

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice
Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, 1 June 2005

Present: Fr. Ed Kacerguis, Marie Venaglia, Rosanne Rose, Bill Webster, Mark Meehan, Matthew Cusack

Absent: Sue Gutmann, Heather Scoffone, Ann Brinnitzer, Christopher Rainey, Brandon Graver, Matt Kosara

Faith Formation and prayer:

Mark Meehan led the Council in Evening Prayer.

Minutes:

The minutes of the May 4, 2005 meeting were reviewed, corrected and approved.

Pastor's Report:

- The summer mass schedule, 5:15 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday, will begin Memorial Day weekend (28-29 May), and continue through mid-August when the students return to campus.
- The Graduation Mass was a genuine success. We expect to continue this in the future.
- A Teaching Mass was conducted for the First Communion class.
- There will be numerous weddings in the Chapel over the summer.
- The Cluster will hold another pulpit exchange the weekend of 9- 10 July.
- The Liturgy Committee is continuing work on our observance of Holy Week. They are making good progress.
- This year the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Monday, and is not a holy day of obligation.
- Carl Hackert will be leaving the Music Ministry. Sunday 5 June will be his last day.
- This year the summer music picnic will feature Tim Martin. The date is Wednesday, 20 July, with Mass at 5:15, followed by a picnic and the music program.

Chaplain's Report:

- The chaplains from the diocese of Albany met with Catholic Charities to discuss service opportunities, especially for spring break 2006.
- Marie gave the benediction at the RPI Graduation ceremony.

Chair's Report:

- Work is continuing on the analysis of the parish survey.

Committee and Organization Reports:

Faith Formation Committee (Marie)

Marie attended the BAMOFF (Becoming A Minister of Faith Formation) program.

Marie also met with Rensselaer County catechetical leaders.

Ann Brinnitzer and Marie attended a training workshop for the Generations of Faith program. Our parish will adopt this intergenerational faith formation process in the fall.

Hospitality (Matt Cusack)

In order to increase parish awareness of the Council, pictures of its members will be taken for a display in the fall.

Social Action (Marie)

The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, 2 August.

Other Business:

Discussion of the parish survey results continued. Matt Cusack will work on a plan for a parish registry for those who are interested at registration time in the fall.

A parish scrapbook was suggested as a means of preserving a record of significant events.

There was a preliminary discussion of a revision to the Council standing committees. Rosanne suggested that the Hospitality Committee be replaced by a Parish Life Committee with somewhat broader responsibilities. Bill suggested that the Parish Administration committee be eliminated. A draft revision to the by-laws will be prepared for more detailed discussion in September.

Most student members of the Council have left campus before the June meeting. Is it possible to include them in some way, possibly phone or internet conferencing? If not, should the Council consider a nine month schedule, September through May?

