

## SACRED HEART AND HOLY TRINITY JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL

### October 3, 2011 MEETING SUMMARY

The Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity Joint Pastoral Council met on October 3, 2011. Council members are: Pat Horne, George Miskewicz, Jr., Barbara Mock, David Moore, Marcy Power, Sister Louise Quinn, Joseph Rakowski, Father Michael Rzonca (Pastor and Chair), Roseanne Taylor (Vice Chair), Cathy Varady (Recording Secretary), and JoAnn Yusko.

#### Father Mike's Pastoral and Administrative Reports

- At a recent gathering of priests, Father Mike met Archbishop Charles Chaput and welcomed him on behalf of the parishioners of Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity.
- On October 14, 2011, Msgr. Arthur Rodgers will hold a meeting of priests from Parish Plan Area #210 concerning the restructuring of parishes in our area.

#### Old Business

- Exterior Painting of Sacred Heart Church and Holy Trinity Church—The painting of the exterior of Holy Trinity Church has been completed and paid for from monies received from the Heritage of Faith campaign. Sacred Heart Church's exterior painting took longer than expected due to the rainy weather and other jobs scheduled by the contractor. The weight of the boom that was used for painting the steeple at Sacred Heart caused some of the entrance brick pavers to sink. Contractors have been contacted for repair estimates.
- Roof at Sacred Heart—Sacred Heart Church will be getting a new roof next year.
- Rental of Holy Trinity School—The Phoenixville Area School District has moved out of Holy Trinity School; however, under their lease agreement, they will continue to pay their monthly rental until June 30, 2012, when their lease ends. In addition, the School District will continue to heat the building and take care of snow removal during the week. A walk-through meeting has been scheduled with personnel of the School District to review repairs that need to be done before the end of June. In January, 2012, Holy Trinity School will be placed on the market for leasing.
- Fundraising Survey—In the future, parishioners will be asked to complete a survey concerning fundraisers (i.e., suggestions for types of fundraisers, what kind of assistance can be offered, possibility of block collection to replace fundraisers, etc.).

#### New Business

- Eagles Fundraiser—The Eagles Fundraiser was a big success. Sacred Heart Parish raised approximately \$4,600. Thanks to Ellen and Russ Hendrickson for donating the tickets for the fundraiser.
- Cemeteries—Volunteer Danny Gnias, who is a member of Holy Trinity Parish, does a wonderful job looking after Holy Trinity Cemetery (making sure dead flowers are removed, graves are filled, etc.). The Boys Scouts have offered to assist with both cemeteries so that our cemeteries are uniform and clean.
- Lottery Calendar Fundraiser at Sacred Heart—A Lottery Calendar Fundraiser will be conducted at Sacred Heart this year. The fundraiser will run January-June 30, 2012. There will be 1,000 tickets available for sale. Cost will be \$20 each. It will be based on the Pennsylvania Daily Lottery Drawing held each evening at 7 p.m..
- Candle Sale at Holy Trinity—Last February, Holy Trinity ran a candle sale, which was very successful. Another Candle Sale will be held during the month of October. The sale will benefit Holy Trinity Parish.
- Days of Adoration in October for Both Parishes—The Days of Adoration will be held between both parishes: Friday, October 21 (SH); Saturday, October 22, including Healing Mass (HT) and Sunday, October 23, (SH).
- Garage Sale—Sacred Heart will be holding a Garage Sale on Saturday, October 15, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### Reports/Comments/Feedback

- Holy Trinity Easter Egg Hunt—April 17<sup>th</sup>—Holy Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt was a big success with 45-50 children in attendance. In 2012, the HT Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the Kimberton Arts Building.
- Phillies Chances Fundraiser—SH & HT—June 19<sup>th</sup>—The Phillies Fundraiser raised approximately \$11,000, which will benefit both parishes.
- Bible Study—The Bible Study, which runs from September 29 through November 17, 2011, has nine people enrolled.

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## **Other Business**

- Parish Council Resignations—Lenora Francis and Denise Pristash, Holy Trinity parishioners, have resigned from Parish Council. Henry Rodrique, Sacred Heart parishioner, is no longer able to attend meetings of Parish Council. He will remain an Honorary Member.
- Holy Trinity Maintenance Issues—Holy Trinity maintenance issues were discussed. Joe Rakowski will lead a group of volunteers to take care of the repairs. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin seeking volunteers.
- Call to Conversion and Holiness – A survey will be distributed to parishioners during the weekend of October 8-9, 2011. The completed surveys will be collected by ushers.
- Pastoral Council Meeting Schedule—Meetings will continue to be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. The dates scheduled are: November 7, 2011; December 5, 2011; No January Meeting; February 6, 2012; March 5, 2012; April 2, 2012; and May 7, 2012.

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