

MINUTES for PPC MEETING: February 11th, 2026

Members Present: Father Jim, Bridget Kenny, Mary-Lou Veeken, Aoife Cahill, Bob Gerow, Terry Prenoslo, Rod Randolph, Stefan Johnson, Wally Sagansky, Natalie Lavigne, and Helen Doyle. **Regrets:** Deacon Lynn and Uduak Akpan

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>REF#</u>
1. Opening Prayer/Gospel Reflection	Mary-Lou	<u>1</u>
2. Review and Approval of Agenda : the agenda was amended by adding #g-Pastoral Care Workshop to #8-New Business-amendment approved	Bridget	<u>2</u>
3. Review and approval of Minutes : The minutes were approved as distributed	Bridget	<u>3</u>
4. Pastor's Opening Comments : Father Jim advised that he is very grateful for all of the work done by the maintenance committee, and that a new priest may be here in May, 2026. The schools are suffering as a result of time constraints, but the senior centres are being taken care of.	Father Jim	<u>4</u>
5. Ministry Liaison: What have you heard? Rod advised that he has received inquiries re construction in the nave, and that people are understanding that changes are necessary. A) All Others: N/A B) Correspondence: N/A	Rod Bridget	<u>5</u>
6. Action items a) What has been completed? 3 items on the list have been completed and will be deleted; the remaining 6 items will remain on the list.	Bridget	<u>6</u>
7. Generative Discussion: What actions can we take to support our youth groups? Terry advised that the finance committee has agreed to cover the cost of pizza for youth on their designated youth night activities. Natalie advised that the NET ministries team are currently in our area and doing retreats at our local schools. Mary-Lou advised that several youth will serve at the CWL Strawberry Tea in May, as part of their Community Service.	Terry Natalie Mary-Lou	<u>7</u>
8. New Business: a) Archbishop Stephen Hero : Father Jim advised that our new Archbishop is very thoughtful, prayerful, and well-educated; he has not yet named the vicar-general. b) Host families for NET Missionaries : All of the youth have accommodations with local families, and more missionaries will be arriving on Feb. 19 th . c) Inner City Pastoral Ministry : Natalie advised that the meal prep and delivery went smoothly last weekend; our next meal prep and delivery will be in March. d) Church Renovations-Progress and Update : Terry advised that progress is on schedule, and adjustments are made to accommodate weekday Masses downstairs. e) Conversation Café : Father Jim advised that about 25 people attended this event on Feb. 8 th and the guest facilitator, Marlene Pentelechuk shared her thoughts on visiting loved ones with dementia; we have a speaker on MAID lined up for April. f) Seniors' Housing Project : Father Jim advised that the Provincial Government has money available, but we need approximately \$50M to get the project started; we continue to work with Knights of Columbus on this. g) Pastoral Care Workshop -deferred till the March meeting	Father Jim Natalie Natalie Terry Father Jim Father Jim	<u>8</u>
9. Standing Reports: a) CWL : Mary-Lou advised that: the annual general meeting was held on Jan. 12 th , Anita Volk is the new President, Vice-President-Lisa Hollister, Secretary-Leta Shannon, Treasurer-Mignon Thiffault and Past President-Mary-Lou Veeken; Faith committee chair-Sandra Prather, Service Committee co-chairs: Tracy Lockhart and Carolyn Fougere, Social Justice Committee co-chairs: Loretta Schnepfer and Theresa Walker.	Bridget Mary-Lou	<u>9</u>

<p>e). Parish Team Update: Parish School Relations: 1 and 2: Natalie advised that: Great to have Father Jim back, the grade 4 leadership class from Madonna visited the parish in Jan. to learn about Acts of Christian Service and they helped do some sorting in the Clothing Nook, EICS school admin. attended a meeting here on Feb. 10th and proposed that a retreat and Mass be held at year end for all students going to ABJ in the fall, hold one Mass in Sept. for all grade 4 students to bless and present them with their bibles, OLPH could hold an open house in Jan. to promote the different schools, and one principal asked if OLPH could host an event on May 1st to help parents who need child care when the teachers have their PD day. Advent Masses and concerts were reviewed and Mass will be changed to 5:45PM on the week of Dec. 7-11 to accommodate school concerts. Most students will be attending Mass at OLPH for Ash Wednesday, with the exception of ABJ and St. Theresa's where Father Jim will celebrate a Mass, the annual EICS Faith and Wellness PD Day will be at OLPH on March 6th.</p> <p>3) Sacraments and Funerals: First Reconciliation celebration for 30 children was on Feb. 7th, with First Holy Communion on March 21st and 22nd, 47 youth are registered for Confirmation preparation, with Confirmation Mass on May 3rd, with Archbishop Stepjen Hero, Baptism preparation for school-aged children was on Feb. 10th, 8 children have been baptized so far in 2026, supporting 31 couples for marriage/con-validation, and 2 funerals have been held at OLPH so far in 2026.</p> <p>4) Youth Ministry: The youth group were joined by a priest, seminarian and a nun for their Jan. gathering, the youth group attended an Oil Kings hockey game at Rogers Place on in Jan-were joined by members of the NET Ministry, and the Elevate Conference was held on Jan. 31st, attended by 90 youth-a great success.</p>	Natalie	
<p>5) Other Parish Activities/Events/News: Construction in the Nave is on schedule and Ash Wednesday Masses will be held upstairs, the ABJ Fine Arts spaghetti dinner fundraiser will be held on Feb. 13th in the parish hall, and a celebration Mass for all schools will be held at OLPH on May 9th.</p>	Natalie	
<p>f) Pastoral Priorities Plan: Stefan advised that members reflected on what holds parishioners back from witnessing more openly and how the church might respond to those barriers-key insights include: public expressions of faith, intentional Catholic identity, and confidence grows through formation, especially apologetics-suggested topics include the Eucharist, Eucharistic miracles, Mary, the Papacy, Apostolic Succession, Sacramentals, and Faith and Works. Videos and bulletin reflections were recommended, along with a prayer booklet. A Lenten Mission is being discussed, and members will continue discerning themes, with Father Jim making the final decision. Members are reminded to complete the Praesidium Academy courses to ensure a safe parish ministry. Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23rd.</p>	Natalie	
<p>g) Other Business: It was recommended that OLPH only supply coffee and juice at Hospitality Sundays, and parishioners could bring treats, if they wish</p>	Stefan	
<p>10. Wrap-up:</p> <p>a) Challenges and Blessings:</p> <p>b) Next PPC Meeting: March 11th, 2026-6:30PM</p> <p>c) Closing Prayer:</p> <p>d) Adjournment-meeting adjourned at 8:30PM</p>	Bridget	
	Bridget All Bridget Father Jim Bridget	<u>10</u>

ACTION ITEMS

Date	Action Item	Person Responsible	Due Date	Status	Date Completed	Comments
October 8th,2025	Review the Constitution and bring comments to PPC	All	April, 8 th , 2026			
March 12 th , 2025	Look for opportunities to be a Compassionate Parish	All	Continuing			
Dec. 10 th , 2025	Include discussion re Legion of Mary in March agenda	Uduak	April 8, 2026			
Feb. 11 th , 2026	Ask other groups to assist with the ICPM lunch in Sept. 2026	Natalie	Sept. 1 st , 2026			
January 14 th , 2026	Discuss with Father Jim how to proceed with parishioners who need transportation to/from weekend Masses and Communion to homes	Natalie	April 1 st , 2026			
Feb. 11 th , 2026	Send info re garbage to Bridget Francisco in office	Mary-Lou	April 30th, 2026			