

Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity Joint Parish Pastoral Council
March 8, 2010 Meeting Summary

Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity Joint Parish Pastoral Council met on March 8, 2010. Council members are: Lenora Francis, Pat Horne, Barbara Mock, David Moore, Marcy Power, Denise Pristash, Sister Louise Quinn, Henry Rodrique, Father Michael Rzonca (Pastor and Chair), Roseanne Taylor (Vice Chair) Cathy Varady (Recording Secretary), and JoAnn Yusko.

Father Mike's Report

- The plastering of the choir loft ceiling at Holy Trinity has been completed successfully. The painting of Holy Trinity Church may need to be delayed due to finances.
- The Montessori School moved out of Sacred Heart in January; however, their lease does not expire until June 2010. An inspection of the building has turned up some problems that need to be addressed by the Montessori School prior to the end of their lease in June.
- An International Montessori School is interested in leasing Sacred Heart School in the fall. Negotiations are currently underway.
- The Phoenixville Area School District's lease of the Holy Trinity School ends in July. The School District has offered to continue the lease for another two years. Negotiations are currently underway.
- On Ash Wednesday there were five services, which were well attended. All were Masses, except the 12 Noon Prayer Service, which was attended by approximately 80 people.

Old Business

- The Bible Study is going well. It is an 8-week course being offered every Tuesday during Lent. There are ten people involved.
- Several parishioners have offered to assist our current ushers; however, more ushers are needed in order to develop a rotating schedule. The parishes are in need of a coordinator for the ushers, who will develop the schedules. The parishes will be seeking volunteers to serve as greeters. The formation of a Hospitality Committee was discussed. This committee would be asked to coordinate monthly "Coffee and Donut Socials" for our parishes.

New Business

- Msgr. Joseph T. Marino, Regional Vicar of Chester County, visited Sacred Heart on February 18, 2010 to meet with the Sacred Heart members of the Parish Pastoral Council. The discussions with Msgr. Marino were very energizing and involved the Eucharist as the center of the parish's life, as well as the group's awareness of opportunities and challenges of being combined with another parish.
- In the future, parishioners may hear Father Mike present a sermon on our Mission Statement's reference to our *One Catholic Faith Community*.
- There are two adults involved in this year's RCIA program. Both will be received into the Church at Sacred Heart on Holy Saturday.
- First Communion will take place at both parishes the weekend following Easter, April 10/11.
- Plans are underway to celebrate Sacred Heart Church's 110th Anniversary the weekend following the June 11th Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus—weekend of June 12/13. Details will be forthcoming.
- Due to the unusually large amount of snowfall this past winter, snow removal expenses incurred by the parishes totaled over \$30,000. A special collection will be taken up to assist the parishes with meeting this large, unanticipated expense.

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.