

A PRAYER FOR PASTORAL MISSION

Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us place ourselves in the Presence of God

Leader: Where two or three of you are gathered,

All: There I am in your midst.

Leader: Be with us, Lord, Jesus, for we gather in your name.

All: Come, Lord, Jesus, come!

Reading

Reflection

Mission Statement prayed by council

We, Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, are a Roman Catholic faith community, rooted in our Italian heritage, while welcoming our evolving diversity. We faithfully worship our Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – so as to serve each other and our surrounding community in response to the Gospel and in union with the Universal Church.

Saint Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

Move into agenda

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Leader: Let us now bring to the Lord Jesus, who challenges us to fulfill his mission, our prayers that we might be his ministers today. As we invoke the Spirit, let us pray:

All: Empower us, Lord, for the work of ministry.

Leader: For a true spirit of worship in our parish, that our Sunday Eucharist might both celebrate and express our faith as a community gathered, we pray...

Leader: For the spirit of evangelization in our parish, that in all we do we might proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God, we pray...

Leader: For a spirit of unselfish Christian service, that our actions on behalf of others may reach beyond our own concerns, we pray...

Leader: For a powerful spirit of your Word, that in our formation efforts all persons may find truth, guidance, and challenge on their lifelong journeys of faith, we pray...

Leader: For the enlivening spirit of a faith-filled community, that our parish may be a dynamic witness to unity and compassion in our region, we pray...

Leader: For a generous spirit of stewardship, that the gifts and talents of all our people may be directed to the building up of a shared responsibility for the Church's mission, we pray...

Leader: For the spirit of leadership, that courageous and visionary collaboration may help shape the life of this community and our local church, we pray...

Leader: Let us pray now with the words given to us by Jesus, in whose name all our ministry finds its source:

All: Our Father...

Leader: Stay with us Lord, as we continue to work in your name,

All: Bless us and keep us and let your face shine upon us. Amen.

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TOWARD A PASTORAL MODEL

From		To
Parish Council	→	Parish Pastoral Council
A Body of Leaders	→	A Leadership Body
Coordinating Ministries	→	Articulating the Mission
Crisis Management	→	Pastoral Planning
Doing Activities	→	Empowering and Oversight
Business and Politics	→	Prayer and Discernment
Competition	→	Collaboration
Voting		Consensus



St. Anthony of Padua Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018

In Attendance: Anthony Albence, Kim Caputo, Jim DelGrosso, Mark Denney, Anthony Frabizzio, Bill Giles, Pete Giorgi, Dave Haney, Cindy Mann, Maria Panella, Patty Roach, Elaine Serpe, Bob Shields, Judy White

- Opening Prayer
 - Fr. Wrightson offered the Opening Prayer.
- February Meeting Minutes
 - Bill moved & Kim seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- High School Representatives Report:
 - Nikko DiSimplico, a senior at Salesianum, offered a report.
 - He will be attending Gettysburg College on a soccer scholarship
 - He provided a recap of the soccer team's season, which included a national ranking & Salesianum contending in the national soccer championship.
 - Nikko recapped his activities at Salesianum, and at the parish, including participation in the Via Crucis & service as an Altar Server.
- St. Anthony in the Hills
 - The parish is nearing completion of the parcel sale to New Garden Township, with the stated goal of preserving the property and maintaining public access. The parish extended the initial 90 day term of the Letter of Intent with the Township to work exclusively with them for an additional 30 days. The intent is to finalize the Agreement of Sale within the next 30 days
 - The 5.5 acre (non-conserved parcel) remains on the market. A prior Agreement of Sale was terminated, as the proposed purchaser could not satisfy the timelines of the Agreement.
- Parish Financial Update
 - Bob Shields provided a recap of the parish financial status. A copy of Bob's written report will be included with the meeting minutes.
- Pastor' Discussion Items
 - Remarks Regarding Pastor Transition
 - The appointment of a new pastor will take place after the election of a new Oblate Provincial, likely around midsummer.
 - Next Steps in Youth Ministry Discussion
 - Fr. Wrightson offered his insights on this topic, & the need for openness to new ideas, as well as openness to new approaches in this area.
 - Anthony A. recapped discussions held with a potential presenter for a parish leaders' workshop on how to more effectively minister to and with young

people. This contact may be reestablished following the appointment of a new pastor.

- Parish Council Membership & Terms
 - Fr. Wrightson offered the idea of extending current membership terms, to provide an element of continuity for the new Pastor coming into office.
 - Dave moved, and Bill seconded a motion to extend the existing terms one year (& maintain the existing staggered term expiration structure). Motion passed unanimously.
- Grade School Report
 - Principal Judy White provided highlights of a written report, which will be included in the meeting minutes.
- Padua Academy Report
 - Head of School Cindy Mann provided highlights of a report. The report will be included in the meeting minutes.

Parish Committees & Organizations Report

Scouting Report

- Nick DeLuca completed his Eagle Scout project. His Eagle Scout ceremony was held on Sunday, 5/20.
- Italian Festival preparations are on schedule. Puglia, Italy, is the 2018 regional focus area.
- The Sodality continues to grow and to serve the parish. The Sodality will be purchasing (for its annual contribution to the parish) a set or sets of matching vases for use with floral arrangements for the church sanctuary.

Updates

- The Delaware Italian-American Education Association (DIAEA) Italian Film Series, benefitting the *La Mia Piazza* Italian summer camp, experienced record attendance with its move to the Ballad Room.
 - DIAEA has made a contribution to the school's "Digital Library", in Fr. Nick's memory.

Closing Prayer

- Fr. Wrightson offered the Closing Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 9/25/2018 @7PM in Rectory (Lower Level-Large Meeting Room)

September 25, 2018

Business Manager's Report to Parish Council

1. Operating Statement Comments: July 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018

***Weekly offertory revenue is down by 10% compared to the same period last year**

***All other income lines are at or above budget**

***Total income is 1% above the same period last year**

***Expenses are 10% above budget compared to the same period last year, this primarily due to costs associated with maintenance from the recent storms and a requirement to pay liability insurance earlier than in previous years.**

***As of August 31, 2018, the parish has an accounting surplus of \$103,337 for this fiscal year**

2. Grade school enrollment is 222, two above budget for the current year.

3. Marketing and Media plans for the grade school have been developed with the assistance of ABC Advertising. The media plan will roll out in early December and will contain a combination of social media and zip-code specific advertising to promote the January 20, 2019 Open House.

4. The blessing of the Digital Classroom will be held on Tuesday, October 16, at 6:00 p.m. All members of the Parish Council should have received an invitation through Evite.



Parish Council Grade School Report
Respectfully submitted by Judy White
September 25, 2018

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! (Philippians 4:4).

This is a great opening line for the beginning of the new school year. We have so many reasons to rejoice! Our Diocesan theme for the year is “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

When you visit our school building, you will see the theme present all over the building. We will be teaching the 10 Commandments which offer us the freedom to know, love, and serve God and one another as we “Rejoice in the Lord.”

We had a wonderful start to the school year. We gathered on the first day in the Kindergarten courtyard, introduced all students to every adult member of our school community, said an opening prayer with our new pastor, Father Mark Wrightson, and then raised our flags for the first time as a community. Students said the Pledge of Allegiance, ending with the words, “God bless America,” an addition we made following the attacks on September 11th, many years ago, before these children were even born. Those words now seem to be a part of the pledge. We celebrated the first day of school with a water ice and soft pretzel treat. We then met with each level and discussed our school mission (our promise), emergency code procedures, the Diocesan theme, and discipline expectations. Those meetings were very well-received. We had recess and played in our newly renovated Father Tucker playground.

Bob Shields and I were so happy to have the students return. The building just didn't feel the same without that energy, enthusiasm, and joyful noise of children. We welcomed over 40 new students to our school, and they are a lovely addition to our family. They are no longer “new,” but rather part of a small, close-knit community, where they will grow in faith and a loving learning environment. We are two students over budget! We added a full-time staff member to our preschool class, since our enrollment in that class is the highest it has ever been. This is a very promising sign for the future.

All of our faculty and staff returned. We added a new staff member, Johnny Tucker, to our Middle school team. Johnny served as a full time substitute teacher last year when Rita Casale retired. He accepted a full-time teaching contract from us this summer.

This has been a very busy 3 weeks. We began our first set of benchmark testing for all grades, K-8. The students did very well. Students and teachers had their individual school pictures taken, as well as class photos. We started with a new photographer, Tina Gwynn. She did a great job!

Professional Development: Our teachers have been involved in frequent professional development opportunities. Our focus this year is on technology and social emotional learning. Teachers have given positive feedback from the training they have received thus far. We plan to be a Google certified school. This means that all teachers remain current in training and can pass the test in June. Our IT coordinator, John McMillan, has been doing weekly training with our staff to help them prepare for this test.

We have had two Friday Masses so far. The students were exceptional. I received compliments from the community members who attended both Masses with us about the wonderful behavior. It brought so much joy to see our Church buddies attending Mass together. The older students do a wonderful job helping the younger students with responses and prayers. Please join us on Fridays at 8:00 A.M. in our beautiful church. Students prepare and participate actively in the Mass. It is a wonderful way to start your final work day or your weekend.

October Parish Monthly Social

The first parish social of the fall will be held on Sunday, October 7th, in the Ballad Room of the Grade School, following the 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Masses. Stop by for food, fun, and socializing with fellow parishioners and friends. The social, as always, will feature a variety of great donuts and tomato pie from Serpe's Bakery, delicious breakfast pizzas from Degnars Greenhill Deli, and more! Hope you can join us!

Please follow us on Facebook (***St. Anthony of Padua Grade School Families, Alumni & Friends***) to see updates, events, and photos from our days. Be sure to check out our website calendar at sapgs.org. It is updated regularly and is where we will be listing all of our events. We have several fun events planned thanks to our incredible Home and School Board.

We have met with our Advisory Board once and will meet again with them tomorrow night to do some strategic planning and new program planning. Our digital library is up and running. We will be blessing that room on October 16th! We are truly grateful to all of the committees that made that room possible.

We are off to a fantastic year! Please don't hesitate to call me should you ever have any questions. Stop by the school anytime and see what's new! Student Council officers love to give tours and enjoy visitors 😊



Padua Academy Report to St. Anthony's Parish Council
9-24-2018

Student and Parent September Events

- Class Meetings – Goal Setting for the Year
- Back to School Night for all Parents
- New Parent Orientation Meeting
- Adoration every First Friday – All are welcome
- Big Sisters/Little Sisters Afternoon Social
- Senior Parent Meeting – College Readiness
- Student Council Elections and Installations
- Opening Liturgy – Fr. Mark Wrightson
- State of School Breakfasts Sept and Oct – Does not include November – 9/18, 9/27, 10/11, 10/18, 10/26. All meeting from 7:30 AM-9:00 AM
- Freshmen Sleepover – 9/15, 7:30 PM-8:00 AM
- Flash Back Friday Dance with our girls and Sallies Boys -9/28, 7 PM-10 PM
- Awards Ceremony – 9/21, 9 AM-10 AM

Student and Parent October Events

- Freshmen Field Trip and Sophomore Service Day 10/2
- Community Homeroom – Celebration of Achievements and Friendships 10/3
- Sophomore Sleepover – 10/5, 7 PM-8 AM
- Rosary Pilgrimage – 10/11
- Prep Course for 8th graders 10/13
- 5K Walk for Mental Health – Originated and Directed by Padua Students
- Recruitment – Home presentation together with Salesianum
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – 10/18
- Recruitment – Open House – Parish Council Welcome – See what Padua is all about – Early Afternoon
- Marketing – Principal for the Day – Chamber of Commerce
- Marque Matchup – Spirit Clubs - Support Field Hockey with Tailgate and cheering

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Teacher Events for August, September and October

- **Inservice on Active Shooter in the school**
- **Initial inservice and ongoing weekly sessions for all of October in Mindfulness**
- **UD/Padua cooperative program with USA and Saudi Arabia teacher leaders. This immersion program will run from September until the end of December**
- **Ongoing UD teacher classes to meet DE Certification**
- **Creation and producing – Padua Academy, The Greatest School – See website**
- **Launched new website**
- **Launch of Teacher Learning Communities**
- **Launch of APS Program**

Development

- **Leadership Dinner – Honoring donors from \$500 annual giving 10/24, 6:00PM**
- **Legal Shadowing Reception- 9/27, 5:30 PM**
- **Establishment to Host Committee for DHWA. The speaker this year is Astronaut Peggy Whitson. *Please support this wonderful event.* Proceeds go to our Annual Fund for Scholarships and Financial Aid Grants.**
- **Annual Report has been mailed out.**
- **We send out 3 weekly Newsletters. They are sent to Parents, Donors, Current students and all interested 8th graders and their parents.**
- **Cindy will be the speaker at the November New Castle Rotary Club.**

Alumnae

- **Establishment of an Executive Alumnae Committee with goal that include, Gala for Alums, Raise funds for Scholarship, Increase attendance in Reunions and the creation of a monthly newsletter.**

If you would like to receive our weekly newsletters, please email me at cmann@paduaacademy.org. Please specify if you want a copy of the Parents and Friends, The Students, or the Recruitment.

