



## HOLY FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Wednesday, December 17, 2014, 7:30 p.m., Classroom 12-13** (*Reception at 7:00 p.m.*)

Present: Fr. Andy Aaron, Dan Brown, Jeanne Catrow, Doni Dondero Ann Dowling, Rick Hess, Mary Ann Jensen, John Mantini, Mary Ann Sabo, Jack Weaver

Absent: Stephen Ayers, Dcn. Tom Beales, Sean Burke, Franklin Daily, Dennis Duffy, Loretta Haring, Katherine Lemanski, Emily Rowe

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Andy

### Welcome and Announcements

**Approval of Minutes** - November Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

### Pastor's Remarks - Parish Updates

- Chapel Ramp & Brick Construction – Substantially complete; recognition/blessing ceremony 12/28/14
- Welcome Table – In progress; additional updates next month
- Discovering Christ Program – Everyone in mailing area will receive a Lenten mailing/program invitation
- English as a Second Language Program – Interested parishioners with education backgrounds encouraged to participate
- Lutheran Group – Used the chapel last year; all have become Catholic
- Mini Mission – Facilitated by Fr. Blaze
- Penance Service – 12/18/14, 7pm; 8 area priests will be available to minimize wait times; please spread the word and encourage attendance
- Parish Website – In the process of being revamped

### Reports

- PC Executive Committee Meeting 12/5/2014; Next Meeting 1/9/2015
  - Maureen Laski, Service Pillar Representative – Stepping down
  - Improving communication with parish ministries/groups – In progress; report and recommendations to be presented at January meeting
  - Review local and regional support efforts (St. Gregory)
- Pillar Reports – Comments and Questions (Submitted reports attached)
  - Education/ Enrichment - Doni and Sharon scheduled to visit the Church of the Nativity on 12/21 to observe CCD and Childrens' Liturgy
  - Liturgy – Recommendation that the ornate Monstrance be used in the Adoration Chapel
- Finance Committee - FY 15 Financial Statements (YTD)

### Old Business

- Mid-Atlantic Congress (MAC) - Forming Catholic Leaders for Faith-Filled Service, February 12-14, 2015, Baltimore, MD (<http://www.midatlanticcongress.org/home.html>)
  - 10 Tickets have been purchased; contact Fr. Andy or Donna to attend; Michael, Christy, Sharon and various parishioners are currently scheduled to attend all or part of the event.
- Passion and Purpose Seminar with Matthew Kelly, April 18, 2015, Severna Park, MD (<http://dynamiccatholic.com/events/passion-and-purpose/>); authored the two books distributed to parishioners during the past two Christmas Masses
  - 10 Tickets have been purchased; contact Ann Dowling to attend.



## Wednesday, December 17, 2014 – Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes Continued

### New Business

- How can the Parish Council and the Pillar Representatives better engage with the parish ministries and groups?
  - It is difficult for ministries/groups to identify which pillar they come under
  - Consider adding additional pillar representative for Adult Education/Enrichment
  - Consider combining Evangelization and Service
  - Suggest each ministry/group develop a
- What is the “culture” of Holy Family? Is there anything we should do to improve or better exemplify our culture?
  - Pastoral Council Members to consider this question; to be discussed at a future meeting

### Good of the Order

- Pampering Day (May) – Opportunity to give back to parishioners and community members who are care givers; maximum of 50 participants; additional information to follow
- Holy Family Women’s Retreat – 1/10/15, 8:30am-12:00pm; contact Christy for more information

**Final Blessing:** Father Andy

### Adjourn

### Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13

**Thursday**, February 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM – **Classrooms 10-11**

**Thursday**, March 19, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13

**Thursday**, May 21, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 7:30 PM – Classrooms 12-13

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
Parish Pastoral Council  
Monthly Report**

**To:** Parish Pastoral Council Members      **Month:** December 2014

**From:** Ann Dowling      **Pillar:** Evangelization

**Activities/Accomplishments: (Please include participation & financial data)**

Faith and Abilities

- Served at Winter Relief

Welcome Committee

- Slowed down after the big fall rush. Made 5 calls in November.

Adoration

- The oratory was completely repainted.
- The painting of Christ behind the oratory altar was repaired and re-hung on a different wall to protect the integrity of the painting.
- Beautiful glass tile were installed inside the oratory arch to complement the stained glass windows.

**Activities Planned in Next 2 Months: (Please specify estimated cost & source)**

Cenacles

- Book sales for the preparation for the Consecration Mass Feb. 10th will be Dec. 27-28th and Jan. 3-4th.

Faith and Abilities

- We will be having our team leaders' meeting in January for our pampering day in May. We are asking all ministries to let us know if they know of any women who are caretakers for parents, husbands or children so we can start getting a list together for invitations. We have 50 slots, and we want to invite all those from our parish before opening up the invitation to other parishes.

**Calendar Notes: (Please identify if activity is approved & on calendar)**

**Problems/Concerns: (Please be specific with possible recommendations)**

Holy Family Catholic Church  
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Monthly Report for December 2014

From: Donaileen Dondero

Pillar: Children's Religious Education

December Events and Activities

Most of the 90 students who had prepared participated in First Reconciliation on December 6 at 10 a.m. with six priests available.

Elementary Faith Formation students raised over \$200 in quarters so that Winter Relief participants could do laundry.

Middle School Faith Formation students provided items for bag lunches for Winter Relief guests during the entire week.

First graders worked at home as a family to create Nativity scenes. Students made presentations to their classmates and discussed how they created the scenes as well as what they and their families learned during the experience. The project provided the opportunity for families to discuss the true story and meaning of Christmas. Families made many comments as they brought the dioramas into the classrooms. Comments included what they wanted to be sure to include in the scene. The Nativities are on display until December 21 in the lobby area near the Religious Ed office. Council members are encouraged to view the work of our students whose imaginations helped them choose materials from marshmallows to Legos.

The Nativity Pageant will be presented on December 21 after the 11 a.m. mass. All choirs are working to provide a musical program. A cookie reception is planned following the pageant. Annamary Holbrook and Monica Felter have been rehearsing the students.

Our children and their families contributed 93 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Ms. Graham and I (and possibly others) will attend Nativity Church on Sunday, December 21 to observe personally how this church uses music and theater to engage their youth.

January Plans

The First Communion parent meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 6 at 7 p.m. in the church. Classes will take place the week of January 21.

A Catechist Retreat, designed by all of the Anne Arundel County DREs is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 from 9 a.m. til noon at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. The \$7 participant cost will be paid by our parish. Fr. Tony Adawu will present "A Church of Children," looking at the church through the eyes of a child. Mass and confession will be available. A lite fare of breakfast items will be provided to participants as they check in.

## Recommendations

I recommend that we do more to encourage participation in Catechist training. Waiving the fee is a good start. I don't believe that our volunteers should have to pay to become more proficient at their volunteer positions. I have suggested to Ms. Graham that in the future we do more to "promote" these enrichment opportunities rather than just announce them. This could include learning more about the actual proposed content and including this in information provided to our Catechists, offering to organize car pools, considering paying for the optional lunch, providing a follow up report to all of our Catechists highlighting important points made by speakers, and copying hand outs for distribution to those who could not attend.