ST. BRENDAN PASTORAL COUNCIL – MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2026

PRESENT: Fr. Mark Betti. Fr. Dass, Stephen Bonawitz, Jean Briese, Stephen Candela, Kenneth Conn, Madeline Dubas, Ginny Grant, Gerald Greco, Bob Houser, Celeste Korpon, Bob McGahran, Bert McGoff, Charles McShane, Sandra Nelson, Thomas Ocasio, Carol Rowane, Vincent Russo, Paul Schaefer, Michael Schmid. **ABSENT**: Ada Flores, Laura Kniaz

1.Ginny Grant welcomed the members.

2. Fr. Mark opened the meeting with a prayer at 9:41 am.

3. The minutes of the September 3, 2026, meeting were approved as written.

4. FINANCE: We presently have $571,010 in general checking plus $258,352 in our reserve/savings account. We paid $90,000 last month--$52,000 for the locking and camera systems and $38,000 for safety glass. We did not have to tap our reserve/savings for either of those bills. We have made the equivalent of 52 of the 180 scheduled payments needed to pay off the "15 year" land purchase loan. Our present loan balance is $1,440,202 (down from $1.86 million). Still paying double payments and still on track to pay off the loan in early 2030. We continue to be quite stable financially through the generosity of our parishioners.

5. PASTOR'S REPORT:

a. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation was held on September 1. Raleigh has requested a liaison be appointed in each parish to coordinate this initiative. Fr. Mark has requested that this liaison be from the Pastoral Council. Fr. will provide more detail on what is involved. National Recycle Day is November 15. The Care for the Creation will be added to the Parish Vision Statement 2026.

b. The annual Mass for Parents who have lost a child will be held on Monday 16 November with a reception to follow in Brigid Hall.

c. GSMA will hold the next prayer luncheon at St. James the Fisherman Episcopal Church at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 25. This will be a prayer service for Thanksgiving.

d. Fr. Mark has been appointed to a 3-year term on the Diocesan Priest Council. This necessitated the change in our December Pastoral Council meeting from Thursday, December 3, to Tuesday, December 1.

e. Fr. Mark will travel to Assisi for the Jubilee Year St. Francis October 11-23.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- **The Prayer Service for 9/11 at St. Luke's** was well attended.
- **The Parish Ministry Fair** was a huge success with over 250 parishioners attending. Over 164 signed up to volunteer for various ministries. The Ministry Fair will now become an annual event to be held on the second weekend of September. It is important that Ministries follow up with individuals expressing a desire to join. It was noted that some representatives left prior to the end of the 11:00 am Mass. Every effort will be made in the future to have Ministries available after the 11:00 am Mass.
- **AI enabled Electronic Surveillance and Lock System** has been fully installed and signs posted on our property. Over 100 locks have been installed, panic button is operational and the safety glass has been installed over all stained-glass windows in the church and in the McGivney Center. Trim work will be completed during the week of October 5, 2026. Tom Ocasio was commended for his efforts in getting this system researched and operational.
- **Pastoral Council election** is proceeding according to the schedule with initial bulletin entries to begin the weekend of October 10, 11 and 12. Questions were raised as to use of QR codes to allow for online submission of applications and for voting. It was noted that a QR code was previously attempted. We already have an online application which can be electronically sent to the Chairperson. Voting online would not be feasible since anonymous ballots are distributed at all Masses on election weekend.
- **Parish Community Annual Summary** is in process. Investigating the possibility of changing from annual to fiscal reporting.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Suggestions** for upcoming year—None presented.
- **The 2026 Pastoral Plan Updates**—Add "Care for Creation".

- **Parking Integrity**—"No Parking" signs have been installed with more being ordered. Curbs in other No Parking areas will be painted red. See SMM report for more details. Choir parking for 9:30 Mass is not available nearby since they arrive before the 8:00 am Mass lets out. Fr. will meet with Liturgy, et al. to formulate a plan. An additional 40 parking spaces are being researched.
- **Roundtable**. Based on input from the K of C and Columbiettes Fr. Mark reminds all that the annual Craft Fair is a parish event, not a Knights or Columbiettes event.
- **Agenda for next meeting**. No new items were presented.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **ST. MICHAEL MINISTRY:** See attached report.
- **BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** See attached report. Jerry Greco thanked the Knights of Columbus for painting the Gathering Space.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**: See attached report. September 23 fundraiser at Duffer's a huge success. Duffers gave 15% of their proceeds to Loaves and Fishes. Duffers gave discount to all diners the entire evening, not just parishioners with "tickets." Other restaurants in area (Pat's Homestyle Foods and Chick Filet) are looking to participate in future fundraisers. The Sunday following an additional 142 checks plus cash totaling $4,400 was donated to Loaves and Fishes. Fr. suggests only one such event a year at Duffers. Next fundraisers should coordinate with envelope schedule Wednesday before.
- **COLUMBIETTES**: See attached report. Columbiettes will also attend the North Carolina Right to Life Breakfast.
- **FAITH FORMATION**: See attached report.
- **LITURGY**: No report
- **HISPANIC**: No report.

9. NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026, FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS.

10. Fr. Mark closed the meeting with a prayer at 10:40 am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities Management Report
October 2026

HVAC: Quarterly Maintenance completed
Janitorial: Nothing new to report
Plumbing: Nothing new to report
General: Work continues repairing kneelers and pews that are damaged and misc. repairs around the campus as they arise.
Electrical: Nothing new to report
Roads & Grounds: Corrective work completed on Irrigation system
Roof: Proposal received to address leaking gutters
Misc.: All Fire Marshall inspections are currently up to date with no deficiencies
Fire Alarm / Sprinkler System: All inspections are currently up to date

Facilities Look Ahead

- Continuing with Preventative Maintenance of all mechanical systems.
- Install window coverings in Conference Room # 2 in MJMPC
- Monthly set up in Parsh Hall for Faith Formation will begin the first week in October
- Pricing for carpet replacement Gather Space has been received, Facilities is qualifying and quantifying bids. 3 Bids have been received

<u>All work scheduled during September shut down week were completed</u>

- Pew cleaning and Polishing
- Deep clean carpeting in MJMPC
- Service all HVAC units in MJMPC
- Replace LVT at entrance vestibule Knock Center
- Buff and polish floor in Brigid Hall
- Hi Dusting Main Sanctuary
- Clean interior and exterior windows Main Sanctuary
- Power wash stained areas on walls Main church & MJMPC

Saint Michaels' Ministry – September 2026

Medical / Security Incidents
SMM Security / Medical Incidents for September 2026 were as follows:
Medical:
On Sunday September 27, 2026, at the 8:00am mass, an 81-year-old male became very weak. SMM Minister Barbara Friedrick immediately responded along with several other SMM Ministers. The individual was transported to the Gathering Space by wheelchair. EMS (911) was contacted and the individual was transported to the hospital for further evaluation. Additional information is available upon request.
Security:
No Security Issues were reported for the month of September.
Integrated Security System:
Full system activation has begun. The Integrated Security / Video system is now live. All current door keys are being eliminated. Estimates for removal of existing door locks and replacement of a very limited number of new locks are being received. Once the new locks are installed, a limited number of master keys will be assigned. Video and Audio signage have been installed at the two entrances to church property from Hwy 17. All (10) Volt AI, exterior cameras have both **video and audio** recording activated. All interior cameras have **video only** activation.

Ministry Fair:
The ministry fair was well attended following all masses. Saint Michael's Ministry received (10) new member applications.
Additional Security Upgrades:
Installation of Security Film in the gathering space has been completed. As a reminder: **Do Not** stick anything (tape etc.) to the inside of the windows or doors as this could damage the film.
The ballistic glass over the sanctuary stained-glass windows and McGivney office window have been installed. Final wood trim is being installed and should be completed during the first week in October.
New Business:
No Parking signs have been installed along the east entrance to the campus. Additional signs are being purchased for installation in other areas, including the West entrance. In addition, curbs in other **No Parking** areas will be painted red. SMM is also discussing cards for driver notification of parking in restricted areas. Cards would be placed on violator's windshield as a reminder.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - COUNCIL 9039 - October, 2026

- The Council will pray the Rosary on October 2 at 8 am.
- On September 14 the Knights repainted the gathering space.
- Council and Assembly meetings were held on 9/21/2026 and we welcomed 8 new candidates for membership into the Knights, this was a direct response from the recent Ministry Fair..
- On September 23 at Duffers Restaurant in Shallotte we held a fundraising event from 5 to 9 pm to benefit the St. Brendan's Food Pantry! The event generated over $850.00 for Loaves & Fishes.
- On October 10 members of the Knights will be assisting the North Carolina Right to Life conduct a mass and prayer breakfast, the first in our area, with the intent to educate more people about the importance of ending abortion. Registration at NCRTL.ORG/CCPB. $25 individuals & $45. Couple. 8:30 registration.
- October 12, 2026 the Knights will hold an exemplification of new members at 5 PM / with meeting to follow.
- Wreaths across America, wreaths are available to purchase at $17. each and will be placed on the graves of veterans in the Brunswick cemetery (next to St. Brendan's). Our assembly will receive a $5.00 donation for each wreath purchased.
  Wreaths can be purchased via wreathsacrossamerica.org. Please mention Kof C assembly 3115 or contact GK Kenny Conn gkkenny9039@gmail.

COLUMBIETTES – Auxiliary 9039 – October, 2026

- At our first meeting we discussed the craft fair and the Columbiette role is to man the bake sale and the Gift Card Raffle tables.
- Several of us Manned the Columbiettes Ministry Fair table and had 18 members sign and interest sheet. 9 Ladies have stated they would like to be initiated. As of now, 8 will be initiated at our October Meeting
- We have donated $200 of our fundraising money to the NCRTL prayer breakfast on October 8th.
- The Creative Spirit ladies have knitted away (many are also Columbiettes), to support the Knights Coat Drive.

FAMILY-CENTERED FAITH FORMATION – OCTOBER, 2026

- On Sunday, October 4th, we begin our first session of Children's Faith Formation. At present, we have 130 children and counting! The first day, there are children attending who forgot to register in August. We welcome all!
- We are very happy to say that we have two new Catechists and many thanks to the Ministry Fair, we now have 8 Adult helpers to help the Catechists with the children. We also have one new Adult Substitute for the Catechists.
- First Communion classes began on September 13th and Confirmation classes begin in October.
