. Donna looking into two other companies for printing & service.
- Bill K mentioned he had feedback from parishioner who would like to see later mass time, 9 or 9:30 am.
- Tony M discussed how we get information out to Parish regarding who the Trustees and Parish Council members are. Information to be included in the weekly bulletins, on the web site and in print.
- Michelle R suggested to increase outreach, announce at beginning of mass to greet and welcome person next to you.
- Sara P suggested there be a follow up to discussions from the Listening sessions, promote adoration sessions as would help with evangelizing parish community.
- Jeryl asked for update on Grotto waterfall repair.

9. Next Meeting: Monday September 21 at 6:30

10. Closing Prayer: Fr. Michael led us in closing prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Simmons