

AGENDA
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
March 23, 2010
7:30 p.m. – Church Basement

In attendance: Fr. Sean, John Abreu, Rich Banasiak, Lee Gillingham, Chris Haight, Margaret Lewis, Ro Malfetti, Kathy Mitchell, Peter Nizner, John Ponterio, Carol Rizzo, Louise Timko

1. Opening prayer/sharing – Lee Gillingham – *The Gift of Peace* by Joseph Cardinal Bernadin
2. Cluster Updates – Worship, Evangelization & Service Committees.
 - A. Worship – Holy Week planning meeting held on 3/2 – everything in place.
 - B. Evangelization – Men’s Cornerstone held on 3/13/10 – went well; Family Retreat scheduled for 3/27/10; workshop for teachers; planning meeting for women’s cornerstone scheduled for Spring 2011. Family Retreat scheduled for 3/27/10
 - C. Service – Blood drive held on 3/14/10 – went well (33 donors) despite move to change in
3. Finance Committee Update – Fr. Sean
 - a. Sign-A-Rama Proposal – sign in front of Church to be moved to a more prominent position in the middle of the front lawn, closer to the road. We will need a permit from the town to do this.
 - b. UCR Proposal – proposal for new furnace for Church came in at \$55,000 which was good given the amount of asbestos removal needed. Awaiting final permission from Archdiocese.
4. Review of Fellowship Sunday
 - a. Evaluation of March’s fellowship – March 14th
 - i. 9 am mass not well attended – 10:30 a.m. and noon well attended
 - ii. Kathy indicated that Vacarro’s will do a standing order but will not deliver because it is not a weekly order. Kathy will place the standing order as of the April Fellowship Sunday. We will need to have someone pick up the food that Sunday.
 - iii. Coordination for April Fellowship Sunday
 1. only Worship has identified its Ministry to handle Fellowship Sunday – Extraordinary Ministers
 2. Evangelization and Service to notify John immediately of which ministry of the respective committees will be handling Fellowship Sunday in April.
 3. All three committees to advise John of the three people who will be handling each mass.
 4. the April Fellowship following the 10:30am mass will be co-hosted by St. Bart’s.
 5. May’s Fellowship will proceed even though it falls on Mother’s Day but the plan is for only men to be hosts that day.

5. Sr. Donna Presentation – Faith Formation with Adults –
 - a. Look at Parish as a whole – School of Discipleship
 - i. Everything we do is to make disciples
 - ii. We are all responsible for advancing the spirit of Christ!
 - iii. Adults learn best in small groups- lead people to ask questions
 - iv. Adults interested in exploring and growing in **spirituality**
 - v. Essential Elements – Prayer – Support (means most to people) –Reflection – Learning – Participation – Mission
 - vi. What are we already doing that is great and how does it fit into Adult Faith Formation.
 - vii. What do parishioners want – survey?
 - b. Look at each ministry – ask how this is an opportunity for Faith Sharing
 - i. Each ministry meeting should have element of faith formation
 - c. Examples of faith formation –
 - i. Use Sunday liturgy to teach people –
 1. “5 Minute Thing” – speak about a topic for 5 minutes at Mass
 2. Have every parishioner in faith sharing group for Lent.
 3. Bible study – short term
 - d. How are we welcoming people to IHM –
 - i. Hospitality
 - ii. Marketing – 1st impression most important
6. Next meeting – Tuesday, April 27 – Carol to lead sharing