



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2009

Saint Paul the Apostle Church

ROLL CALL: Sue Hassenbein, Chairperson, Jack Marino, Vice-Chairperson, Mike Battistelli, Jenifer Coffroth, Christine DeFluri, Todd Gardner, Rich Grimes, Pat Krall, Carol Long, Joe Viozzi, and Larry Warner

EXCUSED: Brian Kelly

EX OFFICIO PRESENT: Father John J. Peck, O.S. B.

RECORDER: Richard Grimes

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE was led by Joe Viozzi

PARISHIONER INPUT: Lisa Hreniuk of the Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a lay organization. Their purpose is personal holiness, to help its members and all those in contact with them live out their Christian vocation to the full. They meet weekly for prayer, reporting, and weekly works. Their apostolic work consists primarily of door-to-door visits and prison ministry. There are approximately 10 million members worldwide. St. Paul the Apostle Parish has three adult members. The Junior Legion of Mary (younger than 18 years of age) also meets weekly and children are required to perform one hour of service per week. Children are taught to imitate Mary and pray to her. Anyone interested in further information about the Legion of Mary or the Junior Legion of Mary should contact Lisa Hreniuk.

AGENDA: The January 22, 2009 meeting agenda was approved as submitted.

MINUTES: The December 11, 2008 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father John informed us, from Catholic World News, of the persecution in India and the burning of Catholic and Christian Churches. There is a cosmic revolution in which the radical people of Islam are wanting to keep Christianity from continuing to grow. We must remember that the Light of Christ is always present. We must also pray for our leaders to make the right decisions. Be active in our sending of postcards to our senators and government representatives to make them aware that we are against the Freedom of Choice Act. Postcards will be available after each mass for parishioners to sign in February.

*** MISSION REPORTS ***

EDUCATION MISSION – LARRY WARNER & CHRISTINE DEFLURI

Religious Education Report – Larry Warner

- ✠ Rel Ed Christmas Show took place on December 14
- ✠ First Reconciliation Retreat for students and parents took place on January 18. Dr. Diane Gaunty-Buckley was the speaker for the parents.

Upcoming Events:

- ✠ February 7 – First Reconciliation

- ✠ February 21 – snow date for First Reconciliation
- ✠ February 26 – First Communion Parent Meeting
- ✠ March 1 – Book Discussion Series – *Your Sorry is My Sorrow* – by Joyce Rupp
- ✠ May 18-19 – Adult Education Survey taken during Masses

Lebanon Catholic School – Christine DeFluri

Lebanon Catholic School's annual elementary/middle school Christmas program was held on December 17, 2008. Approximately 625 people attended the two performances of "The Next Noel."

A math workshop for parents and students of grades K through 2 was held on January 15, 2009. Sixty enthusiastic parents and students enjoyed an evening of both fun and learning math concepts and skills.

Service projects during the month of December included: making ornaments and cards for residents of Cedar Haven, making cards for our troops, collecting "Coats for Kids," collecting items for Humane Society, and "Adopt a Family" gift giving.

Elementary students participated in their annual Advent/Christmas Retreat Day on December 23, 2008.

Activities culminated with a prayer service that provided reflection on the meanings of the various symbols displayed on the Jesse Tree. Students of all levels began their day with communal rosary.

Eighteen secondary students were inducted into the National Honor Society during a special ceremony conducted on December 16, 2008. Students from St. Paul's Parish include: Rachel Shirk, Hannah Woodward, and Valerie Sattazahn.

Rose Mascoli, a St. Paul parishioner, was selected as the Rotary Student of the Month for December.

Mass celebrating the Epiphany was held on January 6, 2009. Following Mass, Earl Tropp from St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council, presented Mrs. Ambrosia with a check to be used as the school sees fit. The Lebanon Catholic School community is so grateful for their generosity.

Secondary students from Lebanon Catholic School, accompanied by Fr. Rothan and Mr. Scott Root, will join the Pro Life March on January 22, 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Lebanon Catholic will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning January 25, 2009 through January 31, 2009. Everyone is invited to participate in any/all the events planned for that week. Registration of new students for the 2009-2010 school year will begin also that week.

LITURGY MISSION – PAT KRALL

Liturgy Committee – Beverly Buck

Report of meeting of November 25, 2008. Father John opened the meeting with prayer.

Members in attendance: Fr. John, O.S.B., Mary Beazley, Jeanne Rittle, Diane Dugan, Ray Maillet, Kelly Hostetter, Kathy Miller

Excused: Beverly Buck, Pat Krall, Pat VanKleunen, Carol Long

Not in attendance: Tim Yanchuck, LuAnn Uhl

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

Try to plan no extras on special days or outside of Ordinary Time. We had first reconciliation children presented on the day of All Souls and it was quite confusing.

Critique of 40 hours:

Sunday – totally awesome and very moving. Suggest we all stand when singing to connect the community to the music to the liturgy. Fr. John will make sure to do the procession next time. Speaker was good.

Monday night – healing service was powerful. Tuesday – closing was good, music was good, suggestion to include some of the same type of praise hymns as done on Sunday for this evenings service. We want to do the same format for next years adoration.

Liturgy for Thanksgiving is all set.

Advent begins Nov 30th. Fr. John will bless the Advent Wreath and have a family light the first candle at the 5:30 mass only.

UPCOMING LITURGIES:

Advent Penitential Service is here on Dec 18th at 7PM. Use same service as last year but be sure to put out the examination of conscience as a separate sheet for parishioners to pick up on the way in to church.

- JANUARY 25 – 10:30 AM mass: Bishop Rhoades in attendance, We should use the icon of St. Paul in the procession for this mass. A reception to follow in the parish hall.
- February 22, 2009 - RCIA Rite of Sending 10:30am Mass
- February 28 or March 1, 2009 - RCIA Rite of Election at St. Patrick Cathedral, Harrisburg
- ASH WEDNESDAY - February 25 Masses at 9AM & 7PM
- March 1, 2009 First Sunday of Lent
- March 15th - 10:30am Mass RCIA First Scrutiny
- March 22nd - 8:00 AM Mass - 2nd Scrutiny
- March 28th - 5:30 PM Vigil Mass - 3rd Scrutiny
- April 4th - Confirmation at St. Joan of Arc, Hershey, 2PM
- April 5th - Palm Sunday
- April 9th - Holy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. Liturgy
- April 10th - Good Friday - 2:00PM Stations of the Cross; Good Friday Liturgy at 7PM
- April 11th - 8PM Easter Vigil
- April 12th - Easter Sunday – 8 AM and 10:30AM Masses
- May 2nd – First Holy Communion 10AM and 1PM
- May 3rd – May Crowning - 10:30am Mass

Next Meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 10:30 AM

(Please note daytime meeting this month)

Report of meeting of January 6, 2009. Father John opened the meeting with prayer.

Members in attendance: Father John, O.S.B., Carol Long, Ray Maillet, Beverly Buck, Diane Dugan, Jeanne Rittle
Excused: Pat VanKleunen

CRITIQUE OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS LITURGIES:

- Father John was very happy with Advent Evening Prayer and the Christmas Liturgies.
 - Response from the people of the parish: Liturgies were excellent!

DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING LITURGIES:

- JANUARY 25, 2009 – THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

Readings: Acts 9:1-22

1Cor 7:29-31

Mark 16:15-18

- Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades will celebrate the 10:30AM Mass.
- Father Neil Sullivan will accompany the Bishop.
- Father John will concelebrate.
- Mary Beazley and Beverly Buck will plan liturgy and music according to Diocesan Guidelines.
- Jeanne Rittle will order flowers for the occasion.
- The Statue of St. Paul will be placed in center of narthex.
- We will have additional ushers in anticipation of a large attendance.
- We will have additional ministers of the Eucharist.
- The CCW will host a reception after the Bishop's Mass.

- There will be no CLOW, Pre-K, and Kindergarten classes during the 10:30am Mass on 1/25/09 because of the reception preparations.
- FEAST OF ST. BLASÉ (Tuesday) FEB. 3, 2009 – Mass at 6:15PM; Blessing of throats after Mass.
- Ash Wednesday: 2/25/09

CLOSING PRAYER

NEXT MEETING: 2/03/09 AT 7:30PM

PASTORAL MINISTRY MISSION – RICH GRIMES & JENIFER COFFROTH

Knights of Columbus – Earl Tropp

- Men's Breakfast 1-31-09
- Check to Neil Stazny from fundraiser
- Sale of monthly lottery tickets winner gets \$200.00; 2nd & 3rd prize \$25.00 each. Money goes for GSH medical machine used to detect cervical cancer & evidence in sexual assault cases

SOCIAL CONCERNS AND OUTREACH – TODD GARDNER & JOE VIOZZI

Emergency Response Team – Lisa Hreniuk

The phone chain list has been updated. Callers will be receiving their new list shortly. Help is needed with the Food Bank. A meeting will be planned soon.

Haitian Mission - Diane Dugan

The Haiti Committee is hard at work on this year's auction to be held Feb. 14-15. An insert was in Sunday's (1/18) bulletin with pertinent info. We are in need of donations and support on the weekend of the auction. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.

CCW

- The CCW will be hosting a reception after the 10:30 AM mass for Bishop Rhoades.
- Strove Tuesday Spaghetti dinner will be held on February 24th. Help is needed. Please sign up.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – MIKE BATTISTELLI

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL
12/31/2008 Budget**

	<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u>
Ordinary Income	\$283,451	\$299,360	(\$15,909)	-5.3%
Total Income	\$375,680	\$342,110	\$33,570	9.8%
	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u>
Total Operating Exp	\$304,742	\$326,429	(\$21,687)	-6.6%
Total Expenses	\$383,050	\$406,429	(\$23,379)	-5.8%
Excess Income Expenses	(\$7,370)	(\$64,319)		
Savings Account Balances	\$231,389			
Cash Balance	\$148,179			
Total Cash Position	\$379,568			

NEW BUSINESS

a) Vocations Committee

According to the parish council handbook, the chairperson should serve three years. Lisa Hreniuk's years are completed and, therefore, the committee is in need of a new chairperson.

b) PPC Nominating Committee

Sue asked for two volunteers from Council to join her, Fr. John, and Jack Marino on the Nominating Committee. She will send an email out. Please let her know if interested. A meeting will then be scheduled and an update provided at the next Council meeting.

SUGGESTION BOX

- Why are Christmas carols not sung during Advent? Christmas is not celebrated until Christmas. Advent songs are sung during the Advent season.
- Can we have additional handicapped parking spaces? Additional parking spaces are being considered.
- Could we have a single's group based at St. Paul's - A function could possibly be held after the 10:30 a.m. mass. A leader is needed. If one is identified, a single's group at St. Paul's can be considered.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Future invitation of Committee Chairs was developed:

1. December – Knights of Columbus (Earl Tropp)
2. January – Legion of Mary (Lisa Hreniuk)
3. February – CCW (Margaret Connor)
4. March – St. Vincent DePaul (Charlie Rulapaugh)
5. April – Elizabeth Ministry (Kerry Lively)
6. May – Haiti Mission (Diane Dugan)
7. June – Stewardship

WRAP-UP

Next meeting date – Thursday, February 26, 2009

Agenda deadline – Thursday, January 19, 2009

Prayer Service leader in February – Rich Grimes

PPC Secretary in February – Pat Krall

Closing Prayer was led by Father John.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.