

# Ss. Mary & Joseph Church Pastoral Council

## Minutes for March 10, 2009

- I. **Prayer:**
  - a. Father Tom Donovan led members of the Pastoral Council in prayer at 7:00 p.m. on March 10 at the Parish Center.
- II. **Approval of Prior Meeting's Minutes**
  - a. Council Members approved the minutes.
- III. **Old Business**
  - a. Father Tom discussed Guard Training experience. Members were pleased with the substitute priests who served while Fr. Tom was away. Father mentioned the article in the Enquirer- Democrat highlighting his National Guard duty.
  - b. Shingles on the roof of the Parish Center are cracking and a recent windstorm blew shingles off the east church roof; the latter is covered by insurance. The broken shingles need to be researched
- IV. **New Business**
  - a. **Worship and Spirituality:** EOMHC training and commissioning is coming soon. There may be a mission here this summer and next year, possibly combined with St. Raymond.
  - b. **Catholic Education and Christian Formation:** PSR continues; ACRE testing preliminary results are better than last year. Bible study of the Book of Revelation is scheduled.
  - c. **Family Life and Ministries:** Grief and Bereavement series led by Donna Dausman was well attended. The next step in this ministry will be forthcoming.
  - d. **Outreach and Social Justice:** St. Vincent de Paul group has elected officers and are moving forward. A special parish collection will be held to help funding. The group will become financially autonomous and meet twice monthly with a prayer service and discernment group included.
  - e. **Fellowship:** Mardi Gras dinner was well attended. A 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the dedication of the church will be held on March 24 with a Mass and dinner after.
  - f. **Facilities, Property, and Stewardship:** Father Tom stressed our parish obligation to support the Diocese with the Annual Catholic Services Appeal.
    1. Bulletins need to be available to parishioners who leave the building later than the greeters.
    2. Speaker system within the church needs to be adjusted since the organ is loud on one side and not heard on the other side of church.
    3. Music at the 8am Mass and low attendance at Masses were discussed.

**V. Pastor's Comments**

- a. National Guard:** Next Guard duty includes Palm Sunday weekend, Friday through Monday. Fr. George will celebrate Mass Saturday and Fr. Tom will celebrate Sunday Masses.
- b. Pastoral Associate/Youth Minister:** Fr. Tom suggested opening a part-time position of Pastoral Associate/Youth Minister. There is possibility of a collaborative effort with surrounding parishes in the future, but nothing definite yet. Father needs a strong candidate willing to work with others to develop strong programs within our parish. Consensus among members was that bringing on a team player would greatly benefit the parish. Fr. will then move forward on the application process. He will form a subcommittee to participate in the interview procedure.
- c. Deacon:** Thom Lucia will be ordained Deacon on June 20. Father would like to offer him a stipend from the parish if Thom is available. Another possible candidate is Frank Mayernich in Thayer.

**VI. Calendar & Next Meeting Date – April 7, 2009**

**VII. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by: Rebecca Marchiori; Typed by: Diane Ahrens*