



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2009

Saint Paul the Apostle Church

ROLL CALL: Jack Marino, Vice-Chairperson, Mike Battistelli, Jenifer Coffroth, Christine DeFluri, Richard Grimes, Pat Krall, Carol Long, Joseph Viozzi, Larry Warner.

EXCUSED: Todd Gardner, Sue Hassenbein, Chairperson, Brian Kelly.

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

RECORDER: Carol Long

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE was led by Christine DeFluri.

PARISHIONER INPUT: Charlie Rulapaugh & Jim Huth of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Over the past several months, Parish Pastoral Council has invited the service groups of Saint Paul's to their regularly scheduled meetings to provide information regarding their specific ministry and to report any updated goals for inclusion in the Strategic Plan. This month, Charlie Rulapaugh, Chairperson of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Jim Huth, Vice-Chairperson of the society, presented Council with information regarding the various aspects of the ministry and the service they provide to Saint Paul's and the surrounding communities in Lebanon County. Charlie noted that his wife, Alice, serves as secretary of the society; he also noted that Jeanne Rittle and Michelle Gutshall have been very helpful serving as treasurers as well as in helping to direct calls through the parish office in supporting the needy within the parish and the community.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society feeds the poor on the 4th Sunday of the month. Their group meets monthly on the Tuesday before the scheduled feeding. At each monthly meeting, they compile a menu for the next feeding. The food supply comes from the Lebanon County Christian Ministries Food Bank. The food is picked-up from this pantry and stored here at the parish after the pick-up. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society volunteers then meet after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the kitchen at Saint Paul's where they gather the food items, roasters, utensils, and their own "tool kit" and depart for Covenant United Methodist Church on 9th Street in Lebanon. When they arrive at Covenant UMC, they prepare the food, box it up, and distribute up to 150 meals at 12 noon. Any food left over from the feedings is taken to the Mission in Lebanon. Charlie noted that approximately 24 volunteers usually gather at Covenant UMC to help serve,

but they really only need about 15 volunteers; on occasion they have worked with 7 to 8 volunteers. He also noted that they didn't have to ask for more food during the winter months as they had expected the needs to increase.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society assists with any basic need including food, fuel oil, electric, rental assistance, and fire assistance. The needs are directed to them through the Parish Office. Charlie noted that financially the Saint Vincent de Paul Society is doing okay.

LCCM has partnered with Caring Cupboard in Palmyra. A portion of the Saint Vincent de Paul Super Bowl Sunday collection of \$1400.00 went to Caring Cupboard and LCCM. The Thanksgiving collection goes to LCCM. At this time, both pantries are in need of more food.

AGENDA: The March 22, 2009 meeting agenda was accepted as submitted.

MEETING MINUTES: The February 26, 2009 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted with amendments; Page 7, correction under New Business, spelling of Jack Marino and correction under Old Business, change in election dates to May 23/24.

PASTOR'S REPORT: No pastor's report this month.

*** **MISSION REPORTS** ***

ECUMENISM – Brian Kelly

2009 Lenten Services:

To date, there have been three Lenten lunch services in the Annville-Cleona community. These have been held at Hill U.C.C. (March 4), Annville Church of the Brethren (March 11), and Immanuel United Methodist (March 18). St. Paul the Apostle will host the next Lenten lunch service on March 25th followed by similar events at Christ U.C.C., Annville Library (April 1), and Annville United Methodist, 1 N. College Avenue (April 8). There will be a service only at Zion Evangelical on Good Friday.

Vacation Bible School:

Lisa Hreniuk reported that a planning meeting for the upcoming year was held on Sunday, March 15th at the Hill U.C.C. This year's program will be held June 8-12 from 9:00-11:30 am. They will be using the Augsburg Fortress Program (Lutheran based) for this year's curriculum. Teachers are needed. Additionally, Lisa has agreed to attend the Parish Pastoral Council meeting scheduled for June 25th to provide an update on Vacation Bible School activities.

2009 Strategic Plan – Ecumenism:

Objectives:

- To grow in the knowledge of our own Catholic faith and tradition;
- To grow in the knowledge of, and appreciate those cooperative ecumenical efforts that already exist within the diocese;
- To pray for Christian unity among churches, and to foster awareness of, and cooperate in building Christian unity where it does not yet exist;
- To encourage and support opportunities that lead to ecumenical education and formation;
- To encourage shared communication and cooperation on common issues between our parish and other organizations mandated to serve all the people of God;
- To establish and maintain a network of ecumenical and interfaith contacts;
- To foster good relationships between Christians and people of other faiths through prayer, education, dialogue and social action.

Goals:

- Promote awareness of and encouraging prayer for Christian unity;
- Provide opportunities and support for ecumenical and interfaith activities that foster prayer, education, dialogue and social action (i.e., Vacation Bible School);
- Provide resources and contacts throughout the community on questions or concerns relating to other churches and faith communities.

EDUCATION MISSION – LARRY WARNER & CHRISTINE DEFLURI

Religious Education Report – Larry Warner

- † March 1 – Book Discussion Series – *Your Sorry is My Sorrow* – by Joyce Rupp
- † March 1 – First Communion Parent Meeting
- † March 19 – Baptism Prep

Upcoming Events:

- † April 4 – Confirmation
- † April 4 – Journey through Holy Week
- † April 8 – Benediction for closing of Religious Education
- † April 19 – Hike for Turn Off TV Week
- † April 19 – Adult Ed. Discipleship with St. Paul
- † May 9-10 – Adult Education Survey taken during Masses

Lebanon Catholic School – Christine DeFluri

Mrs. Nancy Pelepko, our school librarian, coordinated a school wide celebration of “Read Across America” during the week of March 2, 2009. The week’s activities culminated

with a “character parade” by the elementary students and Mrs. Ambrosia reading “Wild About Books” to all of the students.

Mary Anoaia, a 2007 LC graduate and parishioner of St. Paul’s, spent part of her spring break from college fulfilling requirements for some of her education courses at Lock Haven University with Miss Rosanne Kury, as she studies to become an elementary teacher.

Seven elementary students in grades four and five were recently chosen to represent the elementary level of Lebanon Catholic at the County Envirothon on May 13 and 15, 2009. Included among the students is Bryce Hains, a parishioner of St. Paul’s.

Miss Kury, fifth grade social studies teacher, encouraged her students to participate in the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution’s American History contest. Lebanon Catholic was so honored to be informed that all three winners came from LC. Each student has received a certificate and monetary prize for his winning essay.

A school wide Math 24 Challenge competition was held on March 5, 2009 for students in grades 4 through 8. Noah Marinkov, the winner of the grades 4 and 5 division, will now represent LC at the regional competition in Lancaster on April 23, 2009.

Lebanon Catholic’s NHS club sponsored a very successful blood drive, in conjunction with the Red Cross on March 5, 2009.

Mrs. Nancy Pelepko, school librarian, Mrs. Jean Coleman (St. Paul parishioner), pre-kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Claire Schneider, computer teacher, provided a fun story telling event for twenty-four children ages 3 through 5 on March 12, 2009.

Fr. Rothan, LC’s chaplain and pastor at St. Benedict’s Church, along with several secondary students, will provide an Evening of Lenten Reflection for all interested parents on April 1, 2009 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the school gym.

A BIG thank you to Pat VanKleunan for instructing and leading our liturgical dancers so that they could perform a very inspiring performance prior to our Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 13, 2009.

And THANK YOU, Fr. John, for giving of your time to distribute report cards to our elementary students who attend St. Paul’s on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

EVANGELIZATION MISSION – CAROL LONG

On Saturday, March 21st, the Legion of Mary will put a religious presence into the Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade by marching with statues of Mary and St. Patrick. We are in the 4th division which is usually the tail end right in front of the man dressed as St. Patrick. We will also have a Catholic information table with blessed rosaries, holy cards, and religious literature on 2nd Street near the cathedral.

IT'S A PARADE

GOING GREEN

WHAT: The Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade, featuring more than 2,000 marchers and 93 parade units, including bagpipe bands, high school marching bands, a drum and bugle corps, numerous floats, marching groups, antique vehicles and fire trucks.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday

WHERE: Marchers will line up behind the Capitol complex, and the parade will start on Walnut Street heading west to North Second Street. The route will turn right onto North Second Street and proceed to North Street before turning west on North Street and heading back to the Capitol complex to disband. The parade reviewing stand will be at North Second and State streets.

PARKING: Market Square Garage at North Second and Chestnut streets will offer a \$5 event parking rate starting at 11 a.m. good for all day Saturday. Free parking will be available on all nonparade route streets. Motorists are cautioned against parking on North Second Street or other parade route streets as vehicles left there Saturday morning will be ticketed and towed.

INFO: www.harrisburgirishparade.com



PAUL CHAPLIN, The Patriot-News, 2008
Parade goers watch as St. Patrick, portrayed by Jim Hess, of Harrisburg, right, leads the 2008 Harrisburg St. Patrick's Day Parade down Walnut Street.

On Sunday, March 29th, St. Mary's Church in Lebanon will host the annual Acies ceremony. The Acies, which is Latin for "an army assembled in battle array", is the rededication ceremony for the active and praying Legion of Mary members. We will pray the rosary, have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and then individually and collectively consecrate ourselves to the Blessed Mother with these words, "I am all yours, my Queen and my mother, and all that I have is yours". Dinner will follow.

Thank you very much,

LITURGY MISSION – PAT KRALL

REPORT OF MEETING OF MARCH 9, 2009

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Father John Peck, O.S.B., Mary Beazley, Jeanne Rittle, LuAnn Uhl, Ray Maillet, Carol Wattai, Pat Krall, Diane Dugan, Kathy Miller, Tim Yanchuck, Carol Long, Kelly Hostetter, Beverly Buck

DISCUSSION:

- JUNE 29, 2009 FEAST OF SS PETER & PAUL
CLOSING MASS – YEAR OF SAINT PAUL 6/28/09
10:30AM – OUTDOOR MASS
The 5:30PM vigil mass and 8:00AM Masses – in the Church
Tim Yanchuck will contact John Uhl – PA system
Father John will call ACHS and ask to borrow risers (for choir)
Altar will be set on stage (from parish summer bazaar)
Platform for Choir to be rented (Tim Yanchuck)
Decorations: Carol Wattai
Picnic/Food: CCW (Margy Connor) and Carol Inman
They will supply meat/cheese trays/drinks/rolls
Parishioners will be asked to donate salads and desserts
Parishioners will be asked to bring lawn chairs
Some tables and chairs will be set up for picnic
Tim will discuss with Marty whether to rent chairs or use our tables and chairs.

LENTEN LITURGIES

No “Once Upon A Tree This Year” Will resume in a year or two.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, 3/06/09 (First Friday)

6:30PM Stations of the Cross “Everyman’s Way of the Cross”

6:55PM Benediction

7:00PM Mass

Friday, 3/13/2009

7:00PM stations led by the Council of Catholic Women

Friday, 3/20, 2009

7:00PM Children’s Stations (Elizabeth Ministry)

Friday, 3/27, 2009

6:00PM Lenten Meal

7:00PM Stations – “3 Trees” (Mary Beazley)

Friday, 4/3, 2009 First Friday

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

6:55PM Benediction

7:00PM Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, 4/10, 2009

2:00PM Stations of the Cross - St. Alphonsus Liguori

PENITENTIAL SERVICES – 7pm

3/22/09 St. Joan of Arc, Hershey, PA

3/23/09 St. Benedict, Lebanon

3/24/09 St. Mary’s and St. Cecilia, Lebanon

3/25/09 Holy Spirit, Palmyra

3/26/09 St. Paul the Apostle, Annville

HOLY WEEK 2009

- PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2009

Incense at 8AM and 10:30AM Masses

Blessing of Palm (outside) and Procession into the church at all Masses.

Procession: out to Long street – walk on sidewalk and enter Church door (between Narthex and Sacristy)

Rain? Blessing of Palm Outside (table under roof near teardrop)

Process from under roof into main door of church.

- HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2009

9AM MORNING PRAYER

9:30AM – rehearsal for Dressing of the Altar

4 chairs (2 on either side of altar) for foot washing Ceremony

7PM MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

11PM NIGHT PRAYER

- GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009

9AM MORNING PRAYER

2PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7PM GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

- HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2009

9AM MORNING PRAYER

9:30AM BLESSING OF FOOD

8:00PM EASTER VIGIL

To avoid confusion when entering the church after the Lighting of the Easter Candle, Father John that Lectors/ministers stand Stage Right, RCIA members Stage Left and enter procession following Father John.

7 Scripture Readings this year

Responsorial Psalm following readings 1, 3, 5, 7

- EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009
MASSES at 8AM and 10:30AM Greeters
Extra parking – K of C
Overflow worshippers to Parish Social Hall
Assign 2 additional Ministers of the Eucharist
- APRIL 26, 2009 10:30AM MASS Recognition of Confirmation Students
- MAY 2, 2009 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Masses at 10:00AM and 1:00PM
- MAY 3, 2009 10:30AM MASS – MAY CROWNING
Needs better direction. Kathy Miller and Pat Krall volunteered.
Bev will ask First Holy Communion teachers and Elizabeth Min.
mothers to help with children.
- MAY 17, 2009 10:30AM BACCALAUREATE MASS
- MAY 20 – MAY 23 : Pilgrim Icon statue of Saint Paul will be at Saint Paul the Apostle,
Annville
- MAY 21, 2009 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

CLOSING PRAYER LED BY LuAnn Uhl

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 21, 2009 AT 7:00PM

SOCIAL CONCERNS & OUTREACH MISSION – TODD GARDNER & JOE VIOZZI

St. Vincent dePaul Society – Charlie Rulapaugh

Sunday, March 22, 2009

St. Vincent de Paul Society made and distributed 120 plus meals from the kitchen at the Covenant United Methodist Church @ 346 N. 9th St. in Lebanon. Over 12 volunteers led by

Charlie Rulapaugh and Jim Huth from St. Paul's along with a group of teens from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Annville assisted in this much needed ministry. The remainder of the prepared meals were sent to the Rescue Mission.

Over the past few months the number of people being fed has been rising putting a strain on inventories of food and other paper products needed for these meals. It is obvious that additional donations will be needed to replenish the inventories @ LCCM and the Caring Cupboard.

This ministry serves a Sunday meal on the 4th Sunday of each month.

FINANCE COUNCIL – MIKE BATTISTELLI

No budget report is submitted this month as it is currently being finalized. Finance Council meets next Tuesday and a report will be submitted by a Finance Council representative at the April PPC meeting.

Notation is made that in the first Lenten appeal less than half of the goal was met. The second week Lenten appeal has not been accounted for to date. Letters will be mailed out and phone calls will be made to parishioners that have not responded to the appeal following the final count.

Finance Council needs volunteer "Money Counters" after each Mass; two money counters are needed each time that are not related. Couples may volunteer but they will be scheduled at separate times. Each person volunteers once a month.

Father John noted that the Buildings and Grounds Committee will develop a 5 year plan at their next meeting and present it to Parish Pastoral Council.

PHYSICAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE – LARRY WARNER

The Physical Resource Committee plans to meet on April 2, 2009. In working closely with the Building and Grounds Committee, Larry noted that the preliminary draft of the "Feasibility Study" will be presented to the diocese in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Stewardship Committee met and discussed a 2 year plan. A letter was mailed to all parish ministries asking the service groups to send pictures of their activities throughout the year. The Stewardship Committee plans to create a video of the collected pictures for viewing at the Masses on Stewardship Sunday. Call Diane Miller with any questions.

SUGGESTION BOX:

- What about a 6th & 7th Grade Youth Group? – Father John would like someone to volunteer to do this.

- Tell us about Saint Paul in a sermon and why Saint Paul holds a sword – Father John will do this.
- We offer suggestions but not approved - Council does consider suggestions; however, we must decide what is suggestion or complaint and some may not be answered. For example, someone asked where the “Resurrected Jesus” statute is? The response was, “we are going to put it up in the Narthex.” In most cases, the suggestions that Council receives are not signed and no one should take the decisions personally. In some situations, decisions are made quickly; at other times, research may be required and adequate time is necessary for appropriate decision-making.
- Why not use Breaking Bread with Scriptures? This will be forwarded to the Liturgy Committee.
- Where are the PPC meeting minute reports? Let’s see how we are spending our money – Details are not in the PPC meeting minute reports. If you are interested in the accountability of each dime, nickel, or penny, you must go to the Parish Office. Staff do not waste and are currently under budget. Thank you for all that you do in the name of the Lord!

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parish Pastoral Council Nominating Committee Update: Currently 3 candidates have submitted their names for nomination (Marcus Plato, Randy Hoffman, Joan Barkley). A suggestion was made that a date be considered a year in advance and placed on the parish calendar for the upcoming PPC election.
- Strategic Plan: Jack Marino reviewed the current Strategic Plan Draft. He reminded Council members to contact the service groups in their mission areas for updated goals to be included in the Strategic Plan which will be submitted for approval prior to the close of Council’s term in June 2009. Notation is made that the “Emergency Response Team” will be included under the Mission for Social Concerns and Outreach.

NOTATION: To be included on the Agenda for the April 23, 2009 PPC meeting is the Elizabeth Ministry and Finance Council (General Budget Overview).

WRAP-UP:

Next Meeting Date – Thursday, April 23, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Deadline – Thursday, April 16, 2009

Prayer Service leader in April – Rev. John J. Peck, OSB

PPC Secretary in April – Jack Marino

Closing Prayer was led by Father John.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.