

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes for October 25, 2011

7:00PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Fr. Gerard Mahoney, OSFS, Fr. John McGinley, OSFS, Fr. Francis Rinaldi, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Carolina Alberti, Mark Blaschke, Bruce Brunozzi, Furio Casale, Monica Dawyot [high school representative], Jim DelGrosso, Pete Gigliotti, Pete Giorgi, Lynn Kee, Barbara Marsilii, Lucretia Serio

EXCUSED: Virginia Bahr, Anthony Frabizzio, Alex Onesi [high school representative], Patty Roach

- Opening Prayer was offered by Fr. Mahoney.
- Approval of Meeting Minutes of September 2011 Meeting
 - Jim DelGrosso moved & Pete Giorgi seconded the motion to approve the minutes.
 - Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussion Topics
 - Parish Long Range Plan Implementation Strategy Document
 - Anthony Albence updated the Council on the planning steps underway regarding the Parish Welcoming Team.
 - Mass Attendance Update
 - Fr. McGinley reviewed the statistics regarding Mass attendance on a historical basis, including results from the 2011 Mass attendance census. In summary:
 - Mass attendance has dropped 42.3% vs. 2000
 - 9:00AM Mass attendance has dropped approximately 50% since 2003.
 - Increased Offertory
 - Fr. McGinley updated the Council on his follow-up communication with those participating in the increased offertory program. He indicated his plan to continue the follow-up on an annual basis.
 - Padua Update
 - Current enrollment is at 598, 50 more than last academic year.
 - New Organ Update
 - Fabrication of the new organ is on schedule

- Nominations for Chair
 - Pete Gigliotti moved and Barbara Marsilli seconded the nomination of Pete Giorgi to serve as Chair.
 - Pete accepted the nomination, and asked Anthony Albence to assist him. Anthony agreed to offer ongoing support.
- Nominations for Secretary
 - Anthony Albence will follow-up with Joe Poppiti to confirm if he is interested in being nominated as Secretary.
 - Anthony also indicated that he would serve at the Acting Secretary, and would be open to being nominated as Secretary.
- High School Representative(s) Update
 - Monica Dawyot reported:
 - A delegation from Padua Academy will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN.
 - Planning is underway for the upcoming Encounter retreat.
 - Students participated in a vigil for life at the Planned Parenthood office in Newark.
 - Blue-Gold/Project Unify is underway and the students involved are seeking partnerships with the Grade School.
 - The Jefferson Awards service leadership group is active.
 - Exchange students from Annecy, France, are currently on-site.
- Grade School & Home and School Update
 - Current enrollment is at 277 (for comparison: school enrollment was 260 at the end of the last school year)
 - Principal Virginia Bahr provided a written report, which Lynn Kee reviewed.
 - A copy of this report will be included as an attachment to the meeting minutes.
- Standing Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - The first social of the year was held on Sunday, 10/2, after the 11AM Mass. Attendance was strong (approximately 175).
 - Christian Formation: No Update
 - Social Concerns: No Update
 - Building and Maintenance
 - Property Maintenance (HVAC) is now being handled by another service provider (Builders' Supply).
 - An initial meeting was held with potential contractors for the new air conditioning system. A follow-up meeting will be held.
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Barbara submitted the following update to Anthony Albence via email:
 - A brief meeting was held on Sunday, 11/13.

- The meeting focused on the path forward regarding the implementation of the New Roman Missal.
- Italian Festival: No report
- Respect Life
 - Bottles for Babies will be collected at Masses in upcoming weeks.
- YAC: No report
- Scouting
 - Boy Scout Open House was held last week.
 - Nick Serpe is preparing to receive his Eagle Scout Award.
- Saint Anthony in the Hills
 - Board meeting was held on 9/29.
 - Upcoming event: Open House for Lodge building on Friday, 11/4 from 3-5PM. All Parish Council members are invited to attend.
- Holy Name Society: No report
- Sodality
 - Lucretia provided an written update:
 - Sodality Mass of the year was held on Sunday, 10/16 @ 9AM Mass. Thirteen members attended, an increase over prior months.
 - A monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, 10/18. Members were asked to contribute door or raffle prizes for the Mother Daughter Communion Breakfast.
 - The Breakfast will be held in the Ballad Room on Sunday, 12/4, following the 9AM Mass. Grade School Principal Virginia Bahr will serve as the guest speaker, and new members will be installed.
- Music Ministry Update
 - Mark Blaschke reported that he is working with the Liturgy Committee on the rollout of the new Roman Missal.
 - Mark also mentioned that he would like to enhance the parish website to permit uploading of audio files.
 - The choir/music ministry will be performing a concert for the Wilmington Friends of Italian Culture on Sunday, 12/18 @ 3PM at Fr. Roberto Theatre in Padua Academy
 - Plans are underway regarding popular concerts in the church featuring contemporary performers with a portion of funds raised designated to a community-based organization.
 - Mark reported that he will coordinate the 2012 Italian Festival Gala Concert, serving as Artistic Director.
 - Mark thanked Matt Bottsford for assistance in resolving an issue with the lavalier microphone on the sound system.
- Old Business
 - Anthony Albence took the opportunity to report on the success of this year's Columbus Day Communion Breakfast, held at Padua Cafetorium.

- The Cafetorium was an outstanding venue, and easily accommodated the near record crowd of 315 attendees.
 - Br. Mike, this year's nominee, offered poignant and inspiring remarks.
 - To date, \$4500 has been allotted to the Grade School and the Oblates Retirement Fund (each). An additional contribution will be made to both causes once the final financial details of this event are confirmed.
- - New Business
 - Anthony Albence reported that the parish Facebook page & Twitter account are growing in popularity, and mentioned that he is regularly posting pertinent parish info to these new media streams.
 - Pastor's Comments: No additional comments.
 - Closing Prayer/Adjournment
 - Fr. McGinley offered the Closing Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Albence
Acting Secretary

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 11/22/2011 @ 7PM

November 2011

Parish Report

Enrollment: currently 277

Calendar:

- November 1st -- *All Saints Day Liturgy* 8AM
- November 8th —St. Anthony Night at Barnes and Noble (Concord Pike) 4-8PM
- November 9th – Home & School General Meeting
- November 10th – Meet Your Student for Lunch Kindergarten and 5th grade
- November 11th – Liturgy 8AM
- November 12th—Italian Night sponsored by Home & School in Ballad Room
- November 13th-19th—American Education Week
- November 13th—Open House 12-3PM
- November 16th – Open House 9AM-1PM
- November 18th—Liturgy 8AM
- November 22nd—Thanksgiving Prayer Service 11AM; Home & School Turkey lunch for students; Trimester 1 ends
- November 23rd-25th—Thanksgiving Holiday for all
- November 28th—Advent Prayer Service Week 1 at 7:55AM

Worthy of note:

- *Antonians* picture on front page of the Dialog, October 14th issue:
<http://issuu.com/ampsinc/docs/101411?mode=window&backgroundColor=%23222222>
- Mt. St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg treated 7th grade students to lunch and t-shirts on their retreat to the Grotto and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine on 10/21/11
- Children will have a Halloween dress down day and classroom celebrations on October 27th

Respectfully submitted,
Ginger Bahr, Principal

LITURGY COMMITTEE REPORT TO PARISH COUNCIL
OCTOBER 25, 2011

Liturgy committee met on Sunday, October 9th after the 11:00AM Mass. All future meetings will be held on the second Sunday of the month after the 11:00AM Mass instead of the first Tuesday of the month.

The subject of discussion was the introduction of the New Roman Missal.

The future steps are as follows:

October 29-30: Celebrant or Deacon will make an announcement at the end of each Mass about the changes to the Roman Missal and ask all to arrive 10 minutes before Mass starting on November 12-13th to review the congregational changes. A document called “Embracing Change” will be handed out by the ushers after all Masses.

November 5-6: Again the Celebrant or Deacon will make an announcement at the end of each Mass about the changes to the Roman Missal and asking all to arrive 10 minutes before Mass starting on November 12-13 to review the congregational changes. A document called “Ten Questions” will be handed out by the ushers after all Masses.

November 12-13 & November 19-20: Before Mass ushers will hand out a document called “Differences”. Ten minutes before Mass, cantor will lead congregation thru the “Differences” document and rehearse new music responses.

November 26-27- First week of Advent: New Missal is effective. There will be Pew Cards for the congregation to follow. The ushers will hand out the cards before Mass and collect them after Mass.

Review of future Masses:

November 5th: Mass of Remembrance on Saturday at 10:00 AM
November 13th: Veteran’s Day on Sunday at 11:00 AM
November 24th: Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday at 9:30 AM
November 27th: 1st Sunday of Advent RCIA at 9:30 AM
December 4th: Mother/Daughter Communion Mass & Breakfast 9:00 AM
December 11th Confirmation on Sunday at 2:00 PM
December 25th Christmas on Sunday

BJM