

**St. Philip the Apostle
Parish Pastoral Council Agenda
May 10, 2011
Parish Center@ 7:30pm**

Opening Prayer

- Approval of January 4, 2011 minutes. (March 8th meeting canceled-lack of quorum)

COMMISSION REPORTS:

- Spiritual Life Commission Annmarie Gesualdo
- Education Commission Kathleen Acott
- Human Concern Commission Mary Claps
- Parish Life Commission John Graf
- Outreach Committee Michael Koberda
- **PASTOR REPORT**
- **DEACON REPORT**

Departing Council Members

Closing Prayer: Deacon Bob Puhala

Adjournment

**Future Parish Pastoral Council Date:
July 12, 2011(election of new officers)**

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council
Minutes of Meeting May 10, 2011

Present: Annmarie Gesualdo, Tom McCabe, Mary Claps, Kathleen Acott, Michael Koberda, Patrick O'Donoghue, Robert Ribordy, Geoff Pautsch, Msgr. Robert J. Dempsey. Absent: Betsy Dorsey, John Graf, Liz Harvey, Cynthia Morales, Deacon Bob Puhala (due to ministry).

Annmarie called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM and gave the opening prayer.

Minutes of the January 4, 2011 meeting were approved on motion by Tom McCabe, seconded by Geoff Pautsch. The March 8th meeting was cancelled for lack of quorum.

Commission Reports:

Spiritual Life report distributed by Annmarie Gesualdo.

Committees met March 7 and May 2.

- *Thanks to all for the beautiful Triduum and Easter celebrations. Special thanks to Stan Smith for the Easter vigil fire.
- *Special thanks to Jane Karol (Hospitality) for hosting Confirmation and Easter Vigil receptions and to Caroline Duppler for hosting first Communion reception.
- *Volunteers are needed and welcome in all ministries. Recruitment to be stressed at Sunday Masses.
- *Summer Choir will meet at 9 AM beginning June 19. All singers are invited to participate at 10 AM summer Mass.
- *Lectors welcome Scott McCallum, Agnes Byrne and Marylou Colfer.
- *Lenten Mission scheduled March 14, 15, 16, 7 PM with Rev. John Chrzan, Associate Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross, Park Ridge.
- *Patrick O'Donoghue will be the new Spiritual Life Commission representative on the Pastoral Council as of the July meeting.

Education report distributed by Kathleen Acott.

- *RCIA classes, Bible study groups, PREP classes have concluded for the year.
- *Family lunch for new PREP families in the planning stage. Parent involvement in PREP is important.
- *CAB meeting April 3 well attended. Buggie O'Grady chosen to chair; Kathleen Acott, secretary.
- *Suggested time for Speaker series next Spring: after 9:30 rather than after 11:45 Mass.
- *June 13-18 Vacation Bible School in the convent. Theme: Son Surf Beach Blast focusing on having a relationship with Christ.

Human Concerns report distributed by Mary Claps.

- *Regina Ceisel will be the HCCom representative on the Pastoral Council as of July meeting.

Ministers of Care

- *Sunday-Friday visits continue at Maryhaven Nursing Home.
- *Welcome Lynn Hughes, Minister of Care.
- *April 13 -Maureen Claps, Lynn Hughes, Betsy Dorsey represented SPA at Maryhaven's "thank-you" luncheon for volunteers.

Ministers of Care (cont'd.)

- *April 10-Betsy Dorsey continued tradition of delivering blessed palm crosses to Maryhaven residents (per Donna Falzone).

Sharing Parish – St. Benedict the African East

- *Christmas collection totaled \$3,234, delivery completed in January.
- *Summer gift card collection recommended, as last year.
- *Rummage collection details to be worked out. Gym available week of June 13.

Respect Life

- *Enjoyed participating in SPA Lenten Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- *Spiritual Adoption prayer cards were made available for parishioners.
- *Concluded discussion of USCCB Letter on Marriage.
- *Continue praying/counseling outside of Albany Park abortion facility.
- *Continue support of Women's Center with needed cash, blankets, quilts, bibs. May 8 Flower sale was successful.

Parish Life report distributed by John Graf.

Hospitality

- *Hosted "Lessons & Carols" in December.
 - *Hosted Easter Vigil.
 - *Will participate in the next Moveable Feast for SPA.
- [Suggest reevaluating hosting needs for Lenten series. Three nights in a row requires more volunteers than this small committee.]

Men's Club

- *Cards for Charity was well attended – proceeds distributed among Amante House, Mercy Home for Girls & Boys, St. Benedict the African East, Northfield Food Pantry and Family in the Parish needs.
- *Forty people attended Family night out at Chicago Wolves game.
- *Plans underway for Golf Outing Monday, June 20 at Wilmette Golf Club.

Women's Guild

- *March 18 St. Joseph's Table was a success; proceeds donated to Northfield Food Pantry.
- *April 30 SPA Fashion Show and Luncheon at North Shore CC attendance: 102. Proceeds, through Catholic Charities, will help tornado victims.

Pastor's Report:

Msgr. Dempsey commented on Confirmation and First Communion events...many good comments on Bishop Manz...a beautiful day for First Communion; a nice celebration. Easter attendance was a surprise 9:30 Mass was full, and other Masses had good attendance.

Easter Vigil –good attendance; added attraction of Frank Ayres' reception into full communion in the Church – a joyful family experience for his daughter and son-in-law who regularly attend at 9:30.

Pastor's report (cont'd.)

- *In general, weekly collections are not as good as they should be. Easter collection was decent but about \$5,000 short of budget. Budgeting for next year includes replacement of roof (may be postponed) and needed sewer work.
- *Cardinal George is promoting a five-year Strategic Pastoral Plan 2011-2016 to increase enthusiasm and growth of faith in parishes through the Archdiocese. The Plan begins July 2011 with focus on the Year of Teens and Young Adults. Our effort, with Cindy, will be to try to organize some sessions for youth to attend.
[The difficulties of forming a youth group were discussed. It was suggested SPA try to link up with a neighboring parish where teens may already have friends.]
- *Father Robert Barron, founder of Word on Fire Ministries in Chicago, has been working for years to produce a 10-part series, "Catholicism". WTTW will broadcast four of the segments. The DVD set includes a study guide. We are thinking of running it this Fall between two Masses, after 9:30 and 11:45. It should be a chance to communicate Catholicism. Fr. Barron's website, www.wordonfire.org.
- *SPA's "Movable Feast" will be repeated this year at Sunset Ridge CC, an October or November date to be determined. Buggie O'Grady will be lining up hosts for pre-dinner visits. Donations and gift certificates are appreciated.
- *June 12 the Parish PIGNic for all the family following 11:45 Mass in the Meadow.

Deacon's Report

Msgr. reported for Deacon Bob Puhala, who is working on the May 15 ordination of twelve deacons at Holy Name Cathedral:

Tue. May 24 SPA Altar servers will be treated to a CUBS game at Wrigley Field.

Outgoing Pastoral Council members: Annmarie Gesualdo, Tom McCabe, Mary Claps and John Graf were thanked for faithful service.

Msgr. Dempsey gave the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 12, 2011.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Claps, Secretary

Approved: July 12, 2011

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Council
SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

Submitted by
 Annmarie Gesualdo
 May 10, 2011

Spiritual Life Commission met on Monday, March 7, 2011 & May 2, 2011

ALTAR CARE	Margaret Lenhart Janet Lyman	Altar colors change from Ordinary time(green) to Lenten Season(purple); Easter season (gold);
ALTAR SERVERS	Donna Falzone Deacon Bob Msgr. Dempsey	Donna is preparing the Lenten and Holy Week server schedule. Thanks to all servers for participation during Triduum and Easter. Server's outing to Wrigley Field on May 24 th (Mets game)
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	Cathy Stegich	Lenten schedules are available to all Eucharistic ministers. Monica Gayton, Alison Schroeder, Reggie Ciesel and Paula Greening are substitute Eucharistic ministers.
ALTAR FLOWERS	Maureen Claps Mary Claps Barb Howard Cathy Stegich Ellie Beilmann	Flowers for Lent will include pussy willows. St. Patrick's Day special green carnations. Laetare Sunday, Feast of the Annunciation, Holy Thursday and Easter treated as special flower occasions. Many compliments were received on Easter Flowers.
LECTORS	Dan Seeberg	Scott McCallum, Agnes Byrne and Marylou Colfer are new Lectors. Congratulations!
MUSIC MINISTRY	Brent Weiland	Music ministers practicing new music for Lent and Triduum liturgies. Brent thanked all music participants for the extra practice for Triduum, Easter, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Contemporary Group welcomes Diane Dolan. Angelicus sang beautifully on Easter Sunday. Summer choir will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays beginning June 19th. All singers are welcome to participate.
USHERS/GREETERS	Patrick O'Donoghue Stan Smith	Need ushers for 7:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays. Thank you Stan Smith for the fire on Easter Vigil.

✠ Thank you to all who participated in World Day of Prayer on March 4th hosted by St. Philip the Apostle Church. Attendance included participants from Northfield Community Church, Episcopal Church of St. James the Less, and Lutheran Church of the Ascension as well as St. Philip the Apostle Church. Enthusiasm for the day of ecumenical prayer was celebrated and new friendships emerged.

- † **Spiritual Life Commission agreed that all ministries could include more participants. In order to increase our numbers the commission decided to dedicate a month with recruiting focus on a specific Mass. In March all focus for new recruits will be on the 5:30 p.m. Mass. April – 7:30 a.m. Mass; May – 9:30 a.m. Mass; June – 11:45 a.m. Mass.**

- † **March 14, 15 & 16 7:00 p.m.-Lenten Mission with Rev. John Chrzan, Assoc. Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross in Park Ridge.**

- † **Special thanks to Jane Karol for hosting Confirmation and Easter Vigil receptions. Thank you to Caroline Duppler for hosting the First Communion reception.**

- † **Annmarie Gesualdo's term expires as representative to Parish Pastoral Council. Patrick O'Donoghue will represent the Spiritual Life Commission to the Parish Council beginning July, 2011 meeting.**

- † **Spiritual Life Commission meets on August 29, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Parish Social Room.**

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Education Commission Report

May 10, 2011 Submitted by Kathleen Acott

Adult Catechesis:

- RCIA/adult inquiry classes have concluded for this year.
- Bible study of the Gospel of Matthew has concluded for the year. A new study will begin in the fall and will meet on Thursday mornings.
- The Bible study group that previously met on Wednesday evenings will be doing the Fr. Baron video series this fall.

Parish Religious Education Program:

- The eighth graders were confirmed on Friday April 15th.
- The second graders made their First Holy Communion on Sunday May 1st.
- PREP has concluded for the academic year. The last session was April 17th.
- Plans are beginning to have a family lunch after the first session of PREP in the fall to welcome back or greet new families.

Catechetical Advisory Board:

- The CAB meeting of 4.3.11 was well attended. Buggie O'Grady was chosen to be the new chairperson and Kathleen Acott was chosen to be secretary.
- The speaker series for next year, Points of Unity and Divergence between Protestantism, Islam and Judaism will happen in the spring. The time of these talks was suggested to be after 9:30 mass instead of after 11:45 with the goal of improving attendance.
- In the fall there will be a video series by Fr. Robert Baron on Catholicism. The series will be shown on 10 Sunday's at 10:30 in the parish social room.
- It was suggested to have The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit occur at St. Philip's. It is a one day exhibit of 30 posters that would be set up in the gym.
- Vacation Bible School will run June 13-18th in the convent. There are still a few slots open for campers. The theme this year is Son Surf Beach Blast and focuses on having a relationship with Christ.
- A pot luck dinner for the whole parish is in consideration.
- The Pignic is scheduled for June 12th. All families and parishioners are welcome.
- It was suggested to add a place on the parish website for links to songs that we sing throughout the year (ex. St. Joseph's in Wilmette).

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HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT
May 10, 2011
Submitted by Mary Claps

New Pastoral Council representative:

Regina Ceisel has accepted the nomination to serve the next term of office on the Pastoral Council representing Human Concerns Commission as of July 2011.

Ministers of Care Committee:

*Maryhaven weekly visits continue.

*Apr. 10 – Betsy Dorsey delivered blessed palm crosses for Palm Sunday distribution to residents and families, continuing a tradition begun by Donna Falzone (Rel.Ed.Office) through a purchase from African Palms USA.

*Apr. 13 – Representing SPA, Maureen Claps, Betsy Dorsey and Lynn Hughes attended Maryhaven's "thank-you" luncheon for volunteers.

Sharing Parish – St. Benedict the African East:

*Re: Summer gift card collection (same as last year). John Meade asks if this is agreeable with PPC.

Respect Life Committee:

See April 17, 2011 Report attached.

St. Benedict the African East Report (Human Concerns Commission)

To: Mary Claps" MoMaClaps@att.net From John Meade

This is the report for the May 10th Parish Council Meeting.

I have been in communication with the good Sisters at SBAE and discussed St. Philip's annual contribution to SBAE's summer rummage sale. They would very much like to have another sale this summer and have already picked out the week of July 18th to prepare for the sale which would be held on the following weekend.

I trust that SPA as a parish will again be willing to collect for those in need in at SBAE and in the Englewood community. The items desired are the same as in prior years which includes gently used shoes and clothing, kitchen goods, small appliances. Sister Mary said that there is a big demand for jewelry items and televisions which we have not provided in the past. She also suggested that unclaimed clothing left with local cleaners was a big hit with the people as that was supplied by another sharing parish for the winter rummage sale. We may want to consider that as well.

I assume that as a parish SPA will continue this worthwhile outreach to our sharing parish with a collection in June. Judy and I will be in contact with Geoff about dates and possible rewording of the announcement for the bulletin so that jewelry and televisions are included in the announcement this year.

John Meade

5/8/11

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Parish Life Report
May 10th Meeting

Hospitality Committee--

- Host to the Choral Concert reception during the month of December.
- Hospitality asked to host 3 nights of light refreshments (in a row) after the Lenten series. Was not able due to personal/work demands (We are not a large committee) I would question asking hospitality to do this in the future. Needs to be re-evaluated.
- Hosted Easter vigil. Although very late in the evening, it was a nice turnout. Wish more people had come to mass.
- Hospitality will participate in the next "Moveable Feast" for SPA. First meeting Monday, May 9th.

Men's Club--

- Currently plans are under way for the SPA Golf Outing on June 20th @ Wilmette Golf Club with Mike Sollitt & Gerry Schroeder Chairing this event.

Women's Guild--

- Had SPA Fashion Show and luncheon at North Shore Country Club which honored past Guild Officers and, the final Women's Guild event for the year. Attendance was up from last year from 70 to 102 women. Fashions were provided by Country Classics, Fresh Ideas and Gigi's Closette. It was a lovely afternoon; in addition, the Women's Guild is going to make a donation through Catholic Charities to help the tornado victims.

We are currently looking for new Guild officers.

Thanks, MJ Murnane

Women's Guild Officers for 2010-11 Anne Buxton, Jeanne Doherty, Trish Zweryicki, Beth Padgett, and MJ Murnane