

Feb 4, 2026 | St. Ignatius Parish Pastoral Council meeting (Parish office)

Attendees:

Fr. John Wronski	Y	Fr. Matt Cassidy	N
Pat Casey (Chair)	Y	Michael Sennett (Vice Chair)	Y
Sharon Bartley	N	Katie Brown	Y
Mary Dailey	Y	Tim Halohan	Y
Philip Lam	Y	Angelique Jean Noel	Y
Michael Pratt	Y	Amanda Schar	Y
Monica Sidor	N		

Notes

- Opening prayer
- Updates from the Pastor
 - Status of parish response to changes to the liturgical postures
 - Generally most members of the congregation are standing and kneeling together in community
 - Discussion that communion songs that the congregation know well could be helpful to keep parishioners engaged and participating
 - Suggestion that there could be a teaching mass for the whole parish to talk through different movements during mass and the meaning behind it
 - Potential to use the homily to discuss different parts of the mass
 - PPC supportive of discussions to build community understanding of the liturgical postures
 - Update on building renovations
 - Renovations are still ongoing due to the cold weather
 - Scaffolding will be removed and northeast corner will be completed and washed once warmer weather returns
 - Architect has performed an analysis on the rest of the building and timeline and quotes are pending
 - Building Committee is aiming to perform repairs in the southeast corner of the church and remain walls in the walkway leading to the lower church on the eastern side after Easter
 - Stained glass windows in the upper church are in good shape and do not require major work
 - The outer glass/plexiglass will be replaced if it is cracked or discolored
 - Additional ~\$1M is needed to complete the urgent work

- January highlights
 - Jim O'Toole centennial talk was extremely well received
 - Concert series has gone well
 - MLK breakfast at St. Katharine Drexel had a good number of parish attendees
 - Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston (RCAB) Pastor meeting
 - Pastor provided update on Archbishop Henning's perspective on the state of the archdiocese
- Report on RCAB meeting (attended by Pat, Angelique, and Father John from PPC)
 - Reflection from Archbishop Henning on "who are we" as a parish and archdiocese and what is our mission
 - ~500 people in attendance
 - Archbishop Henning gave a "State of the Archdiocese" talk in addition to panel discussions
 - General sense of feeling very valued that the archdiocese took the time to put in this work
 - Emphasis on key point that to make good decisions for the parish we should be grounded in prayer, who we are, and our relationship with God
- Status of Fundraising/Development initiatives
 - RCAB capital campaign will likely start in 2027
 - Timeline discusses listening and preparation over 2026
 - RCAB likely to provide an exception to St. Ignatius to raising funds for church repairs
- PPC discussion on the utility of a Parish Census
 - Action items tabled for a future discussion
- Discussion on what other topics should be discussed at upcoming PPC meetings?
 - How can the PPC best serve the pastor and the parish?
 - Group of people from the parish that represent different parts of the parish and represent how we are living together as a parish (Father John)
 - What are the pastoral and spiritual needs of the community and how can we respond together?
 - Sense from parishioners that we need more retreat experiences, days of reflection, or experiences of Ignatian spirituality
 - Are there enough programs for young professionals? There's a lot of ideas, but do we have the resources to do all for this group
 - Vision and forward looking strategy for the parish beyond the immediate repairs
 - Discussion that PPC members should be represented at mass and actively set aside time to receive feedback and questions from parishioners
- Recruiting for new PPC members
- Conversation with Liz Turnwald, Director of Faith Formation