

## **St. Philip the Apostle**

### **Parish Pastoral Council Agenda**

**November 8, 2011**

Opening Prayer: Deacon Bob Puhala

- Approval of September 13, 2011 minutes

#### **Commission reports:**

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| • Spiritual Life Commission | Patrick O'Donoghue |
| • Education Commission      | Kathleen Acott     |
| • Human Concern             | Regina Ceisel      |
| • Parish Life Commission    | Anne Buxton        |
| • Pastor's Report           |                    |
| • Deacon's Report           |                    |

#### **Other:**

- Visiting parishioner?
- New items?

Closing Prayer: Msgr. Dempsey

Adjournment

**Next Pastoral Council Date**

Tuesday, January 10, 2011

## **St. Philip the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council**

November 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Denise D. Waltz, Liz Harvey, Michael Koberda, Cindy Morales, Regina Ceisel, Anne Buxton, Geoff Pautsch, Msgr. Robert J. Dempsey, Kathleen Acott, Patrick O'Donoghue.

Absent: Betsy Dorsey, Bob Ribordy, Deacon Bob Puhala.

Regina Ceisel called the meeting to order at 7:35 and Msgr. Dempsey gave the opening prayer.

September meeting minutes – need to amend calling meeting to order and call to adjourn.  
Amended minutes approved.

### **Commission Reports:**

#### Spiritual Life Commission – Patrick O'Donoghue

- There was no report because the Spiritual Life Commission has not met since early September. The committee is scheduled to meet November 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### Education Commission – Kathleen Acott

- Adult bible study is underway with 15+ participating in the study of Hebrews and James.
- There are approximately 5-10 who attend the Thursday evening showing of The Catholicism Project.
- PREP is running smoothly.
- Work continues with regard to formulation of a youth group and youth ministry. Service opportunities are available for jr. high and high school students on a monthly basis. Scheduling events continues – the Great America trip in October was well attended, a ski trip is planned for February 3-4 at Chestnut Mountain in Galena.
- A gathering/party to be held 2-4 times per year to welcome members to the parish is under construction. The Women's Guild has offered to help host along with Hospitality and Denise Waltz, who currently welcomes new parishioners with a gift basket.
- The Catholicism Project Video series will be available for viewing in the reading corner in the convent.

#### Human Concerns – Regina Ceisel

- The ministry fair brought an additional member to the team at Maryhaven Nursing Home. Visits continue Sunday-Saturdays.

- Adoration on First Friday's was covered in September and October. September 27<sup>th</sup>, our day to cover 40 days for life with St. Norbert, all 24 hours were covered.
- Donations were collected during October for the Women's Center.
- The Respect Life pot-luck dinner was held October 18<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.
- St. Benedict the African is in great need of donations during the Advent and Christmas seasons – especially gift cards to grocery stores, CTA passes, Target, Walmart, etc. They rely heavily upon our generosity.

#### Parish Life – Anne Buxton

- Men's Club: Upcoming events; Ringling Brother's Barnum and Bailey Circus - Saturday November 12, Cards for Charity - January 28, 2012, and a bus to a Wolves game – date TBD. The circus and Wolves game costs include bus transportation and ticket.
- Hospitality: Jane Karol and Kelly Schroeder deserve great applause for organization and coordination of the drinks and light refreshments each Sunday during the viewing of The Catholicism Project at 10:45. There are 3 more weeks of the series.
- Women's Guild: a) The Pancake breakfast preparations are well underway. Committees are assigned and working closely with Carol and Geoff. Tickets will be on sale soon. b) The Women's Guild will coordinate the Spaghetti dinner in January – MJ Murnane, Karen Umlauf, and Cindy Morales will chair. Under consideration is whether to charge a nominal fee per family. c) The St. Joseph's Table is planned for the spring again. d) In an effort to improve communication Peggy Thordarson, Susie Turk, and Marsha Balsamo are working to compile a list of email addresses for Women's Guild members and the parish at large, thus allowing for online newsletters and email blasts. Traditional mailing would continue to be available for those without email. e) For the Movable Feast communication was available through email. Attendance, underwriter support, and profits were down from last year. The event netted approximately \$30,000, down from \$35,000 in 2010. Although the overhead is lower than a traditional dinner dance the cost per person remains the bulk of the cost of attendance – this year it was approximately \$70 per person actual costs for the dinner. Raffle participation was also down this year and there was not a silent auction at all.

#### Pastor's Report – Msgr. Dempsey

- The English translation of the mass changes will begin the last weekend in November. The weekend before, November 19-20, Msgr. Dempsey will speak at each mass about the changes during the homily. A booklet for further reading will be available to each family as desired. The ushers will hand out the materials.
- The Archdiocese counts the number of attendees at masses in the month of October. The live body count at St. Philip the Apostle was down 2% this year, which amounts to approximately 11 people per weekend or 2-3 people per mass. This is the first drop in the

numbers at St. Philip in several years. The numbers were down all across the Archdiocese, they have been dropping 1-2% per year for the last several years.

- RCIA meetings will not be held on Monday evenings due to the low attendance. There will be private instruction going on with Msgr. Dempsey and those interested.
- Chair couple for the Movable Feast for 2012 is needed. A date needs to be chosen as well and a club booked for the dinner.

Regina Ceisel called the meeting to close at 8:30 and gave the closing prayer.  
The next meeting will be January 10, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Acott, Recording Secretary

Approved: January 10, 2012

## Minutes from November 14, 2011 Spiritual Life Commission Meeting

Present: Monsignor Dempsey, Annmarie Gesualdo, Patrick O'Donoghue, Maureen Claps, Dan Seeberg Margaret Lenhart, Brent Weiland

Absent: Deacon Bob Puhala, Cathy Stegich

Minutes from August 29, 2011 were approved with corrections.

### Altar Care-Margaret Lenhart

- ✠ Altar colors change from green to white for Christ the King.
- ✠ November 27<sup>th</sup> altar colors change to Purple for Advent.
- ✠ Prepare altar for Advent including Advent Wreath.

### Altar Servers-Deacon Bob and Monsignor

- ✠ Prep parents received letters inviting their children to serve as altar servers.
- ✠ Msgr. Dempsey and Deacon Puhala invited children personally to become altar servers by visiting prep classes.
- ✠ Welcome two new servers – Kathleen Graff and Nick Spencer.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion-Cathy Stegich

- ✠ Business as usual.

### Altar Flowers-Maureen Claps

- ✠ Special thanks to Fran Reynolds for beautiful flowers for All Saints Day-November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✠ Flowers for Christmas are ordered. (West End, Edward's and LD Trading)
- ✠ Flowers for December 8<sup>th</sup> (Immaculate Conception) and December 12<sup>th</sup>(Gaudete) will be provided.

### Lectors-Dan Seeberg

- ✠ New Lectors –John Morales, Bill Kirk and Scott McCallum.
- ✠ Lessons and Carols readers are requested to contact Dan Seeberg for assignments.

### Music-Brent Weiland

- ✠ Brent is recruiting Angelicus choristers at Prep Classes.
- ✠ New Roman Mass sung parts are gaining acceptance among the congregation.
- ✠ Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>; Publicity for the event in process.
- ✠ Third Roman Missal created a revised edition of WORSHIP & GATHER books; Brent suggested new Worship and Gather books which cost \$15-\$20 per copy be supported by parishioners through donations program of memorializing. Donations may be given “in memory of” or “in honor of” to defray the costs of replacing hymnals; Brent is currently creating the details of the plan for new hymnals.

## 2-Minutes of SLC meeting 11-14-2011

### Ushers-Patrick O'Donoghue

- ✠ New ushers include Richard Merzak and Joe Waltz.
- ✠ Patrick is currently securing leaders for each weekend Mass. Leaders can choose ushers for their individual Mass.

### Deacon Bob

- ✠ Advent Reflections on Mondays during Advent. Focus New Roman Missal.

### Monsignor Dempsey

- ✠ Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> –Parish Penance Service.
- ✠ RCIA- includes one response. (private instruction)
- ✠ Thanksgiving-Cathy Stegich and Caroline Duppler to coordinate Food offering and procession.
- ✠ Monsignor speaks at all Masses on the theory of translations of the new Roman Missal; Ushers pass out new Roman Missal guide books to all parishioners
- ✠ New Mass Cards provided by parish will be found at the end of each pew for reference and use at Mass. (new text will be shown in red)
- ✠ Fr. Barron's series went well; Rima Abraham donated a copy of the "Catholicism" series to the Library for parishioners to sign out for viewing at home.
- ✠ Advent wreath should be set up by November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ✠ October Mass Attendance count is missing numbers from approximately 100 parishes in the Archdiocese. Figures at SPA down approximately 2% or a drop of 11 people. (Number of deaths in 2011 may account for the drop.) Attendance at Prep Masses overall good.
- ✠ December 8<sup>th</sup> Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass schedule-6:30 a.m.; 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- ✠ Christmas Mass Schedule-December 24<sup>th</sup> -4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; December 25<sup>th</sup>- 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
- ✠ New Years Eve-December 31<sup>st</sup>-5:30 p.m.; January 1<sup>st</sup>- 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:45a.m.
- ✠ February 22, 2012 is Ash Wednesday.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

### Future SLC meetings (Please mark your calendars with dates)

- ✠ January 9, 2012
- ✠ March 5, 2012
- ✠ May 7, 2012
- ✠ August 27, 2012

**Respectfully submitted,  
Annmarie Gesualdo**

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

Education Commission Report

November 8, 2011

Adult Catechesis:

- Adult inquiry/RCIA classes began in October with Msgr. Dempsey.
- Thursday morning bible study began in September. The study this year is Hebrews and James. There are new participants which brings the number to 15+.
- Thursday evening's The Catholicism Project is being shown for those unable to attend Sunday morning. There are 5-10 who attend.

Parish Religious Education Program:

- PREP classes are running smoothly.

Youth:

- Service opportunities for middle and high school students – Catholic Charities soup kitchen in Des Plaines on Thursday evening serving dinner. Franciscan Mission to pass out food on the first Saturday morning of the month. Drivers are available to transport interested students. More drivers are needed and Virtus training is required.
- 21 junior high and high school students attended the Great America trip on October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- February 3-4 is a planned ski trip to Chestnut Mountain in Galena for high school students.
- Building a youth group that meets regularly is under consideration. Catholic identity and good catechesis are the main tenets.

Catechetical Advisory Board:

- The CAB meeting on November 1<sup>st</sup> was well attended.
- The spring speaker series is still in need of speakers. A panel discussion vs. 3 separate talks is being looked at.
- The spaghetti dinner set for January 6, 2012 is being taken over by the Women's Guild.
- It is suggested that a new member gathering be held each quarter to welcome those who are new to St. Philip the Apostle parish.
- The Reading Corner in the convent continues to be available to any parishioner every Sunday. All materials are available for reading on site or can be taken home.
- The next CAB meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2012.

Report submitted by Kathleen Acott.

## HUMAN CONCERN COMMISSION

### MINISTERS OF CARE REPORT (Sept-Oct)

1. Welcome Elizabeth Alitto, a new team member at Maryhaven Nursing Home
2. Visits to Maryhaven continue Sun-Sat.
3. Fran Reynolds makes home visits to Theresa Curcio.
4. St. Francis Xavier Parish, Wilmette, announces a Nov. 8 (7-9 pm) presentation by author Paul Wilkes, titled "Being and Bringing Christ to the Vulnerable, the Sick and the Dying".

### RESPECT LIFE REPORT (Sept.-Oct.)

1. Adoration hours on first Fridays, Sept 2 and Oct.7 were covered.
2. Friday, Sept 27, was our day to cover for 40 days for Life with St. Norbert. All 24 hours were covered.
3. Mary Lou Osterberg was our speaker on September 27 on "Understanding Dementia".
4. Donations were collected during the month of October for the Women's Center.
5. Our pot-luck dinner was held Oct. 18 in the multi-purpose room.
6. We are considering studying either Redemptoris Hominis or Catechesi Tradendae in our future meetings.

### ST. BENEDICT THE AFRICAN (No report)

Reports for Women's Guild, Men's Guild and Hospitality as Follows:

Men's Guild

Circus on 11/12/11

Cards for Charity on 1/28/12

Wolves Game TBD

Hospitality Update

Jane Karol and Kelly Schroeder provided Parishoners in the Social Room for the 10 week Series by Rev. Robert Barron with refreshments and light snacks. A lot of preparation

Women's Guild

We are strong in the process of the Pancake Breakfast with Committees assigned in all aspects working closely with Geoff and Carol

Suggestion

Please send these reports to Carol Brown, Secretary to the Parish, as she could then be aware of these updates, and ideally compile them in a file going forward