

Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity Joint Parish Pastoral Council

January 11, 2010 Meeting Summary

On January 11, 2010, the Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity Joint Parish Pastoral Council met. Council members are: Father Mike Rzonca (Pastor and Chair), Lenora Francis, Tony Grejduš, Pat Horne, Barbara Mock, David Moore, Denise Pristash, Marcy Power, Sister Louise Quinn, Henry Rodrique, Roseanne Taylor (Vice Chair), JoAnn Yusko, and Cathy Varady (Recording Secretary).

Pastor's Report

- Joint Pastoral Council Membership—Thanks and appreciation were expressed to outgoing member, Tony Grejduš for his years of service as a member of Pastoral Council. A warm welcome was extended to new member, Barbara Mock.
- Bishop Maginnis' Visit in January—Bishop Maginnis' visit to Sacred Heart Parish the weekend of January 9-10, 2010 went very well. During his visit, Bishop Maginnis reviewed the Sacred Heart Sacramental Books and all books were found to be in order. Bishop Maginnis was very pleased with the liturgies and his welcome by the parishioners.
- Christmas Liturgies—Christmas liturgies at both churches went very well and were well attended. The churches were beautifully decorated and the music was uplifting and inspiring. There were several new volunteers who assisted with decorating this year.
- Breakfast With Santa—The Breakfast With Santa held on December 6 raised \$2,071. The parish received a challenge from Mascaro & Sons that if the Breakfast raised over \$2,000, that a \$2,000 matching grant would be awarded to Sacred Heart Parish for refurbishing the Church Hall.
- Giving Tree Program – The Giving Tree Program had a great response with 470 gifts donated, which were sent to seven organizations. In addition, parishioners who adopted needy families from Drexel Neuman Academy gave gifts to 12 families.
- P.R.E.P. Christmas Pageant – The pageant was rescheduled to January 3rd due to snow. The students, parent assistants, and Mrs. Denise Wisneski did a wonderful job.
- Holy Trinity Choir Loft – Starting the first week in February, renovations of the choir loft ceiling at Holy Trinity will begin. During the renovation period, the Monday and Tuesday Masses at Holy Trinity will be said at Sacred Heart.
- Sacred Heart School Lease & Holy Trinity School Lease – The Montessori School, which is in the last year of their agreement, will be moving to their new facility the end of January. They will continue to pay their monthly lease fee in accordance with their agreement until the end of June 2010. The Phoenixville Area School District currently leases Holy Trinity School for use as French Creek Academy, an alternative school program. The lease with the school district will terminate on July 15, 2010. The income from the lease of both school buildings has been a tremendous help to our parishes.

Old Business

- Bible Study – This Lent, our parishes will embark on an eight-week “quick” course, the Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study by Jeff Cavins. The Bible Study group will meet in Sacred Heart Church Hall on Tuesday evenings, beginning February 2nd. The cost for materials is \$20.
- Pastoral Council—There are currently three vacancies on Pastoral Council. Information regarding Pastoral Council will be published in future bulletins so that parishioners can be better informed.
- 2010 Sacred Heart Parish Festival – Diane Spragale has offered to be the chair of the 2010 Festival.
- Ushers – Our parishes will be seeking additional volunteers to serve as ushers. If there are enough volunteers, a rotation schedule will be developed for our ushers.

New Business

- Hospitality Committee—There was discussion about forming a Hospitality Committee in which volunteers would greet people as they enter church and distribute bulletins.
- Lent—There will be an 8 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays at Sacred Heart Church during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at Holy Trinity and Friday evenings at Sacred Heart. Confessions will be held on Wednesday evenings at Sacred Heart from 7-7:30 p.m.
- Snow Removal—The cost of snow removal was discussed. It was suggested that snow removal expenses be published in the bulletin to make parishioners aware of the expenses incurred by the parishes.

Please Note: Any questions/comments regarding this meeting summary may be directed to Father Mike Rzonca or any of the above-listed council members by calling the parish house at 610-933-3830.