



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 27, 2009**

**Saint Paul the Apostle Church**

**ROLL CALL:** Jack Marino, Vice-Chairperson, Joan Barkley, Mike Battistelli, Jenifer Coffroth, Christine DeFluri, Todd Gardner, Randy Hoffman, Pat Krall, Marcus Plato, Joseph Viozzi, Larry Warner

**EXCUSED:** Susan Hassenbein, Chairperson

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

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Michelle Gutshall

**RECORDER:** Pat Krall

**OPENING PRAYER SERVICE** was led by Jennifer Coffroth

**INSTALLATION OF NEW PPC MEMBER:** Joan Barkley was installed into Council by Fr. John.

**PARISHIONER INPUT:** Ed & Sue Felty, Youth Group leaders, were unable attend. They will be rescheduled.

**AGENDA:** The August 27, 2009 meeting agenda was accepted as submitted.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The May 28, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with the following change: Under Installation of New PPC Members, Marcus Plato's name was misspelled.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** No Report

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**\*\*\* MISSION REPORTS \*\*\***

**EDUCATION MISSION – LARRY WARNER & CHRISTINE DEFLURI**

**Religious Education Report – Larry Warner**

- † May 31 – Adult Ed. Team Meeting
- † June 4 – Centering prayer meeting – the creation of a centering prayer outreach mission to other parishes will be discussed
- † Aug. 23 – Bible Study Presentation
- † Aug. 25- RCIA Team Meeting
- † Aug. 26 – Catechist Meeting Gr. 1-12

Upcoming Events:

- † Aug. 27 – Catechist meeting Pre-K and Kindergarten

- † Aug. 30 – Adult Ed Team Meeting
- † Sept. 2 – Parent meeting for Pre-K and New Parents
- † Sept. 3 – Baptism Prep Team Meeting
- † Sept. 9 – Benediction for opening of Rel. Ed. Classes
- † Sept. 12 - Contemplative Prayer Session
- † Sept. 13 – Prayer Service for Opening of Rel. Ed Classes
- † Sept. 17 – Baptism Prep
- † Sept. 19 - Contemplative Prayer Session
- † Sept. 20 – Commissioning of Catechists – Catechetical Sunday
- † Sept. 24 – First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

**Lebanon Catholic School - Christine De Fluri**

Classes at Lebanon Catholic School begin on Monday, August 31, 2009. Three Lebanon Catholic students helped St. Paul's CCW with the Bingo at Cedar Haven and thoroughly enjoyed working with the patients.

**EVANGELIZATION MISSION – Randy Hoffman**

Randy talked to Shelly Sterner, past Chairperson of the Evangelization Committee, and they have some new ideas they would like to develop.

**Legion of Mary – Lisa Hreniuk**

Legion of Mary members from Virginia, Florida, and New York came to Palmyra on August 21<sup>st</sup> and began to do door to door work for Fr. Jim, along with members of St. Paul's Legion of Mary. (Holy Spirit Church does not have a Legion of Mary.) Father Jim's top priority is to visit the new developments that are springing up all over Palmyra. As of Tuesday night August 25<sup>th</sup>, 1158 homes were visited. And there are 2 ½ more days to work. Father Jim has written a beautiful tri-fold pamphlet entitled, "Welcome to Holy Spirit Catholic Church" which tells a little bit about the church, the history of the church, and about Fr. Jim. We leave that at every home, even those not at home. Our approach is, "Hello we are Lisa and Christine from Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Fr. Jim asked us to go door to door to say hello how are you?" After waiting for a response, as we smile and give eye contact, we continue, "If you don't have a church you are welcome to ours." Then usually there is some conversation.

The Legion of Mary knows of the power of the miraculous medal, and so we ask if they will receive a gift from the Holy Spirit Church, a miraculous medal. We believe that if we can get Mary into the home, she will work miracles there. There are many stories of conversion and miracles, and intercession from the Blessed Mother. For example: Going door to door on Spruce Court across from the Cinema Center, we finished all but three homes. At the third last home, the lady who answered the door said angrily, "I am president of this association at Spruce Court and there is no soliciting here." "Oh", said Christine sweetly, "I am so sorry we do not see the sign (we really didn't); we are from the Catholic Church. I am so sorry; we'll get in the car and go right now." The lady responded almost apologetically, "I know you're doing a good thing, but if we let one group in then every group, like the high school and all, will want to come into our court to sell us things." We apologized again and left promptly, knowing that we had visited almost every home!

Two ladies at two different homes on Railroad Street had a change in their demeanor after receiving the gift of the Miraculous medal.

If you would like to help with this work on Friday morning August 28<sup>th</sup> (10:00 am) or Friday evening (5:30 pm), with the thought of finding out more about the Legion of Mary, please call Lisa Hreniuk, 838-2919. We want to thank Fr. John for his prayers, Mass and support, and we would also welcome him to our last evening session of work tomorrow night!

Please see the photos below: Fr. Jim at the welcome dinner Fr. John saying mass at the retreat house  
 The work room of materials and assignments and the map of Palmyra on the wall.  
 Lisa getting dog kisses at one home (see his pink tongue!) and Lisa and Christine going door to door.



**LITURGY MISSION – Pat Krall**

## REPORT OF MEETING OF JULY 7, 2009

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

EXCUSED: Carol Long, Tim Yanchuck, Kathy Miller

The Meeting opened with prayer by Father John.

### CRITIQUE OF CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

- Remember to have canopy and poles in Sacristy, the day before the Procession. The poles are kept in the attic (above Father John's Confessional) Canopy is in Sacristy (in vestment drawer)
- Children of the parish should be encouraged to bring baskets with flower petals and line the path of the procession. Parents are to walk with their children.
- The Procession was beautiful – all went well.
- Thank you to the CCW, Bereavement Ministry, and Prayer Shawl Ministry for preparing and decorating the altars.

### YOUTH GROUP MASSES

Sue Felty, Youth Group Leader, spoke to the committee about upcoming Youth Masses. Sue will check with Saint Mary's so we do not conflict with their Youth Masses. The Liturgy Committee will support the Youth Group leaders with lector, servers, Minister of the Eucharist assignments and music.

### ALTAR SERVERS

Ten new altar servers have been trained and will begin serving August, 2009.

### THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: (Saturday, August 15)

There will be a 9:00AM Mass in the Church to celebrate this Feast of Mary (Not a day of Obligation but still a Solemnity). The 5:30PM Mass on August 15 is the anticipated Mass for the 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (August 16).

THE YEAR OF OUR LADY (Diocesan Celebration): begins with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the basilica of the National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. on 10/24/09

How do we (the parishioners of Saint Paul the Apostle, Annville, PA) celebrate and honor Our Lady?

Suggestions as follows:

- Promote Rosary before weekend Masses
- Promote Rosary – Monday evenings at 6:30PM in the church
- Plan a Living Rosary – perhaps in to close the year of Our Lady.
- Encourage participation in the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on October 24, 2009.
- Promote the rosary and prayers for peace on Thursday evenings.
- Have bulletin series on Our Lady.
- Marian Vespers once a month
- Show video – Our Lady of Fatima
- Ask Legion of Mary for ideas
- Encourage people to pray at home:  
Have Angelus prayer cards and devotions available for use in the home
- Encourage and promote the Mass and Rosary on the First Saturday of the Month. Prayer to Mary for peace in the world.

ANNUAL EUCHARIST DEVOTIONS: November 15-17, 2009

Homilist: Reverend Neil S. Sullivan, Director of the Office of Worship, Diocese of Harrisburg

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2009 BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY MASS 5:30PM

for all parishioners who have died this past year and for family members of our parishioners who have died this past year. A candle will be lit for all parishioners. Refreshments (by Bereavement Ministry) will be served after mass in the narthex.

HEALING SERVICES

Mary Beazley suggested we have healing services more frequently. Many of our parishioners are ill and in need of healing. Perhaps we could offer this once a month? After one of the Masses? After all Masses? Between Masses? We will resume discussion at our next meeting.

The Closing Prayer was led by Father John, O.S.B.

Next Meeting: August 18, 2009 at 7:00PM

***REPORT OF MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2009***

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EXCUSED: LuAnn Uhl, Kathy Miller, Pat Krall, Tim Yanchuck, Kelly Hostetter, Ray Maillet

The Meeting opened with prayer by Father John.

CRITIQUE OF HEALING SERVICE, Saturday, August 8, 2009 after the 5:30PM Vigil Mass. The Healing Service was well attended. About 50 parishioners attended. Our next Healing Service will be held on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM (during the Forty Hours Devotions).

YOUTH GROUP MASSES: Dates of upcoming Masses: September 27, 2009, January 17, 2010, March 14, 2010, April 25, 2010. All Youth Masses begin at 7:15PM in the Church. Ed and Sue Felty are the Youth Group Leaders. Mary Beazley will contact the Felty's concerning music. Beverly Buck will contact the Felty's concerning altar servers, lectors, and Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion.

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Next Meeting: September 1, 2009 at 7:00PM

PASTORAL MINISTRY MISSION – Jenifer Coffroth & Joan Barkley

Vocations- Lisa Hreniuk

The ministry continues to meet for holy hour on the third Monday of each month to pray. It begins at 6:30PM and anyone is welcome to attend. The Vocations Committee is still in need of a leader. We welcome any possibilities.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – Mary Langan

There were four people who attended the last meeting at Mary’s home. The members remain independently on their work. Five more shawls will be delivered this week. There is an interfaith retreat upcoming and members will be attending. The idea of a “pocket prayer shawls” has been proposed. This is a 5” x 5” knitted or crocheted piece that could be given to other family members and children. Mary would like to have a better bridge of communication with the bereavement ministry so shawls could be provided when team members make visits. This is to be on bereavement ministry’s agenda fro the September meeting.

Mary or a member of the Elizabeth Ministry would like to speak after Mass to explain their mission and the efforts to provide prayer shawls to those in need. She feels that not enough people are aware of their work from just bulletin articles. Jennifer will tell her to call Jeanne Rittle to schedule. The ministry is always in need of money to cover their costs of yarn and they are graciously funded by the CCW.

CCW – Margaret Connor

Twelve people went along to help with BINGO at Cedar Haven in August. There were approximately 50 nursing home residents who participated.

Religious Appreciation dinner tickets are available from Margie Conner. The dinner will be held on September 29th at the Lantern Lodge.

The Bishop's pilgrimage is on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There are still seats available on the bus which is reserved for St. Paul's. Please contact the parish office to reserve a seat.  
 There will be an election day Spaghetti Dinner held on Election Day this year.  
 There is also the upcoming Christmas Bazaar in November.

**SOCIAL CONCERNS & OUTREACH – Joe Viozzi & Todd Gardner**

The St. Vincent dePaul Society continues feeding the poor on the last Sunday of the Month. The Food Bank is in need of donations. If anyone knows of a source for case lots of food, please contact the Food Bank. Joe will try to have a report on a more regular basis now that he has made contact with the appropriate people. Joe suggested that a prayer to stop abortion should be included in Mass every week. Father informed him that this is included as part of the petitions.

Fr. John is also scheduling a meeting with Dr. Farelli and his wife to review the healthcare bill to determine Pro-life and end of life issues.

**FINANCE COUNCIL – Mike Battistelli**

**PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL  
6/30/2009 Budget**

	<u>YTD Income</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u>
Ordinary Income	\$566,548	\$563,000	\$3,548	0.60%
Total Income	\$678,064	\$712,081	(\$34,017)	-4.80%
	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>%</u>
Total Operating Exp	\$585,867	\$631,081	\$ 9,601	-24.9%
Total Expenses	\$667,375	\$706,081	\$38,706	-5.5%
Excess Income Expenses	\$ 10,689			
Savings Account Balances	\$213,302			
Cash Balance	\$172,825			
Total Cash Position	\$386,127			

**BUILDING & GROUNDS – Mike Battistelli**

Mike will contact the Building & Grounds Committee and have a report in October. The Safe will be delivered on Sept. 2, 2009. A meeting will be held with the Ushers and Counters to discuss changes. Fr. John appreciates everyone's help with implementing the auditing changes.

**PHYSICAL RESOURCES - Larry Warner**

All major projects are on hold. It was agreed that there would be a moratorium until there were two years of positive cash flow. Replacing the rectory sidewalk is moving forward as it is a matter of safety. The side walk going from the parking lot into the rectory narrows as you get close to the porch and if people are walking two abreast they often step off the walk and sometimes over tread their ankles. Approximately 81 feet of sidewalk will be replaced.

A computer already owned by the parish, was given to the Maintenance & Property Manager, Marty Pautz. A diocesan email account was also set up for him, [mpautz@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:mpautz@hbgdiocese.org). Marty is in the process of inputting data so he can track Maintenance contracts. There was some discussion to look into putting a sign on Main Street to help people locate the church. Pat Krall offered to chair the committee and Larry Warner and Joan Barkley will work with her on the project.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Fr. John will be on Sabbatical February through May of 2010. Fr. John would like us to continue meeting and discussing issues during that period.

### **Suggestions:**

- ❖ Please announce in bulletin when a healing service is present.  
**Answer:** Healing Services and all Masses are currently announced in the bulletin.
- ❖ Lower the price of candles to .50 cents. More candles will be lit.  
**Answer:** St. Paul's supplier charges \$1.00 per candle. In order to cover the cost, we ask for a suggested donation of \$1.00. If you cannot afford that amount you may make a donation in whatever amount you can afford. This is a service we provide to our parishioners and visitors who want to light candles for their loved ones.
- ❖ Why is the entrance so dirty and untidy?  
**Answer:** During the summer months the outside entrance area is used for many activities such as the summer socials and the Haiti market. People drop things on the concrete and it gets stained. A volunteer recently spent a few hours scraping gum off the concrete. We are looking for a volunteer who has a pressure washer who will clean the area this autumn.
- ❖ How about trimming the tree in front of the entrance?  
**Answer:** There is a group of volunteers that take care of the church gardens, mows the grass and trims the trees. This is not part of the custodian's duties. The group is currently looking for volunteers to help with this work. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who needs service hours, please call the office.
- ❖ Please have someone wash our Lords statue under the trees.  
**Answer:** The statue was donated in memory of a loved one. Again, this is a job for a volunteer. If you would like to volunteer, please call the office.

### **WRAP-UP:**

- Next Meeting Date – Thursday, September 24, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Agenda Deadline – Thursday, September 17, 2009
- Prayer Service Leader in September – Mike Battistelli
- PPC Secretary in September - Joe Viozzi
- Closing Prayer was led by Father John
- The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.