

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
SUMMARY MINUTES February 18, 2010

Communications:

- Website Additions: Lenten Regulations and Admonitions, other Lenten activities and devotions in the Parish, Lenten Reflection Series for adults and teens. 3 scholarship announcements-OLOP, Knights of Columbus and YMI. Recent Youth Group news reports and updated slideshow of their activities including their participation in the Walk for Life. A master schedule of worship times, devotions and events in the ACC. The schedule was produced by Lisa Tavano-Hall, IMC webmaster and Communications Steward, at Fr. Tom's request. It will be updated monthly.
- Other: An updated Ministries Brochure. The weekly religion page in the Ledger was increased in size. Catholics Come Home newspaper advertisement ran 6 times. A Community Brief ran periodically in the newspaper.

Faith Formation:

- 1st-6th Grade & Junior High: Susan Kirkwood Yates has requested assistance from Sean and Mayra Rabe to find more effective and ongoing ways to promote Faith Formation. Susan hopes to raise awareness throughout St. Patrick Parish with the goal of encouraging more people to come forth as catechists and/or helpers.
- Confirmation: The parent/youth sessions are completed. The retreat for those to be confirmed will be March 26 and 27 in Haran Hall.
- First Eucharist: There are 2 more parent/child sessions.
- Catechist Formation: The next Echoes of Faith series for Basic Catechist Certification is Saturday, March 13. The topic is "Introduction to Scripture." All parishioners are welcome. Registration is necessary.
- Los Angeles Religious Education Congress: 5 catechists will be attending. The profit of \$180.00 from the catechist's bake sale at OLOP will be added to the money in the budget to defray some of the cost.
- Youth Group: The retreat was cancelled because the minimum number of 15 sign-ups was not reached. A decision was made to present certain portions of what had been planned at 2 regularly scheduled Sunday meetings. Janice reported that 20 youth gathered for an early Ash Wednesday breakfast before attending Mass where they were joined by more youth. Deacon Jaime and his son will be the guest speakers at the February meeting. Their presentation will focus on justice and service in caring for our world. The Walk for Life was "awesome" in the words of the teens. At the March meeting the teens involved in the Bible Study Group will present a sample session to the group. The Youth Group will host the Soup Supper at St. Patrick on March 26.
- Adult Formation: Women's Study Group continues to meet.
- Bible Study: Continues to meet at OLOP.
- Lenten afternoon of Prayer and Reflection: The topic is "Watering Our Roots" and will meet on Sunday, March 7 from 1:00-4:00 in St. Patrick Hall.

- RCIA: February 20 the Rite of Sending will be celebrated at St. Mary's in Plymouth. The Rite of Election will be celebrated later in the afternoon at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Liturgy: Triduum planning is underway. A county wide Liturgy meeting was held and March's meeting will also be combined. Work on securing St. Sava or the Italian Picnic Grounds is in progress; if they are not available we may have to consider not having a county wide service.
- Faith Formation teachers from St. Patrick have been contacted and a list compiled for potential altar servers.

Maintenance/Cemetery:

- St. Patrick: The downspout causing water to leak into the DePaoli building had been repaired and the water diverted away.
- OLOP: A new carpet transition strip was installed in the front of the church where a pew was removed to facilitate handicapped parishioners.
- St. Bernard: The bat exclusion is nearly complete. No bats were observed leaving the building to feed before the last access holes were covered over. The temporary attic vent barrier will be replaced by something that looks nicer. There is a suspected water leak in the sacristy, possibly a running toilet. Steve will investigate.
- St. Patrick Cemetery: Mike Boitano will be contacted to schedule weed spraying.

Sacramental Outreach: During Lent we are again invited to keep a Vocation Crucifix in our homes for a week and offer prayers for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Fr. Tom, at the suggestion of the Pastoral Stewardship Council, has designated a crucifix for each church; OLOP, St. Patrick and St. Bernard. Father will present the crucifix to the family/individual who has signed up. The crucifixes will be returned the following week and given to the next on the list. Each crucifix will come with the suggested prayers.

Service Outreach:

- Ministry to the Bereaved: Working to update how this ministry is run.
- Martha Ministry: Names and phone numbers have been updated for volunteers at OLOP. List still to be done at other churches and will be worked on and discussed prior to the Ministry Faire at OLOP.
- Parishioner Assistance: Blanche Rueda is the contact to direct parishioners to the minister best able to help them and will relay information to the ministers who need to know of the need. Blanche is providing a Ministry Faire at OLOP on March 7. 25 ministries should be represented with each Ministry Head displaying what their ministry does. There will be tables representing 6-7 OLOP events. Hospitality Sunday with donuts and beverages will also take place. It would be nice if some of the stewards would attend the Faire after Mass.
- Interfaith Food Bank: Terri's role has expanded to Vice President serving on the finance and personnel committees. She also works a 4 hour shift in the warehouse.

- Knights of Columbus: Some upcoming dates
March 6-2nd and 3rd Degree-Carmichael-10:00 AM-Lawrence Rositani
March 9-Business Meeting-St. Patrick-6:30 PM-Dennis Shortino
March 14-Donut Sunday-Sacred Heart-8:00 AM
March 16-Family Pot Luck-St. Patrick-6:30 PM
March 19-Preston Prayer-Preston-6:00 PM-Joe Matthews
- YMI: The Valentine's Day breakfast was attended by about 40 people and netted \$200.00. The annual Red & White Mass for all the councils will be held in San Leandro on March 6 with at least 4 local members attending. The Father George Thomas Scholarship is posted on the websites of St. Patrick, Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart. The deadline for filing is May 1.
- Walk for Life: 13 youth participated along with 3 chaperones. It was so successful that plans are to do it again next year.
- Money earned from recycling is being donated to benefit Katie Rose.

Stewardship Formation:

- OLOP Society: Meeting was held at Haran Hall on February 3. Deacon Jaime conducted the opening and closing prayers. Fr. Alfie sent a card expressing his prayerful thanks for the recent donations received to assist victims of Typhoon Ondoy in the Philippines. The money was used to feed 4 families for about 2 months. Deacon Jaime blessed throats in honor of the Feast of St. Blaise. A Ministry Faire in Haran Hall on March 7 will provide parishioners the opportunity to learn of the various ministries with ministers at each table to answer questions. The Faire will be in conjunction with Hospitality Sunday. \$485.00 was voted on to be spent to support the Rummage Sale and Golf Tournament. A new printing calculator, cash boxes and other items are needed.
- Parish Photo Directories: Will be distributed the weekend of February 27-28. Every person/family who had a photo taken (or submitted) will receive a free book. Extra books will be available for purchase at \$10.00 per copy.

Respect Life Tea: Will be held in Haran Hall on Saturday, May 1 from 2:00-4:00 PM. The beneficiary is the Amador Pregnancy Help Center, Jackson. All proceeds from ticket sales and raffle gift baskets will be donated to the Center. Proceeds are usually over \$1000.00 with the donation from 2009 \$1700.00. The Tea is underwritten by the OLOP Society. Committee co-chairs are Carole Sooy and Mary Ann Evans. 8-9 other members include Barbara Garcia. Table hostesses are being sought for 14 tables. Ticket price is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for ages 12 and under. An announcement will appear in the bulletin.

Deacon Jaime: Officiates at Baptisms in Spanish. Welcomes new Spanish speaking members to the parish. Ministers at the Pine Grove Conservation Camp; one of the boys is interested in the church. Deacon Jaime and his wife, Barbara, are conducting a marriage class for 3 couples.

Father Aldo: Conducts the Spanish 1:00 PM Mass on Sunday.