

AGENDA  
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING  
September 22, 2009  
7:30 p.m. – Church Basement

*In attendance: Mgsr. Sean Cunneen, John Abreu, Margaret Lewis, Louise Timko, Christ Haight, Chris Rizzo, Peter Nizner, John Ponterio, Tracey Foley, Rich Banasiak, Kathy Mitchell, Lee Gillingham*

1. Opening prayer/sharing – John Abreu – Life of St. Augustine
2. Council Members – changes –lost one (Jeanne Cleary), added one (Ro Malfetti), one more member from Service Committee needed
3. Review of last year’s activities – John Ponterio
  - a. Mission Statement – We reach out to all through prayer and service, as we live our Catholic faith in Christ with Mary –
    - i. how can we communicate/publicize the Mission Statement?
    - ii. Everything we do should relate back to Mission Statement
  - b. Goal - Strengthen the parish community by increasing participation in the weekend liturgies, and in our ministries
  - c. By laws
  - d. Pastoral Council Report to Parish
4. Objectives – Review & Status
  - a. To hold a family-based retreat by the Spring 2010 – March 27, 2010  
Similar to Communion retreat – 20 minute sessions/projects for families with children 10 and under – with St. Bart’s as part of New Energies
  - b. To promote the parish’s image at Fanny Wood Day (10/4) and Scotch Plains Day (10/18) street fairs – decision made not to pursue this
  - c. To publicize events, Mass schedule, etc. in the media throughout the year / Peter Nizner
    - i. Does anyone know a publicist/PR
    - ii. What do we want to publicize? Youth ministry, healing Mass, Christmas schedule, Christmas concert, family retreat day, Adoration Chapel anniversary, new staff
    - iii. Where to publicize? PATCH, local papers,
    - iv. We should publicize our publicity objective, so all committees/ministries could take advantage of it
  - d. To survey our parishioners regarding preferences for music in our liturgies / Katie Wills - completed
  - e. Beginning in Fall 2009, to hold monthly fellowship gatherings after Mass / Kathy Mitchell and Margaret Lewis – rotating between 9AM, 10:30 and Noon (no 5:30 or 7:45), on the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month

9AM – 10/11 – Kathy M, Margaret, Louise (will provide volunteer from Evangelization)

10:30 AM – 11/8 – Rich,

Noon – 12/13 – John A,

- f. Create a parish map, By the end of 2010, identifying where our parishioners live / Peter Nizner / Anthony Carlino - ongoing
  - g. Create a booklet of parish ministries by the Spring of 2010/ Rich Banasiak and Tracey Foley
5. Where do we go from here?
- a. Continue to evaluate how we can reach out to and educate our parishioners
  - b. Invite Jeanne Fox to observe, brainstorm new ideas  
“Jesus played with children and taught adults, yet we teach children and play with adults”
6. Next meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 2009 7:30PM
- a. We’ll work towards creating a new goal
  - b. Peter will lead prayer/sharing