

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting Minutes
12 October 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Vern, Deacon Bill, Judy Dudek, Gayle Tyler, Pat Antonovich, Rachelle Rushford, Donna Grady, Therese Rakouskas , Kathy Wood and Guest - Geri Amprimo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judy Dudek, Beth Buczko, and Pam Letendre

1. Fr. Vern opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Fr. stated that the Transitus and all that went with it went well.
3. We then reviewed the future calendar as follows:
 - a. 20 October – 7:00 pm Healing Mass. Fr. Mclear will be available to help with confessions.
 - b. 27 October – Fr. Alex Cymerman from Mater Dolorosa Church in Holyoke has agreed to come speak about The Cross of San Damiano and St. Francis of Assisi at 6:30 pm. This will be advertised in the bulletin. Gayle had asked Fr. Alex to bring 100 of these crosses with him and it was decided that we would have a donation basket for these. We also voted that if there were not enough in the donation basket to cover the \$110.00, then the remainder could come out of the Spiritual Life budget.
 - c. 6 November – Scott Hahn will be speaking in Salem, Ma. Geri briefed that there is already a carload planning to go. She could look into getting a bus if more are interested.
 - d. 15 January – Matthew Kelly will be speaking in CT. Like Scott Hahn, many parishioners have connected with him due to the CDs from the kiosk. Men especially seem to like Kelly. Again, there is potential to secure a bus for this one day trip.
 - e. CD of the month club – Geri briefed the great results Granby has had with their program. She has joined and you receive a CD in the mail, one that would not have been for sale for the kiosk as yet. You don't know what it will be about and that has proven to be a good thing. She stated that so far there have been two CDs that she would not have purchase, however ended up loving them. The cost to the individual to join this club is \$5.00 per month. There is a way to purchase in bulk if there were a group that would commit to it. After some discussion it was decided to hold a "Faith Sharing" group meeting for those that were in this club to discuss the CD. It will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and will start in January. Everyone agreed this would be a great way to evangelize, but it will need commitment. Geri figures 2-3 leaders plus the group. The first one will be planned for 19 January allowing the club to start in December. It will be well advertised in the near future.
 - f. Kiosk – Geri stated she plans to have CDs focusing on the Saints for the month of November.
 - g. Tovet Room – Geri would like to have a flat screen TV purchased for the Tovet Room as she feels she has been called to start a Bible Study Class. She is not ready to do this as yet; she is looking for a good program to follow.

h. 1 November – All Saints Day, morning mass only as this is not a holy day of obligation.

i. All Souls Day – Fr. stated there will be a listing of all the deceased from this past year as usual.

j. 20/21 November – this would be our 6th anniversary in the church, however nothing special is planned. It will just be mentioned at the weekend masses.

k. Thanksgiving – mass will be held at 9:00 am.

l. 27/28 November – first weekend of Advent. Gayle had 3 books she liked and each were discussed. It was agreed that she would order 200 each of “Jesus is Our Savior” for the children at \$0.67 cents each; 400 of “Opening our Hearts to God” by Alice Camille for families – also at \$0.67 each and 200 of a sheet used for High School, College, “teens and tweens” for \$14.55 per 100. It was decided not to buy any of the Magnificat booklets for this year.

m. 5 December – Fr. Vern stated that Bishop will here for a 4PM Mass as we are hosting the Christmas gathering of the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, of which Fr. Vern is a member. The reception will follow in the new rectory.

n. 6 December – lighting of the crèche – Feast of St. Nicholas

o. 8 December – A holy day of obligation and masses will be on 7 December at 6:30pm and on 8 December at 7:00 and 10:00am.

p. 19 December – Parish reconciliation and first penance will be held at 2:00pm.

q. Christmas –

- 24 December – 4:00, 6:00 and Midnight masses
- 25 December – 10:00am
- 26 December – 8:00 and 10:30 am only

r. New Years –

- 31 December – 4:00 pm
- 1 January – 10:00 am and 4:00 pm
- 2 January – 8:00 and 10:30am
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s. 9 March – Ash Wednesday

t. 24 April - Easter

4. Spiritual Adoption Program - Gayle attended the Parish Council meeting and was approved to run this program. It is for babies that would be at risk for abortion. She will purchase the set of 9 posters for \$35.00 out of the Spiritual Life budget.

5. The Mirror – Gayle was very excited about this magazine and after reading it from cover to cover shared with us the many inspiring items in it. Fr. stated that the parish is assuming the cost of these to be sent to all registered families – approximately \$4000.00 - \$5000.00 per year. This replaced the Catholic Observer.

6. Donna asked about Lessons in Carols for this year. Fr. Vern felt there was too much going on to hold it for this year.

12. **Next Meeting:** There will be no meetings for November or December. Our next meeting will be held on 18 January at 6:30pm. This will more than likely be held in the “old” rectory. A special thanks to Geri for attending our meeting and bringing such enthusiasm to our faith!.

13. Closing Prayer