

Approved Pastoral Council Minutes for April 9, 2026 Meeting, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish

Vision: To be a growing community that inspires all to follow Jesus with a spirit of inclusion, compassion and service.

Mission: We encourage all to deepen their relationship with Jesus through scripture, prayer, stewardship, and ministry to others.

Tag Line: Follow Jesus Serve Others.

Meeting Notes

Attending: Father Joy Thachil (Parish Priest), Mike Flaherty, Dan Ryan (Trustees), Rita McGann (Director of Administrative Services), Dave Knoll (Parish Council Chair), Ellen Park (Secretary), Jason Metz, Sharon Wrotecki, Rachel Henderson, Jim Schutte, Mickey Holtz, Fidel Mangwiza, Paula Lucey, John Plant

Excused: Anne Dettlaff, Dave Chudy

Absent:

Dave Knoll opened the meeting, followed by Bible readings; Council members shared input relevant to the readings.

The Vision and Mission statements were read, as well as the tag line.

The minutes for the March 5, 2025 meeting were approved.

Reports

Father Joy:

- Thanked all contributors who made Holy Week successful.
- Looking forward to the family Easter Event this weekend.
- OCIA: participants to be confirmed; one Baptism
- 27 people will be confirmed on April 26.
- This Sunday, devotion after the 8:30am Mass
- A new bookkeeper has joined the staff.
- Waiting for bids to install a new sound system in church

Rita McGann

- February financial report: right on budget; income exceeded budget and exceeded last year's budget as well
- Census results will be tabulated when Beth returns from leave.
- Results for the wine tasting event will be presented at the next meeting.

Old Business

- Pastoral Council discernment: ad hoc committee will meet to organize outreach plans to replace members leaving the council; all present members are asked to find two to three parishioners who may be interested in serving; discerning meeting with Council happens in May, where those interested to serve can attend a meeting; final meeting in June; first bulletin article to appear at the end of April
- May Crowning: proposed by Paula that at this time, flowers and candles can be placed in front of Mary so people can pray there, celebrating the month of Mary.
- Stewardship Statement: built on the gifts that we have and using them in a different way in gratitude; stewardship changes over time; combine all into final, more concise statement; small Council group needed to rewrite it.

New Business

- Janis Fitschen, representing Caring for God's Creation Ministry, has asked that the parish consider installing solar energy panels, noting that the state offers credits; an analysis has already been done and it was determined that it would be too costly; Mike also stated that the proposal should initially have been presented to the Human Concerns Commission and presented to the Pastoral Council subject to their approval.

Council members joined in Prayers for Others; Father Joy led members in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm; the next meeting is on Thursday, May 7, 2026.