

## **St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

### *Parish Pastoral Council*

#### Council Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2010

In attendance: Fr. McGinley, Fr. Rinaldi, Anthony Albence, Mark Blaschke, Furio Casale, Elaine Duggan, Jim DelGrosso, Pete Gigliotti, Barbara Marsilii, Josephine Panariello, Ben Panella, Ken Panella, Lucretia Serio, Laura van der Post

- OPENING PRAYER: Anthony called the meeting to order at 7:02PM, and asked Fr. McGinley to offer an Opening Prayer.
- FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES: Minutes of the February meeting were not available, and will be reviewed and approved at the April meeting (in addition to minutes of the March meeting).
- FINANCIAL/GENERAL UPDATES:
  - Fr. McGinley and Anthony shared that the parish's Annual Catholic Appeal goal for the year is \$69,000, a reduction from last year's goal of \$74,300. Fr. also shared that the parish did fall short of the 2009 goal, and that he will be seeking contributions to address this shortfall. Anthony shared that Linda Brunozzi and he are coordinating the Appeal again this year, and the Announcement Weekend will be held on 4/10-11, followed by the Commitment Weekend on 4/17-18.
  - Fr. McGinley announced that Grade School Principal Pat O'Donnell is retiring at the end of this school year, and that a search committee will be formed to secure a successor. Fr. also shared that Pat is committed to assisting in the transition to the new principal.
- HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES
  - Ben Panella-St. Mark's High School Student
    - Parishioner and St. Mark's student Alisa Spittle has been selected to participate in the prestigious Global Young Leaders program, to be held this summer in New York City and Washington, DC.

- St. Marks' students are engaging in a number of fundraising and charitable efforts this school year.
  - Laura van der Post-Ursuline Academy Student
    - Ursuline hosted the "Shake the Quake" event to raise funds for Haitian earthquake relief. This program was a joint effort with Padua, Salesianum, The Tatnall School, Tower Hill Academy, and Wilmington Friends School.
    - Juniors were recently inducted into the National Honor Society.
    - The Namaste Club is holding a 24 hour "Food Fast" next week to raise funds for Chilean earthquake relief.
    - The Jefferson Awards Team has earned a bronze medal at a recent competition
    - The Robotics Team will be participating in a regional completion this weekend in Philadelphia.
    - Principal Mrs. Long is stepping down, and will be replaced by current faculty member Mrs. Teoli.
- STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES
  - Parish and Family Life (Anthony Albence)
    - Parish Easter Egg Hunt this weekend after 11AM Mass in the Grade School.
  - Christian Formation (Anthony Albence)
    - Working on plans for "next steps" to weekly reflection on the Scripture readings, and a follow-up/successor to the "Faith Before Five" program.
  - Social Concerns: NO REPORT
  - Building and Maintenance (Fr. McGinley)
    - Repairs to physical plant underway to recover from damage caused by winter weather.
  - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life (Barbara Marsilii)
    - Committee met on 3/2.
    - Tony Candeloro, new Coordinator of Ministry of Hospitality, was invited to attend tonight's meeting but was unable to attend. He will be invited to the April meeting.

- Tony is working on recruiting new ushers.
- Tony is searching for contact info for the leaders of various organizations in order to facilitate planning when “special Masses” are planned. He would like to avoid some recent confusion on this front.
- Holy Week Update
  - RCIA candidates/catechumens will be involved in the blessing of palms/procession of palms at the 5:30PM Mass this Saturday.
  - For Palm Sunday, palms will be distributed before and after Masses only.
  - Preparations for the Triduum were discussed at the 3/2 meeting. There was positive feedback on the musical selections for the Triduum.
- Other
  - Joe Poppiti is seeking a quote for installation of a water fountain in the vestibule (per Parish Council’s request). This info will be forthcoming.
- ITALIAN FESTIVAL (Jim DelGrosso)
  - “The Cage” (in La Piazza Café) will be expanded and the appearance of this area improved.
  - Wednesday setup nights will begin on April 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Anthony added that 8 Day Pass sales have now started via the Festival website.
- RESPECT LIFE (Elaine Duggan)
  - Members will participate in the Chain of Life peaceful demonstration outside the AstraZeneca complex on US 202 from 12 Noon-1PM on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Members will participate in a peaceful demonstration at the Broom St. abortion clinic on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Copies of the video of the *Creating a Culture of Life* program presented by the A Rose and A Prayer organization have been given to Padua Academy, Salesianum School, and Archmere Academy.
  - The “Fact of Life” feature will be included each week in the parish bulletin.
- YAC (Ken Panella)
  - Winter sports season has ended.

- The “Tiger Tournaments” have proven to be very successful.
  - St. Anthony’s in-house JV league has also been very successful—featuring 16 teams, including 5 teams from outside the parish.
  - Spring sports season is beginning.
- SCOUTING: NO REPORT
- ST. ANTHONY IN THE HILLS (Anthony Albence)
  - Marketing plan prepared by AB&C will be presented at the Hills Board meeting on April 8.
  - Sunrise Service will be held on Easter Sunday (April 4) @ 6AM.
- HOLY NAME SOCIETY (Fr. McGinley)
  - Dave DiDonato has stepped down as President due to health reasons. Tom Colpo is now President, and Dom Peronti is now Vice President.
  - Recent by-laws change was approved.
- SODIALITY (Lucretia Serio)
  - Sodality members will attend the presentation of the Via Crucis on Good Friday (April 2), and will walk in the procession following the presentation.
- GRADE SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL (Fr. McGinley/Anthony Albence)
  - Fr. shared that the school is enrolling 21 new students—many from Bishop Guilfoyle Regional School in Penns Grove, NJ, which is closing at the end of this school year. Hope is to maintain current enrollment levels next year—despite reduction from two (2) to one (1) 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.
  - Anthony shared info on the efforts of the Enrollment Management Team—including targeted efforts such as the monthly bulletin insert on the Grade School.
- MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE (Mark Blaschke)
  - Mark offered kudos for the choir RE: their preparation and efforts on the Via Crucis and the Via Crucis 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. Jim DelGrosso expressed gratitude to Mark and the choir on behalf of the Via Crucis team and all involved with planning the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.
  - Mark shared an update on his efforts to continue to raise funds for obtaining a new organ (concerts, designations of the organ “in lieu of flowers” at funerals,

individual appeals, planned requests to foundations/charitable groups/etc.). Currently, approximately \$300,000 in funds have been raised.

- The Music Ministry will offer nightly concerts during the Italian Festival.
- Mark stated that the new sound system appears to be working very well.
- NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Anthony Albence)
    - Nominations will be accepted the weekends of May 1-2 and May 8-9. Biographical sketches of nominees will be available starting the weekend of May 15-16. The election will take place during Masses the weekend of May 22-23.
  - CYM PILGRIMAGE (Anthony Albence)
    - Anthony thanked Fr. McGinley for his support in permitting St. Anthony's to serve as a participating site in the pilgrimage, and encouraged everyone to observe or participate in the Pilgrimage (to be held April 27).
  - THEOLOGY OF THE BODY PROGRAM (Fr. McGinley)
    - Fr. distributed a flyer detailing a presentation by noted subject area expert Christopher West to be held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at Assumption BVM Parish in West Grove, PA.
- ADJOURNMENT
  - Meeting was adjourned at 8:25PM.
  - Fr. McGinley offered a Closing Prayer.

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 27, 2010**