

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting March 10, 2009

Present: Msgr. Robert Dempsey, Deacon Bob Puhala, Bob Snediker, Cathy Stegich, Mary Claps, Rima Abraham, Annmarie Gesualdo, John Graf, Tom McCabe, MJ Murnane, Geoff Pautsch.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Snediker. Mary Claps gave the opening prayer.

On motion by Geoff Pautsch, seconded by Tom McCabe, minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting were approved as corrected.

Spiritual Life Commission Report was submitted by Annmarie Gesualdo.

The main focus is on Holy Week and the Triduum. Lectors are needed and should contact Dan Seeberg. New altar servers have been trained. Monday evening Lenten Reflections are going well, with Vespers at 6:45 p.m. followed by Soup and Scripture 7:15-8:15 in the convent with Deacon Bob Puhala.

*Reconciliation service, March 31, 7 p.m.

*Confirmation scheduled for April 19 at 4 p.m. (Seventh Grade prepares reception).

*Speaker scheduled for May 7, 7:30 p.m. "An Evening with St. Paul" [see Deacon's report].

*Next SLC meeting April 20, 7 p.m. in the Convent.

Education Commission Report was submitted by Rima Abraham.

Bible Study groups completed Book of Revelation, to be followed by a five-session study and critique of the "left behind" theories of the protestant denominations.

SPA was represented at World Day of Prayer service held March 6th at St. James the Less Episcopal Church by Cathy Stegich, Annmarie Gesualdo and MJ Murnane, who said it was a good experience and who were well impressed with the service, place and people.

Religious Education (PREP) reports Faith in Action food drive for Catholic Charities in March plus Operation Rice Bowl to benefit CRS during Lent. Seventh and eighth grades visited Catholic Charities soup kitchen and sponsored dinner.

Sacrament of Reconciliation took place Feb. 7 for 2nd graders.

Retreat for 8th graders Feb. 24 at Marytown was attended by all confirmandi.

Retreat for 7th graders Mar. 10 at Techny.

*April 26 the final program for PREP school activity titled, "Are You Smarter than a PREP Student?" PREP parents to be chosen as contestants.

*Vacation Bible School scheduled for week of June 15-19. Theme explores "Discovery Canyon", a place of games, crafts and skits.

Catechetical Advisory Board (CAB) meeting Feb. 22 focused on preparing for April 26 program. PREP students from each class will master a set of 25 questions. Purpose is for catechists to review highlights of the year with students and familiarize parents with syllabus, using a popular game format.

Youth Minister Linda Couri has scheduled a March 17th meeting with the High School Youth Group and hopes to meet with the Junior High Youth Group before the end of the year. Linda reports having spent quite a bit of time with Cindy Morales restructuring the youth retreats that

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have taken place. They are reassessing retreat goals and accomplishments in order to create a more rewarding experience for participants.

Human Concerns Commission report was submitted by Mary Claps.

Sharing Parish – St. Benedict the African East:

On February 1, John Meade and Judy, accompanied by Joe and Terri Salazar delivered the balance of Christmas gifts, for a total of \$3,670.

On March 1, John and a group of approx. twenty from SPA attended 10:30 Mass at SBAE. The Council approved John's request to sponsor collection and transport of goods for SBAE'S July rummage sale, as was done last summer, contingent on space availability. Msgr. Dempsey pointed out that because of school commitments, there is only one week in June when the gym can be used for collection and distribution. Contacts for John Meade are: Bob Snediker, John Graf (transport) and Cathy Stegich, who has a list of volunteer workers from last year. John Meade should handle publicity.

Respect Life Committee :

New business includes: a May baby shower, Donut Sundays (will work with the Women's Guild), Quality of Life speaker, Fr. Tim Fiala, a parish calendar of events, attendance at Mindszenty Conference April 4, pizza supper April 1, summer meeting at Cathy Milligan's.

Diana Scheeler and Marjery Fejes will supply and stock items such as Jason Evert tapes, pro-life pamphlets, etc. in the vestibule for parishioners.

Next meeting, March 11.

Parish Life Commission Report was submitted by John Graf.

Men's Club - Feb. 28 "Cards for Charity" attendance was greater than last year. Receipts 50% of last year's. Three charities involved. Unused raffle items can be used at June 15th golf outing.

Women's Guild – MJ reported 25 attended an enjoyable Fondue Night Jan. 29.

April 25 Luncheon will feature guest Barbara Rinella, who will give a dramatic reading.

Hospitality Committee - John Graf reported that Caroline Duppler will no longer be heading up the Hospitality Committee. Bob Snediker received an e-mail letter from her which provided historical background, details of her efforts, and suggestions for changes. Caroline indicated in the note that she will assist with this year's Easter Vigil. Council discussed the need for clarifying the tasks of this committee as to variety of parish functions. Msgr. Dempsey commented that sacramental occasions should be kept simple. John Graf volunteered to be the point person to work out a definition. Cathy Stegich also will work on it to determine : 1) job description (not just women); 2) calendar of events; 3) mission statement.

Bob commented and it was agreed that Caroline had done a great job and was appreciated.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Msgr. Dempsey reported good attendance at all Ash Wednesday services; Sunday Mass attendance not as good. Lenten Vespers attendance light [MJ asked, "what is Vespers?" and suggested issuing more information outlining the service].

The building project is underway again. Workmen are now able to install pipework for plumbing and sprinkler system. They can lay slabs for floors and then walls. Pray that the weather cooperates.

(Pastor's Report, cont'd.)

Collections are not overwhelming. Total collections, Sundays, holy days, special collections are 3 or 4% off budget. The loss to the archdiocesan investment portfolio has been 20%, which is considerably less than the average of 30-40%. Annual Appeal results should be known by mid-March. Archdiocesan salaries are frozen for one full year. As to SPA financial situation, we have to be careful but are hanging in there. *Temple Jeremiah sponsors an annual Golder Interfaith Lecture series. This year's presentation: "How Our Traditions Deal with Diversity" will be held Saturday, May 2 at 8 p.m., is open to the public and will feature Cardinal George on the panel. [Msgr. Dempsey represents St. Philip's on the interfaith committee: Catholic, Jewish, Protestant, Muslim.]

DEACON'S REPORT:

Deacon Bob Puhala distributed packets of information outlining the SPAP PC Nominations and Election process, with sample announcements and bulletin copy as well as forms available for distribution. Tentative dates as follows:

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| March 15 | PPC voting announcement from chair – three PPC seats to open, each three-year commitments |
| March 22 and 29 | Voting announcements/process from chair/in bulletin/nomination forms available web/church/rectory |
| April 4 | Nominations deadline |
| April 5 | NomCom contacts noms/comments for publication/digital photo |
| April 13 | Deadline for above |
| April 19 and 26 | Nominees in the bulletin |
| May 3 and 10 | Voting |
| May 12 | NomCom counts votes, reports results to pastor |
| May 17 | Announcement of winners |
| July 1 | Newly elected members vested in PPC seats, terms begin |
| Sep 13, 20 or 27 | Installation and blessing of new PPC members, and blessing of all PPC members |

Note: nomination forms are available on website.

- **May 7, 2009** at 7:30 p.m. is the date/time for *An Evening with St. Paul*, presented by Rev. James McIlhone, S.T.L., Ph.D., Associate Academic Dean, and Chairperson and Professor in the Department of Biblical Exegesis and Proclamation at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary .
For liturgical ministers and anyone interested.
- **Nov. 5, 2009** at 7:30 p.m. is the date/time for *The Liturgy of the Hours in a Parish Setting* (working title, I presume) presented by the Rev. Douglas Martis, Ph.D., S.T.D., Director of the Liturgical Institute, Chairperson of the Department of Worship, and Associate Professor in the Department of Systematic Theology and the Department of Worship at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in Mundelein.
For entire parish.
- Lent in the Year of St. Paul – Mondays, March 16, 23, 30, following Vespers.
- Stations – Fridays in Lent (excluding Good Friday), 7 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Progress report on **River Day, Sat. May 9**. Bob Snediker reported requesting logos, photos, posters for promotion of the event; will seek permission from the Village Manager to display promo on Community Events Sign. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, school principals, Superintendent at Middlefork to be notified that this is a great opportunity to build community spirit, a teaching opportunity as well. Public Works to be contacted re: chipper. Liability issues, insurance coverage to be determined. Permission slips must be signed by parents of children under 18. Contacts to be made include: Christian Heritage, Loyola track team, New Trier, Avoca Marie Murphy. After receiving word from Caitlin Bolton (FOCR) that grant money is available, Bob applied for a \$500 grant.

Parish Sign update: Geoff reported Village Building Dept. has okayed the 36 sq.ft. size. Geoff is waiting for design proof from contractor.

Census update: Geoff reported 136 letters were sent to those over age 18. Four respondents asked to be registered as parish family; two families asked to be removed from list. Total number purged from system: 128.

Geoff said progress on census has been delayed. He will have back surgery March 20 and will be off work for two weeks. He plans to send information sheet to every parish family requesting update plus a list of parish ministries, asking them to indicate interest in serving. In answer to John's question: Once this is done, when would it have to be repeated? He said, five years. PREP program with children would be included in census, as well as Vacation Bible School (D.Falzone has data).

Bob Snediker raised the question of a parish Retreat for men/women? Annmarie noted this subject to be discussed at the April 20th Spiritual Life Committee meeting.

Cathy asked about progress on a Master Calendar - referred to Geoff. Add to next meeting agenda.

May 19-20 Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe–LaCrosse:
Tom presented a colorful display poster and handed out registration forms.

Next meeting: **Tuesday, May 12, 2009.**

Rima gave the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Claps, Secretary

Date approved:

St. Philip the Apostle Parish Council
SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

Submitted by
 Annmarie Gesualdo
 May 12, 2009

Spiritual Life Commission met on Monday, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the convent.

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| ALTAR CARE COMMITTEE | Margaret Lenhart | Altar Care and vestments maintained for post Easter Season. |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Donna Falzone Deacon Bob Msgr. Dempsey | Altar Server schedule prepared through July 11th/12 th . Altar Server's Wrigley Field Cubs outing Wednesday, May 13, 2009. |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | Cathy Stegich | Eucharistic Schedules prepared through summer. |
| FLOWER CARE COMMITTEE | Maureen Claps | Flowers will be provided each Sunday in May and June. Special Liturgy programs for congregation were prepared for Paschal Triduum. |
| LECTORS | Dan Seeberg | Lector schedule prepared through summer 2009. New Lectors are welcome. |
| MUSIC MINISTRY | Brent Weiland | Special thanks for full participation in the Paschal Triduum by all musicians. Planning in process for future liturgies. |
| USHERS/GREETERS | Stan Smith | Retired Ushers are Marlan Slaywin and Ed Konwinski. Special thanks for many years of service to Paul Neidringhaus who begins a new journey in a new parish. Bob Ribordy & Charlie Orth assigned to 9:30 mass. Welcome new 11:45 usher J.P. Harvey! |

Monday Evening Lenten Reflections –led by Deacon Bob Puhala. All 6 meetings were well attended.

Evening with St Paul –Rev. James McIlhone, S.T.L., Ph.D. will speak on **St. Paul** on May 7th at 7:30 pm. in the Church. Refreshments follow presentation in vestibule of Church. All parishioners and guests are welcome to attend.

“Retreats for St. Philip the Apostle parishioners” (subcommittee of SLC will investigate retreats, also, preparing written parish survey of interest in retreats for June 7th.)

***Anyone interested in an immediate date for retreat participation may see the addendum to SLC report to PPC.

Next SLC meeting June 1, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the convent.

■ **RETREATS (open to individuals-call to reserve place)**

Day of Recollection for Religious: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. May 2, with a Salesian priest, at St. Mary of Providence, 4200 N. Austin, RSVP to Sr. Ann Schaffer, (773) 545-8300, Ext. 307.

Life's Healing Weekend: May 8-10, an opportunity to renew one's life. sponsored by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, at Marytown Retreat Center, 1600 W. Park, Libertyville, call (630) 892-2371 to register.

Silent Ignatian Retreat: spiritual exercises for men, May 29-31, talks, Mass, confession, rosary, personal conference with Miles Christi priests, at Marytown, 1600 W. Park, Libertyville, call Ed at (847) 392-2964.

Morning of Recollection: 7:30 a.m. May 2 confessions, 8 a.m. high Mass, breakfast, 9:30 a.m. conference on "Mary, Mother of the Church," 10:30 a.m. adoration, at Shrine of Christ the King, 6415 S. Woodlawn, (773) 363-7409.

Summer Retreats: for personal renewal, begins Sunday afternoons, concludes following Friday afternoon, at The Well, 1515 W. Ogden, LaGrange Park, call (708) 482-5088 to make individual arrangements.

Source: Catholic New World Internet Edition(April 26th thru May 9th)

St Philip the Apostle Parish Pastoral Council

Education Commission Report

Meeting of May 12, 2009

Submitted by Rima Abraham

Adult Catechesis

- ❖ The Vespers, our Lenten devotions this year, featured community gathering for evening prayer according to the office of the Church. This practice makes it possible to experience the peace that is grounded in offering prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God, at the end of the day.
- ❖ Soup and Scripture gatherings during lent, included a special feature, this year of St. Paul; by centering on the Sunday Gospel plus a link to three of the letters of St Paul: Philippians, 2 Corinthians and Romans.
- ❖ Rev. James McIlhone, S.T.L., Ph.D. will give a lecture: "Introduction to St Paul, the Man and His Works". Thursday May 7.
- ❖ 'Summer with the Saints' movies on Tuesdays begin June 2nd. On the list this year: Therese the Little Flower, Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day, Padre Pio, Gianna Molla and Corrie Ten Boom.

Bible Study

Starting this coming September, Bible Study groups will cover the book of Exodus.

Other

- ❖ The annual Golder Interfaith Lecture at Temple Jeremiah was scheduled for Saturday May 2. This year's Panel Discussion: "How Our Traditions Deal with Diversity" was moderated by Clarence Page, with Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I. as one of the panelists.

Religious Education (PREP)

- ❖ 4th and 5th grade teachers arranged to have their classes receive the Sacrament of Penance during Lent this year.
- ❖ Confirmation took place on Sunday the 19th of April, Bishop Rassas presiding. We had 18 Confirmadi.
- ❖ "Are you smarter..." game show took place the last PREP class; April 26, a lot of work went into preparing for the show. Mrs. Morales got some good feedback from people who thought it is a good idea. The kids

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however, wanted to participate more. More feedback from catechists and CAB members will come through during the coming meetings this month. All additional comments/suggestions are appreciated.

- ❖ First Holy Communion day was May 3rd, initial comments: "all went well".
- ❖ Catechists' end of the year meeting is scheduled for May 19th.
- ❖ Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held from June 15 to 19 mornings, in the convent, for children ages 4-9. This year's theme explores 'Discovery Canyon'. 30 students have registered so far, which was the maximum acceptance in previous years.

Youth Ministry

A movie night is planned for 7th and 8th graders for Sunday May 3rd 'to hang out' and talk about plans for next year.

The Catechetical Advisory Board (CAB)

The final CAB meeting this year is scheduled for May 5th. Discussion will center on improvements for next year all comments/suggestions welcome.

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HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION REPORT
May 12, 2009
Submitted by Mary Claps

MINISTERS OF CARE COMMITTEE:

*On April 22, Maryhaven's annual reception acknowledging services over the past year was attended by Dorothy Broccolo, Mary and Maureen Claps and Betsy Dorsey.

*Committee continues weekly visits to Maryhaven Nursing Home.

*Weekly home visits continue to: Marlan Slaywin (MaryClaps); Rita Dillon (Barb Ringley).

SHARING PARISH COMMITTEE (St. Benedict the African East):

See John Meade's report of 4/26 re: Rummage Sale collection at SPA June 15-20. He has written a bulletin announcement for May issues. He asks for support from volunteers.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE Report (from Pat Catarello):

March 11, old business concerned bulletin announcements for the next two months. New business is the Baby Shower in May, the Catholic Rally in Springfield, Dignatas Personae talks, Abortion mill Rosary initiative on the third Saturday, and the pizza supper after our April 1 meeting.

We addressed the Red Envelopes for that Campaign at this meeting and planned our strategies for the defeat of House Bill 23544, Illinois' FOCA.

April 1 Respect Life considered HB 2354, the May Baby Shower, and the lineup for the Mother's Day weekend Flower Sale. All Masses are covered for May 9 and 10.

We adjourned for our Pizza supper.

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Report re St. Benedict the African

Sunday, April 26, 2009 8:51 PM

From: "John Meade" <jmmeade2000@yahoo.com>

To: "Mary Claps" <MoMaClaps@att.net>

This is to report on interaction with St. Benedict the African over the past two months.

I have had communication with Sister Mary regarding St. Philip contributing goods for our sharing parish's summer rummage sale. Our collection dates will be June 15 to 20. St. Benedict will hold their rummage sale July 10th, 11th and 12th. She said that the items we provided them with last year were very helpful and that they will take anything we have. I assume that the PPC will make arrangements to have the goods transported to St. Benedict the African. I would appreciate if the women on the PPC assume the role of having the dedicated women of the parish serve as the collectors and sorters of the goods as was done last year. Keep me in the loop.

I have drafted comments for inclusion in the bulletin for the next three or four weeks and provided them to Geoff. The proposed text is printed below. Please feel free to alter as you may deem necessary and provide Geoff with any recommended changes.

St Benedict the African Rummage Sale

St. Philip's will be collecting clean, gently used clothing, baby items, household goods, small working appliances, garden tools and apartment sized furniture (no couches or beds) June 15th to 20th for St. Benedict's summer rummage sale. St. Benedict the African is our sharing parish and this rummage sale provides financial assistance to the parish and material goods for people in the Englewood community. Watch future bulletins for drop-off times.

John Meade

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Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Life Committee Re-Cap

Submitted by John Graf

May 12, 2009

1. **Men's Club**---Parish Golf Outing June 15th @ Wilmette Golf Club.
Not as extravagant as last years.

2. **Women's Guild**---

- a. They have put their Calendar together for May 09-----May'10 year.
- b. They were meeting next week to re-cap the Spring Luncheon, which seems to have been a pretty good success.
- c. They are putting a together a new slate of officers for next year, but as with all SPA Org's volunteers a hard to come by.

3. **Hospitality Committee**--- We tried on 2 separate occasions to organize some people to talk about things but, the WG was unable to attend. So we have tabled it until May when schedules are better.