

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes Holy Name Parish, Ketchikan, AK 20 February 2017

Yellow highlight indicates “to do” items

Attendees: Fr. Pat, Patti, Mark and Evan

6:00 Opening Prayer – Fr. Pat

Fr. Pat’s new assignment as “Diocesan Administrator (i.e., Acting Bishop)

- Fr. Pat will be the Diocesan Administrator until the Pope selects a new Bishop.
- He will be performing these duties from Ketchikan, but will likely have to travel once or twice per month to Juneau.
- Father plans to be in Ketchikan until early March and then back for the lenton season.

Ministry Commissioning Masses

- Unfortunately, this slipped through the cracks after our last ministry fair.
- It was agreed that we will wait until next season to have another Commissioning Mass. This will take place the 1st Sunday of Advent (November), after the fall Ministry Fair and training of ministers.

Understanding the Language of Advance Care Planning.

- Ann Margaret Shuham will be providing this workshop after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, March 4 at 7:00 pm.
- The workshop will include lots of information on legal wishes for end of life as well as the Catholic view of these issues.
- Father Pat needs to review the PowerPoint PPT for Ann Margaret.
- Patti will contact Ann Margaret to see if there is anything the Pastoral Council can do to help organize for this event.
- We will put news of the event in the next bulletin and on the banner page of our website.
- Church office will send a special email to all parishioners about the event.

Religious Education News

- Vince has been working hard to develop a robust religious education program for both the church and school. These include the following:
 - Confirmation classes are underway with about 20 enrollees.
 - A 3-day retreat is planned for late March on POW island.
 - The Holy Name Youth Group has officially been reestablished with 15-25 youth coming to weekly meetings and even more to the teen Mass at 5:30 Sunday.
 - The Youth Conference at Stubenville (Spokane, WA), is July 26-30. Limited interest so far, but we may still attend. If not, more opportunities next year.
 - RCIA program will begin after Easter.
 - Adult education will begin in March for the lenton season. Two main elements are planned:

- Latin classes will occur on 1st Sunday.
- Second Sunday events will continue as normal.
- Third and Fourth Sundays will include Bible study and adult catechesis.
- Metlakatla Ministry – Vince has visited this community and is interested in starting a youth group there. He will also say SCAP as he is able to travel over there.
- Holy Name School Religious Education – Vince will begin Hebrew classes for the 5th/6th graders in March.
- Music Ministry – Vince is working with Chaz on an Eastern chant choir for the Easter celebration.
- Meet-Greet with Protestants – Vince plans to meet with the other protestant church youth groups to network and develop closer relationships.
- Vince developed a Youth Group website that is helpful and attractive to the group.

Pastoral Planning

- All the pastoral priorities for 2016 did not get accomplished. These include the “coming home” ministry for non-practicing Catholics and the Holy Name census.
- Fr. Pat would like to continue to strive to complete these pastoral priorities. The following plans were discussed:
 - “Coming Home Ministry” – Patti, Fr. Pat and Shelly will get together to review the list of parishioners who we know are not currently coming to church. We will develop a “buddy list” to have one person as initial contact to each parishioner inviting them to come back, or to have a discussion with Fr. Pat if needed.
 - From there, we will make plans of how to most effectively attend to the pastoral needs of those we have contacted.
 - We need to ask 2-3 trusted people to be on a “Census Committee” working with the church office on compiling all the information needed to complete our Holy Name Census. The census will help us identify other people to reach out to if we find they have become inactive.
- Additional Pastoral Priorities
 - At next meeting, our group will come prepared to review the Holy Name Pastoral Plan and recommend additional priorities to begin implementing over the next year.

School News

- Patti attended the last Holy Name School Advisory Committee meeting and reports that the school is doing fantastic. A few needs have been identified:
 - Additional members to the Advisory Board are needed to help share the load on the many aspects of school administration.
 - The three primary subcommittees Nicole initially developed are largely being implemented by Nicole and a few volunteers. While this is currently working out, the advisory committee could use more committed parents who can help in these subcommittees.

Our Mission: We, the Pastoral Council of Holy Name Catholic Church will seek to advise the pastor on all matters affecting the good order of the parish, with an emphasis on strategic approaches to advance the cause of the Gospel in our community, being guided by the authentic teaching of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. As representatives of the parish we will be sensitive and responsive to the needs and concerns of all in a spirit of prayer, commitment and action.

- Nicole has developed an awesome Holy Name School website that is state-of-the-art and will be an asset to students and families.
- The School Curriculum subcommittee is in need of additional help. Rebecca White and Nicole are working on it as time permits.
- The school offices will be painted using volunteers and donations.
- There is a urgent need to move forward on the sprinkler system repairs. Mark gave an update on the status of this need:
 - A new design for the school sprinkler system has been drawn and has been approved by the Fire Marshall.
 - A local contractor has been approached to do the job. He has provided a cost estimate and is willing finance the job with a modest down-payment.
 - The job can get started in June.
 - The Fire Marshall has given us until the beginning of next school year to get the job done.
 - A suggestion to research loans from local banks was made. Tongass Federal Credit Union is offering 3.5% home equity loans right now.
 - The Pastoral Council approved of this as the highest priority. Next step is to discuss how to finance this needed activity at the Finance Council meeting March 8.

Finance Council update

- The Finance Council is currently tracking weekly donations, which are down and well below what is needed.
- Faith in Action is expected to bring in about \$50K.
- We have some cost savings from Fr. Mike's salary and insurance that may help us financially.
- Fr. Pat hopes to implement some consistency in stewardship practices within the diocese during his position as Diocesan Administrator.

Vocations:

- We discussed the need for continued prayers for Vocations. We will ask the church office to include these in the weekly prayers of the faithful.
- Fr. Ed Peniston has been assigned Vocation Director of the Diocese. Hopefully we will see some increased movement in this needed ministry.

Closing Prayer 8:00