

## **Minutes of 2/15/11 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting**

Parish Mission Statement:

The mission of the parish community of St. Ambrose is to grow in faith and spirituality as we seek to proclaim and live the gospel through our liturgy, prayer and charitable works for all God's people.

Present: Fr. Charles Currie, Fr. Don Bourgeois, Barbara Kane, Dc. Tom Picciano, Andy Gresko, Jim Spak, Sheila Sweeney, Mary Anne Bass, Paul Yusko, and Jerry Wagner , Dick Paden, Ann Ros, Gary Leighton

Excused: Francine Butler-Groat, Patti Sergent, Joey Singleton,

An opening prayer was offered.

The prior meeting's minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Welcome and Comments by Fr. Currie:

Our focus is to continue to be a caring, faith filled parish, and a sign to others that we are a holy people.

Jerry W. led the meeting in Patti S.'s absence.

### **A. Pastoral Agenda:**

1. Pastoral Ministry Update: Deacon Tom is excellent with the Pastoral Ministry. That ministry is a major responsibility of this Parish
2. Monthly Food Collection;
  - Can be mentioned during the prayer of the faithful
  - Signs can be posted on the baskets on the entrances to remind parishioners how the once a month collection works
  - Change takes time and it will evolve

### **B. Parish Life Agenda:**

1. Qtly coffee hours were well-received and well attended.
  - Next qtly coffee hour after each mass is planned for April 3, 2011
2. Marvelous Mardi Gras - Sunday 3/6/2011 11:30 am followed by 1:15 pm Pot Luck Feast
  - The K-8 Faith Formation students will be making very creative presentations.
  - Parish Council Volunteers needed.
3. Hope Appeal is geared up for the Spring Drive: Kicking off May 14-15. More information to come.
4. Parish Bulletin – Parish Council members will bring suggestions for updates to the bulletin to the next Parish Council meeting

### **C. Faith and Spirituality -**

1. Lent education program for parishioners. Barb presented the book that will be used. The bulletin for 2/19 & 20/ 2011 will announce the program.
2. "Ignite" – Diocesan's Men's conference Saturday 4/2/11 in Syracuse – a Captain is needed.
3. Fr. Currie will hold a mass associated with RENEW
4. Fr. Currie asked for more volunteers to assist with the Sunday Night 7:00 pm mass—Lectors, ushers, alter servers, welcome announcers, Eucharistic ministers, etc.

Maryanne kindly volunteered to lector.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3/15/2011

A closing prayer was offered.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Ros