



Parish Pastoral Council

December 2012 PPC Meeting Minutes for Review/Comments

Our Parish Pastoral Council met on December 10th, 2012 at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Present were: Fr. Barry Moriarty, Jane Bronson, Marjorie Rice, Tom Micinski, Mark Matejka, Bert Olson and Christine Villoch.

Father Barry provided our opening prayer along with a brief comment on Newtown Connecticut.

Finance Committee Update: Jane, a member of the Finance Committee (FC), provided all with a 'Current State' of the parish's finances. Jane informed us that although not to be considered a crisis just yet, Sunday collections are down about 10%. TYOL was not as successful as hoped but rough estimates put the total at \$123,000. As a result, all capital expenditures will be put on hold for the time being and if the situation worsens, the first step would be to stop paying Archdiocese dues. Possible solutions to avert this would be to first, increase giving, enroll in automatic/give central weekly gifts and large Christmas collections. Jane mentioned Food Pantry has been a significant strain on the parish finances as well; new rules have been introduced such that each party who enters the church is provided one bag of food and not on a per ID basis. It is the parishes wish to continue serving the poor in the same manner regardless of financial strains.

Ash Wednesday/Ashes Under the El: Ash Wednesday is fast approaching, taking place on February 13th. The PPC wishes to get the word out and invite volunteers to staff this event. We discussed the possibility of staffing only the morning and event rush hours at the Armitage Brown Line. Mark suggested we have a donation box for those who want to donate. Bert will draft up an announcement before the next PPC meeting and we will plan to have sign-up sheets after the Jan 20th mass. Tom Micinski is going to locate all the signs, vests, posters etc. Burning the Palms for Ash Wednesday will take place during the Mardi Gras event.

Miscellaneous Events: Breakfast with Santa was discussed. Cuisine de Coeur and Mardi Gras will be held together given the proximity of the two events. The date is set for Saturday, February 9th.

Parish Council: Mark Matejka, Dave Wisneski and Tony Rivera are leaving the Parish Council this year. We discussed ways in which we could find others to join the PPC. We need to find roughly 8 or 10 additional people before the end of the year. We mentioned that a brief description for the bulletin in order to describe roles and responsibilities may attract others.

Next Meeting – January, 14th at 7:00pm.