

## **St. Anthony of Padua Parish**

### *Parish Pastoral Council*

#### Council Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2010

In attendance: Fr. McGinley, Fr. Rinaldi, Anthony Albence, Carolina Alberti, Mark Alberti, Mark Blaschke, Bruce Brunozzi, Cammie Conforti, Elaine Duggan, Pete Gigliotti, Barbara Marsilii, Pat O'Donnell, Josephine Panariello, Lucretia Serio; Eddie Borowski (high school representative-Salesianum School), Anna Tiberi (high school representative-St. Elizabeth's High School)

- **OPENING PRAYER:** Anthony called the meeting to order at 7:03PM, and asked Fr. McGinley to offer an Opening Prayer. Anthony welcomed Grade School Principal Pat O'Donnell, and high school representatives Eddie Borowski and Anna Tiberi.
- **APRIL MEETING MINUTES:** Barbara moved and Elaine seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting with one correction (to Sodality report).
- **FINANCIAL/GENERAL UPDATES (Fr. McGinley/Anthony Albence)**
  - Fr. McGinley stated that parish offertory is trending down approximately 5% vs. totals for calendar year 2009. This trend continues a pattern of a decline of a similar percentage for offertory in calendar year 2009 vs. calendar year 2008.
  - Anthony shared that the parish is at approximately 83% of its Annual Catholic Appeal goal. These results are consistent with trends from prior years.
  - Fr. McGinley mentioned that the restoration work on the mosaic in the sanctuary area will likely begin after the Festival.
- **HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES (Invited High School Students)**
  - Anna Tiberi, St. Elizabeth's High School Student, shared:
    - Graduation will take place on 6/7; approximately 130 students will be graduating

- The school auditorium was recently rededicated as the Benedictine Performing Arts Center, following an extensive renovation. Several Benedictine sisters were guests for the dedication.
  - Eddie Borowski, Salesianum Student, shared:
    - Students coordinated a Lenten service project that raised funds for Fr. Baiju's school in India.
- STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES
  - Parish and Family Life (Anthony Albence)
    - Final parish social before the summer was held on Sunday, 5/2, following 11AM Mass. The social was well attended, and included participants in the Sister Cities Wilmington exchange program with Olevano, Italy.
  - Christian Formation (Anthony Albence)
  - The committee met on 5/10 and decided to place the "Faith Before Five" program on hiatus, and to focus efforts on "next steps" to weekly reflection on the Scripture readings. Ideas include engaging Grade School children to share Salesian-focused spiritual resources, and to forge a link with the Franciscan Spiritual Center to include Franciscan spirituality resources.
  - Social Concerns:
    - A fundraiser was recently held to assist a parish family affected by a recent fire.
  - Building and Maintenance (Fr. McGinley)
    - Repair and maintenance work on the church fountain is underway.
    - (Festival-related) The project to expand "The Cage" in the La Piazza has been rescheduled to fall 2010.
    - Fr. McGinley reported that he is working with Mr. Rizzo to confirm a start date on the restoration project for the mosaics in the church sanctuary.
  - Liturgy/Parish Liturgical Life (Barbara Marsilii)
    - The committee met on 5/4 and reviewed Holy Week liturgies.
    - Clarification is needed regarding second collections and if they will be taken as a separate collection. Fr. McGinley reconfirmed that the standard practice should be to take two collections if two envelopes are slated for a week.

- The Gloria should be sung if planned and, if the celebrant begins to speak the Gloria, the organist will intone the organ as a reminder.
  - Mark will meet with the new Grade School principal and stress the importance of teaching (and modeling) appropriate church behavior for Grade School students (including encouragement of participation in the liturgy).
  - Altar Servers: Graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have been altar servers were presented a watch as an appreciation gift, and were encouraged to continue their service in high school. A group of new altar servers (10 students) are currently in formation.
- ITALIAN FESTIVAL (Anthony Albence)
  - Festival advertising and PR efforts are currently underway.
  - 8 Day Pass sales continue via the Festival website.
  - Italy trip raffle tickets are on sale, and all are strongly encouraged to “spread the word” and promote ticket sales.
  - All are encouraged to take and distribute 2010 Italian Festival brochures (available after the meeting).
- RESPECT LIFE (Elaine Duggan)
  - Thank you to everyone who purchased roses on Mother’s Day to benefit Birthright of Delaware. A total of 500 roses were sold and \$844 was raised.
- YAC (Carolina Alberti)
  - The 2010 Sports Banquet was held recently. The Fr. Roberto Award was presented to Abby White and to Tyler Baldo. The Fr. Mario Award was presented to Angelo Alberti
  - St. Anthony’s track teams performed well in the CYM Track Championships. [e-mail from Carolina w/details pending]
- SCOUTING (Cammie Conforti [Girl Scouts] & Mark Alberti [Boy Scouts])
  - Girl Scouts trip to HersheyPark was cancelled due to weather—and replaced with a shopping trip to the Lancaster, PA, outlets.
  - Boy Scouts are wrapping up their regular meetings prior to the summer break, and preparing for summer activities. One scout is preparing for his Eagle Scout award.

- ST. ANTHONY IN THE HILLS [SAITH] (Anthony Albence)
  - Annual Crab Feast is scheduled for Sunday, 7/18. Tickets are \$35.00 and available from Elaine Duggan.
  - The SAITH website has been expanded to include facility capacity and rental cost info. An insert containing similar information has been developed for use with the SAITH brochure.
  - Planning is underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Blessing of the Animals event (10/4) and the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K to benefit the Grade School (weeknight in mid-August). Plans for both events are to grow the gatherings and to make them more “family friendly”.
- HOLY NAME SOCIETY: NO REPORT
- SODALITY (Lucretia Serio)
  - The crowning of the Blessed Mother took place during the May Procession on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the 9AM Mass. Sodality member Debbie Pannebianco crowned the Blessed Mother.
  - The Sodality’s monthly meeting was held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, and will be a covered dish dinner.
  - The Sodality will walk in the annual St. Anthony’s Feast Day Procession on the closing Sunday of the Festival, 6/13.
- GRADE SCHOOL/HOME & SCHOOL (Fr. McGinley)
  - Grade School Principal Pat O’Donnell thanked Council members and parish staff for their support. She is pleased to be retiring at a time when the school is in a position of strength for the future and emphasizes a Catholic education for any child and family who desires this.
  - The school is undertaking a major capital project to relocate and expand the computer lab. This work will take place over the summer.
  - Current school enrollment is 265, and 260 students are committed for the 2010-2011 school year. Pat expects the school to open next year with slightly higher enrollment than at the end of the current academic year.

- The Council and parish staff thanked Pat for her 20 years of service to the parish.
- MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE (Mark Blaschke)
  - Efforts are ongoing to raise funds for a new organ. Continue the Legacy concerts continue, and Mark informed the Council that his proposal to the DaVinci Society has been accepted for review.
  - A significant amount of material/resources have been added to the Music Ministry are of the parish website, including music selections for future Masses.
  - Mark highlighted the Council regarding the evening concerts to be offered during the Italian Festival.
- NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS (Anthony Albence)
    - Anthony thanked all who accepted nominations for Council positions (Al Bestwick, Islanda Finamore, Esq; Pete Gigliotti, Pete Giorgi, Jr., Lynn Kee, Josephine Panariello, and Lucretia Serio. The following nominees were elected: Pete Gigliotti, Pete Giorgi, Jr., Lynn Kee, Josephine Panariello, and Lucretia Serio.
    - Anthony also recognized and thanked Elaine Duggan for her invaluable assistance with the Nominations and Elections process.
  - Fr. Baiju Returning This Summer (Fr. McGinley)
    - Fr. Baiju will return during June and July, and will be traveling during weekends making mission appeals at parishes throughout the region to support his school project in India.
  - CELEBRATION FOR FRANK BIONDI, ESQ. (Fr. McGinley)
    - Fr. McGinley announced that an evening event celebrating the retirement of parish legal counsel Frank Biondi will be held at Cavaliers' Country Club will be held in September. All are encouraged to attend and show appreciation for Frank's 50 years of pro bono service to our parish.
- ADJOURNMENT
  - Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.
  - Fr. Rinaldi offered a Closing Prayer.

**BUONA FESTA AND ENJOY THE SUMMER!**

**NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**