

St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2016

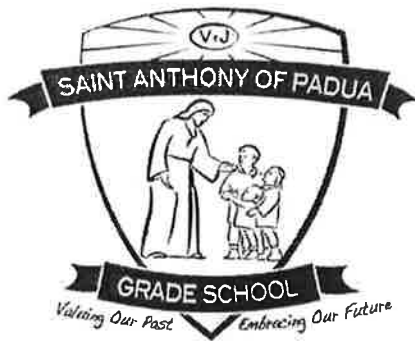
In Attendance: Fr. Frank Rinaldi, OSFS, Fr. Nick Waseline, OSFS, Anthony Albence, Kim Caputo, Mark Denney, Anthony Frabizzio, William Giles, Pete Giorgi, Dave Haney, Lynn Kee, Cindy Mann, Maria Panella, John Potts, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields, Judy White

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Nick led the group in the Opening Prayer, a prayer for the Pastoral Council.
- Meeting Minutes
 - Anthony F. moved and Pete seconded a motion to approve the minutes of October meeting, as amended. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report
 - None present/no report
- Discussion Items
 - Parish Planning Commission
 - Fr. Nick and Anthony A. reported an update on the 11/17 meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council. Progress has been made on a number of the objectives identified in the original plan, but there is a need to revisit some of the goals identified to take into account new realities in the parish.
 - Efforts over the past several months have focused on assessing and stabilizing the parish financial situation and ensuring that appropriate financial structures and financial planning means are in place.
 - Music Ministry and Youth Mass
 - The Validation Council discussed conducting a survey on the parish Music Ministry, and to consider reintroducing Youth Mass.
 - Fr. Nick asked the Council members to review the materials provided on the centrality of liturgy to parish life and the Church's vision for youth ministry to consider as background before making recommendation for the Validation Council regarding these suggestions.
 - Pastor Assessment: Fr. Nick has requested that his ministry as pastor be assessed. A survey will be conducted by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales to accomplish this goal.
 - Efforts are underway to enact components of the plan, including the Facilities Management Committee. The committee is undertaking:
 - An electrical & structural assessment of the church. The electrical assessment has been completed and will be reviewed by the Committee
 - Consultation with a non-profit entity to explore opportunities to realized savings in energy costs and possible conservation measures/upgrades that could be implemented to realize greater energy efficiency.
 - The compilation of a short- & long-term facilities plan/capital plan for parish facilities. This has been completed for the church, and will next be completed for the Grade School.
 - SAITH Parcel Sale
 - Efforts are moving forward on the sale of the non-conserved five acre parcel of land affiliated with the SAITH property. Proceeds from the sale will be dedicated to reducing the parish debt.

- Financial Update to Parish
 - A more comprehensive update format for the report was initiated this year, and was included in the most recent parish bulletin. This report format provided a more complete picture of the accumulated parish debt.
- Padua Academy Update
 - Head of School Cindy Mann provided the following update:
 - A copy of the most recent weekly family newsletter and the Padua magazine
 - A flyer promoting the 2017 Women's Achievement Dinner flyer, highlighting keynote speaker Peggy Noonan
 - A recap of current student activities and highlighted the school's efforts around recruitment and advising/college placement
- Grade School Report
 - Principal Judy White distributed a comprehensive report, that will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
 - NOTE: Net enrollment has increased by one student, to 232 students.
- Home & School Report
 - See Grade School written report.
- Committee Updates
 - Parish and Family Life
 - The November monthly socials were held on Sunday, 11/6, after the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Both were well-attended.
 - Facilities Management
 - The new Facilities Management Committee, one of the goals of the Parish Planning Commission, continues to meet and worked is working on initial goals & objectives, as detailed above.
 - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life
 - Mass of Remembrance was held on Saturday, 11/5, celebrating the life of 80 parishioners who passed away over the past year.
 - Italian Festival
 - Fr. Nick is encouraging the Festival Steering Committee regarding plans for the future sustainability of the Festival over the long-term.
 - Scouts Report
 - Elaine Serpe provided a written report to be submitted and included as part of meeting minutes, that will be included as part of the meeting minutes.
- St. Anthony in the Hills (SAITH)
 - Efforts are moving forward on the sale of the non-conserved five acre parcel of land affiliated with the SAITH property. Proceeds from the sale will be dedicated to reducing the parish debt, as mentioned above.
 - The Conservation Agreement for the primary parcel is being reviewing by New Garden Township's solicitor, and be sent over to the parish very shortly.
- Holy Name Society
 - No report
- Sodality
 - The coat collection continues with coats being donated to St. Patrick's Center.
 - Election of officers was held on 11/20. New officers elected: Lynn DeLuca, President; Patty Roach, Vice-President; Secretary/Treasurer, Arlene Barbizzi.
 - The annual Mother-Daughter Communion Breakfast will be held on 12/4.

- Old Business
 - The Altar Server Sacristy rehabilitation project (Dante Vella's Eagle Scout project) continues and is in-progress.
- New Business
 - The Giving Tree will be set up or the Thanksgiving Day Mass.
 - Planning for the Christmas Baskets program is underway. Food items donated are to be returned by Saturday, 12/12. Delivery date for the baskets will be Saturday, 12/17. Up to 50 baskets will be delivered to families, sourced from the parish office, Grade School, and community organizations in the parish neighborhood (e.g., West End Neighborhood House, Mom's House), and other organization connected with the parish. Funding of \$2500.00 to support the project has been secured to date from a variety of sources.
- Announcements/Pastor's Comments
 - None
- Closing Prayer
 - Fr. Rinaldi offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 1/24/2017 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Mtg. Rm.)



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November 22, 2016 Parish Pastoral Council Mtg. - Grade School Update

Respectfully submitted by Judy White, Principal

Enrollment – 232 (increase of one since last month). Two students moved out of state and two new students are enrolled.

Designer Bag Bingo (Nov. 13th) – This was another huge success. I was unable to attend but the gymnasium was full.

Nick Mercantini update - Nick remains at A.I. The 8th Grade and I went to sing Happy Birthday to him on his birthday. The children gathered in the Atrium of the hospital and the family wheeled him out to the third floor to listen. Students went up to say hello to him in groups of 2. It was sad, but the family was extremely grateful. I was so proud of my students. They were very strong. There was a parent-sponsored fundraiser held at the Columbus Inn on Nov. 10th. The place was filled to maximum capacity.

Grotto Night – We had a very successful turnout to dinner on Pennsylvania Avenue, November 9th.

First Penance – November 16th, our Second Grade made their First Penance. It was a very nice event for everyone in attendance. The children were proud. They had worked hard in preparation. They are looking forward to their First Eucharist in May.

Confirmation – Our 8th Grade has been preparing for Confirmation. They had a retreat on Nov. 19th and celebrated Mass together as a class that night. They took their Diocesan high school placement tests the next day. It was a very busy weekend for them.

Turkey Luncheon – Today we served a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to our students. The home and School Board did a great job as always.

Thanksgiving Vacation – School is closed Wednesday, Nov. 23rd- Friday, Nov. 25th.

Upcoming events:

Mass every Friday at 8am (except the 9th, due to Mass on the 8th for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception) All are welcome!

November 29th – Barnes and Noble Night (202)/Grubb Burger at the Concord Mall

November 30 – Home and School General Meeting 6:30pm

Dec. 5 – Advent Prayer Service / Math League

Dec. 6 and 7 – Secret Santa Shop

Dec. 10 – Confirmation at 10am

Dec. 11 – Breakfast with Santa/Declamation

Dec. 12 – Advent Prayer Service

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Dec. 13-15 – Presentations by Prevent Child Abuse Delaware

Dec. 14 – Christmas Party for school/parish staff

Dec. 16 – Christmas Show – School Gym 1:30pm

Dec. 19 – Advent Prayer Service

Dec. 21 – NOON DISMISSAL – Catechetical Certification for Staff

School Closed – Dec 23rd through January 2nd.

SCOUT UPDATE, NOVEMBER 22, 2016

Boy Scouts

1. During the 2016 Scouting year there have been two camping trips for the Boy Scout Troop (to White Clay Creek State Park, and Brandywine Creek State Park). In addition, through the efforts of Tony DeLuca, the Cub Scouts enjoyed a camping weekend in October at Lums Pond State Park, at which several of the older Boy Scouts lent a hand.
2. Membership: Within the past two weeks another young man has joined the ranks as a Boy Scout, and several new Cub Scouts have joined this year.
3. Upcoming Activities: The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts look forward to participating in the Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Anthony's. In addition, on Thursday, December 15 the Troop and Pack will be assisting in packing food donations for distribution to members of the Parish who are in need.
4. Eagle Scout Efforts: Eagle Scout Dante Vella continues his efforts with the sacristy, and Eagle Scout Nick DeLuca is expected to shortly have his paperwork in order to seek approval for his Eagle project.

Girl Scouts

The annual covered dish was held on Monday, November 21. This is the 35th year the troop has done this activity. New Scouts received pins, and returning Scouts received stars.

