

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2026

Attending

Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Arlene Masters, Cathy Jones, Tom Bahr, Alex Clark, Erin Drumm, Lois Ann Guschke, Joyce Navary, Chit Peters, Melisa Phillingane, John Thompson, David Martin (parishioner, Knights of Columbus)

Absent

Chris Colohan, Meera Del Favero

Arlene Masters led the group in the opening prayer.

Parish Directory

The new parish directories have arrived! Melissa Pakurar gave copies to the council members. They will be available for distribution after Masses during the weekends of January 24 and January 31.

Confessional

A second door to the confession room will be added from the hallway to comply with diocesan standards. This expenditure has been approved by the Finance Council.

Welcome Package

The updated Welcome Package has been approved by staff for distribution to new members. Nancy Robbins will keep Arlene updated with new names.

First Aid Training/Updates for Ushers

Melissa Pakurar has spoken with a retired Chesterfield County EMT, who is available for training in first aid and medical emergency procedures. This will be scheduled for a date in the spring (after Easter) and communicated directly to the ushers.

Holy Water Fonts

Melissa Pakurar reported that holy water fonts have been ordered and will be installed on the inside brick next to the main entrance doors.

Sanctuary Painting

Melissa Pakurar also reported that the sanctuary painting project will begin the week of January 19. The sheetrock repair will be the initial part of this work. This total project is estimated to take two to three weeks to complete.

Improvements to Hallway Entry into Condon Hall

There are no updates to report since the last meeting regarding upgrades for the hallway leading into Condon Hall. Melisa Phillingane will develop some ideas to present at the next meeting. She will reach out to others for help.

K of C "Consecration to the Holy Family" Program Update

After presenting an overview of this program to Parish Council at the November meeting, David Martin, Family Director for our local Knights of Columbus, returned with feedback from other parishes that have implemented the program. There was information from two other Virginia parishes. One parish asked their priest to speak about the program in the homily and distributed prayer cards at that time, with coffee and refreshments served afterwards. Another parish distributed prayer cards as people entered

for Mass, inviting families to pray together and renew their dedication to Christ. The focus in both cases was on asking people to pray the prayers as a family with the intent of increasing Christian family values.

David's role as the K of C Family Director is to help deepen Catholic faith and strengthen family values. There are other programs he can share at future meetings. The Knights are always willing to help people in our parish. They are open to hearing from any group (e.g., choir, youth) with ideas to strengthen families.

Fr. Ernest's Thoughts (Future Ambo Announcements)

Conversations in the sanctuary should be stopped once the lector comes up to begin the pre-Mass announcements.

Please stay until the end of Mass. Mass is not over until the final song is finished. Ushers will wait until this song has begun to open the doors.

Formation of Stewardship Committee

With collections not meeting our budget, it is recommended that St. Ann form a permanent Stewardship Committee to be led by Katie Johnson. While the Finance Committee's role is to keep an eye on what we have and how it is spent, the Stewardship Committee's role will be a longer-term view, addressing what it takes to sustain our parish. The goal is to generate funds through a culture of gratitude and generosity. Parishioners are encouraged to support the church's mission by sharing their time, talent, and treasure. An announcement will be made inviting interested people to participate in forming this committee.

Closing

Fr. Ernest led the group in closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026.