



SACRED HEART PARISH
Phoenixville, Pennsylvania

Pastoral Council News
June 2005 Meeting

On June 8, 2005, the Sacred Heart Parish Pastoral Council met. Council members include Father Mike Rzonca (pastor/chairperson), Pete Grande, Pete Malonoski, Peg Mazei, Mary O'Grady, Mike Paster (vice chairperson), Sister Louise Quinn, Henry Rodrique, Gene Sakal, Pat Slawecki, Roseanne Taylor, Cathy Varady and Tony Vontor.

Father Mike's Report

- Father Mike expressed deep appreciation to Mike Paster, Gene Sakal and Pat Slawecki for their years of service on the Pastoral Council and other activities in service to our church.
- School Lease Update
The lease of Sacred Heart School to a Montessori school is complete. The top floor of our school will be divided to make more classrooms for our CCD center. Our new Director of Religious Education is Maryann Dadourian.
- Technology
The parish is awaiting the completion of computer networking.
- Parish Census
Mary O'Grady, Mike Paster and Sister Louise have completed the parish census forms. They will be sent out to parishioners shortly. The stewardship page paints a nice picture of our parish.
- Financial Matters
Pete Grande will remain as the vice-chair of the Parish Finance Council. June 30, 2005 will end our fiscal year. We have not incurred a loss as of June 8. Budgets are being developed for programs (e.g. Religious Education) and clubs (e.g. Women's Club).
- Liturgical Matters
The results of the survey for changes to the Mass schedule were shared.
- Pastoral Council
New persons will be needed for Council next fall. Parish survey information will be used to identify persons interested in serving.

Old Business

Cemetery - Sister Louise reported that Ben Pupek is maintaining the grass at the cemetery. The parish is looking for a caretaker. The cemetery does not fall under the Finance Committee but is an entity by itself. Our parish needs to increase the core fund for maintenance. About \$6000 is necessary for minimal care. If we invest \$100,000, it would yield \$6000 annually to make the cemetery self-sufficient. A fee (about \$400) will be charged to pay a contracted person to open a grave. An additional one time fee of \$100 will be charged when a grave is opened for perpetual care.

Relay for Life – Cathy Varady reported that twenty seven people made up two Sacred Heart and Holy Trinity teams. Five team members were from Council. The teams raised \$4133. Father Mike participated and spoke at the Survivors’ Banquet. Denise Wisneski wrote a song for the Relay, and her daughter, Christa, performed it at the Luminaria. The Relay for Life raised \$368,000 as of the date of this report. Father and Council expressed their thanks to Cathy for her work.

Please Note: Parish Council meets on a monthly basis (September-June). Any questions/comments may be directed to Father Mike Rzonca or any of the above listed council members c/o sacredheartphoenixville@verizon.net or by calling the parish house at 610-933-3830.