

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE/ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA
PASTORAL COUNCIL

APRIL 20, 2026

Present: Father Jim Belogi, Dec. Joe Brennan, Kathy Barrans, Barbara Dunigan, Elizabeth Miller, Marsha Stewart, Maureen Colose, Sue Rudzinski, Ron Longo, Deb Ploetz, Jim Dominelli, Shirley Neet, JoAnn Stankavage, Carmela Vecchio.

Absent: Linda Beeler has resigned from the Council

The meeting began promptly at 6:30 pm by Kathy Barrans, Chair who welcomes us all.

An Opening Prayer was offered by Sue Rudzinski.

Deb Ploetz mentioned about working with Barb Dunigan to get the Churches Instagram Account coordinated with The Churches Facebook Account, Going to coordinate with Franco Viscusi who will also help to resolve the issues.

Minutes from the meeting were discussed and most had not reviewed the notes so Kathy Barrans distributed copies of the notes to those that needed them. They will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Barb Dunigan spoke about getting people from St, Margaret's to join the Bereavement Ministry at Our Lady Queen of Peace. Discussed once again putting out a write up describing all the Parish Ministries and inviting parishioners to join. Perhaps in can be in the bulletin or can be spoken about after Mass or maybe at Hospitality.

A discussion was had about perhaps once again getting a group together to volunteer to serve meals at the City Mission. This was stopped during Covid. Suggested inviting Gloria Ferri, one of our parishioners, to speak on volunteering and then reach out to Gary Riggs at the City Mission to coordinate.

Committee Updates:

Building and Grounds- Ron Longo- parking lot has a large hole that opened up into a sink hole. Found an old privy which needs to be filled in. This will cost \$1800.00. Father Belogi advised Ron that the company needs insurance and the proper paperwork naming OLQP and the Diocese. The work can be done within a week. Ron also talked about the landscaping being done, trimming, mulch, weed killing, etc. Also Karen is having problem with the air conditioner in her office. Will look into repairing or replacing it.

Communication and Media- Jim Dominelli- a census mailing was sent out to 115 parishioners. Donna Denny will collect and enter information when it is returned.

Community Calendar is a Google based calendar that is used by most of the local parishes, it is very easy to use. Jim will meet with Father Belogi and Donna Denny to decide optimal way to use the calendar.

Collecting food for the Regional Food Bank may not be a possibility during Festa, but perhaps we can collect monetary donations for them, our food banks or JEM by placing collection vessels in various places at Festa.

Education and Faith Formation- JoAnn Stankavage- the team will begin meeting to discuss Parish Planning. Will be looking to get parish wide input on how we view how we are living up to serving our Gospel Mission. Discussed having an announcement at Mass asking people to participate. Discussion was had that a meeting with the Parish could be had June 1st 6:30-8:30 pm in the gym if available, will need to check with Karen V. if this is possible. Discussion was made on how the meeting would go. There would need to be a facilitator, prayer to orientate them to the reason for the meeting. Breaking up into smaller groups where discussion can be had and a recorder can then report to the larger group. All this information will be gather and will help to formulate the plan that we can present to the Bishop.

Sue Rudzinski stated that only 4 people attended the seminar with Toni Warren from Joan Nicole Prince Home. Flyers are left in the back of Church for those who may be interested. The Elder Law Seminar is May 12th and she is going to put up flyers at other churches and various other places in the community. Hoping for a much better turn out.

Talked briefly about a support group at St Madeline Sophie for grieving individuals

The Diocesan Appeal- still do not have information from the database. Finance Committee meeting on April 21st where a discussion can be had about our progress and how to get information out to the Parish.

Pastoral Council Discernment will take place in June. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Father Belogi spoke on the Easter Triduum at St. Madeline Sophie's and asked on any feedback. Stated Choir was very happy because they all joined together and sounded harmonious. Overall the feedback was positive from those who participated.

Closing Prayer done by Barb Dunigan.

The Next Meeting is May 18, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Kathy Barrans to do opening prayer and Marsha Stewart to do closing prayer. JoAnn Stankavage will do both opening ang closing prayer in June.

Respectfully submitted

Carmela Vecchio