

Jan 7, 2026 | Michael Pratt residence

Attendees:

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

Notes

- Michael Sennett joined the meeting virtually by phone
- Updates from the Pastor
 - Archdiocese of Boston Program for Parish and Finance Councils
 - All members of all parish council and finance council are welcome to attend one of the programs run by RCABin January and February
 - Archbishop Henning wants to focus the archdiocese on parishes for the next year
 - Update on Advent and Christmas season
 - Programs that brought together the Spanish and English speaking communities went very well in the opinion of the pastor. The gathering after the Guadalupe mass had high attendance with a good mix of people
 - Guadalupe liturgy was noted as the best experience of combining the Spanish and English communities
 - Comment that alternating language for readings and having printed versions of both are good, as opposed to reading in one language and repeating in a second language
 - Jesuit East provincial, Father Joseph O'Keefe, visited and noted his continual support of the parish
 - Immigration Committee has been attending the protests at ICE Burlington and members of the parish have expressed support for their efforts
 - Saintly Seven banner has come together quite nicely and has now been hung in the back of the church
 - Parent Retreat day was well received by the family mass community. The PPC expresses that this may be a good event to continue annually
 - Pageant mass was well received and really enjoyed by the community

- Christmas Eve and Christmas masses were beautiful and particularly full at the 4 PM mass. There were dancers at some of the masses as well
 - 6 PM was still full
 - 4 PM was standing room only
 - PPC expressed that music has been particularly beautiful this season
- Fundraising/End of year gifts
 - ~\$1M additional needed to perform urgent repairs
 - Boston College will continue to provide annual funding to the parish
 - Centennial funds are going to support the church repairs
 - Earmarked gifts must be spent on the designation
- Liturgy reforms
 - The sitting/standing changes have become more consistent across the masses
 - At communion, two species are being served again, determined the number of eucharistic ministers available
- Status of building renovations
 - Current building repairs should be completed by mid-January with scaffolding to be removed soon, dependent on the weather
 - The eastern entrance into the Lannon Chapel also need repairs urgently and may start in Spring 2026
 - 10 - 18 stained glass windows in the upper church may need to be re-leaded
 - Work has been done to ensure the HVAC systems are in an optimal state and a maintenance contract for the system has been set up. The system map is also being documented to support future work
 - The PPC expresses its ongoing support and appreciation for Monica and the work done by the Building Community
- Parish census
 - Parish census to be revisited at a later meeting
- Status of Fundraising/Development initiatives
 - Archdiocese of Boston is scheduled to start a diocesan fundraising effort in 2026
- Collaborations between the PPC and parish commissions
 - Liz Turnwald will join PPC meeting in February
 - Faith Formation Commission chair may join in February as well
- AOB
 - Synodality is a continual area of focus for the PPC
 - Opportunity for America Media to be hosted by St. Ignatius in the Boston area to shed light on the resources it offers to parishioners
 - Jesuit East gala is in Boston that is honoring Father Leahy and Father Joe McShane
 - Thursday, April 30, 2026, 6 - 9 PM at the Boston Park Plaza