

## St Ambrose Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

March 15, 2011

### Opening Prayer

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, Jerry Wagner, Dick Paden, Ann Ros, Gary Leighton, Patti Sergent and Joey Singleton

Excused: Francine Butler-Groat

An opening prayer was offered by Fr. Currie.

The minutes from the 2/15/11 meeting were accepted.

Welcome and comments by Fr. Charles:

How we behave during Lent is how we should live our lives daily. We should be in a state of continual thanksgiving for all God's gifts, shape a relationship with Jesus Christ, and spread the Kingdom of God. The Parish Pastoral Council members are role models to parishioners.

### A. Pastoral Agenda

#### 1) Parish Pastoral Ministry Update-

Deacon Tom thanked those who helped with the distribution of ashes to the homebound and nursing home residents.

#### 2) 7:00 p.m. Mass update – we do have some new volunteers and we could use a few more.

The schedule will be issued soon.

### B. Parish Life Agenda

#### 1) Hope Appeal Parish Kickoff weekend is May 14/15. Volunteers are needed to run the DVD for Hope appeal weekend Masses.

Parish goals are being revised to reflect revised income data.

The Hope Appeal now has a new Parish Grant Program which is funded by the McDevitt Trust. Parishes can apply for this funding.

#### 2) Parish Bulletin – The process for creating our Sunday bulletin has been updated. This provides an opportunity to revisit our bulletin.

The suggestions for the additions to the bulletin were:

- Health tips like stroke prevention
- Call for volunteers for the ministries such as church cleaning, bereavement luncheons, etc.

#### 3) The council did not wish to have the parish showing of the movie "The Passion of the Christ."

#### 4) The next Quarterly Coffee Hour following all Masses will be held during Hope Appeal weekend, May 14/15.

- 5) Barb K. is conducting confirmation classes for adults starting on Monday 3/21. Bishop Cunningham will celebrate confirmation at St. Ambrose on Pentecost Sunday, Sunday June 12, at the 10:15 a.m. Mass.

#### C. Faith & Spirituality Agenda

- 1) Three groups are involved in the "Disciples on the Journey" Lenten gatherings. Feedback is that it is good.
- 2) Six men from the Parish are attending "Ignite," the Diocesan Men's Conference, to be held Sat., April 2 in Syracuse.
- 3) New items
  - a) The RCIA candidates and sponsors from St. Ambrose attended RCIA in Syracuse where the Bishop spoke to each person individually.
  - b) Rick Ros asked if the parish would consider sending cards and supplies directly from the parish to the military parishioners. The council approved this activity. Andy and Sheila volunteered to assist directly.
  - c) A question was asked to see the church financial statement. The parishioners can make an appointment with the business manager.
  - d) The church will take up a collection for Japan.
  - e) Pat S. will reconfigure the monthly Sunday Mass food collection so that it reflects that all parishioners are welcome to participate.

A closing prayer was said.

Next Meetings: **4/26/11**, 5/17/11, 6/21/11