

**MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF  
ST. MALACHY PASTORAL COUNCIL  
JANUARY 25, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

A meeting of the St. Malachy Pastoral Council was held on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center at the Parish Rectory. In attendance were Father Michael Maranowski, Pastor, Sister Jolenta Sredinski, Pastoral Associate, Rosemary Corsetti, Interim Facilitator, Luanne Richardson, Kathie Mathews, Carlos Turcios, Wayne Madden, Jessie Forquer, and new member, Barb Marshall.

Rosemary Corsetti called the meeting to order promptly at 7:00 p.m. and warmly welcomed Barb Marshall. Kathie Mathews led the Council in the opening prayer. Rosemary asked for a volunteer for the next meeting for the prayer preparation, and Carlos volunteered to do the prayer for the next meeting.

Father Michael gave the Pastor's Report/Update to the Council. He reported that it is a new calendar year, and we give special thanks to Louise Muzik for having served in many different capacities at St. Malachy for 33 years. She was bookkeeper, secretary, handled the bulletin, answered the door, phone, did purchasing, etc. Father discussed that he is in the process of interviewing for a part-time bookkeeper for three days per week, and he has requested help from Holy Trinity for the payroll on an interim basis. The receptionist, Nancy Patterson, will assist with bulletins, answering phones, and opening the door. She has been here for two years.

The March for Life was held on January 22, 2010. More than 400,000 people traveled to Washington, D.C. to march, with 6,000 Pittsburghers in attendance.

Father discussed the Mission / Parish Renewal that will occur at the parish to begin the weekend of February 13-14 and conclude on Ash Wednesday, February 17. More will be discussed about the mission later in the meeting.

Fr. Michael discussed special collections relating to St. Anthony's School, Haiti needs, and Richard Sealey, who will be missioned as the only Catholic Youth Minister in all of New Zealand.

Father mentioned that Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated the week of January 31, with an opening mass. The Principal has scheduled different activities, and the theme for the week is "Dividends for Life."

A parish trip is offered to the parish June 18-19 to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Emmitsburg, Maryland. Father Russell will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination on June 27, 2010, with a mass of celebration and dinner for invited guests. This will be the culmination of the Year of the Priest.

Father Michael also reported that we are three months into the new lighting and heating that had been installed in the school and in the church. The school does not seem to be reaping as many of the savings benefits of the installations as does the church, and more investigation will be made as to the cause.

Consecrated hosts were found on the floor of the church after the 4:00 p.m. mass. It was suggested that possibly a special needs person was involved in this. All parishioners are asked to carefully attend to this most important issue.

The Council briefly discussed how much of these Minutes should be published in the bulletin to assure the parish that the Pastoral Council is meeting and discussing all of the events and business of the parish. It was suggested that copies of the Minutes could be made available on the parish website.

Rosemary Corsetti, as Interim Facilitator, then reviewed once again the role and purpose of the Pastoral Council. Father Michael, as the Pastor, is the ultimate decision-maker at the parish. Rosemary Corsetti is serving as the interim facilitator and temporary recorder. Both positions need to be filled, as do the particulars of the terms of the Parish Council members and the regularity of the meetings, etc.

The Council then turned to the details of the parish mission/spiritual renewal scheduled for February 13 through 17, 2010. Father Angelus M. Shaughnessy, OFM Cap. will be the priest who will guide us through the mission. The topic is "Be all you can be for God". Mass will be celebrated each day at 9:00 a.m., followed by a talk and Father Shaughnessy will hear confessions after each of his talks during the spiritual renewal.

The Council divided up the specific tasks concerning the mission, including advertisement/publicity, socials after the topics, transportation for the homebound, greeters at the door, and attendance. Publicity included announcements in the bulletin, the *Pittsburgh Catholic*, neighboring parish bulletins, cable television, and the *Suburban Gazette*. The Council also agreed that one person from the Council would do a brief talk at each mass personally inviting parishioners to attend the spiritual renewal in an effort to have more participants. Everyone agreed that personal invitations are more productive in having people attend the parish events.

Posters for the back of the church were planned, as well as the suggestion that the Youth Group could be greeters at the door. The question was whether babysitting could be offered in the preschool room. Many more details were discussed about the planning for the spiritual renewal and the implementation of how the Pastoral Council members could facilitate the planning indicated on the Agenda in an effort to have a successful spiritual renewal and include as many people from the parish as possible in attendance.

The other Lenten activities were then mentioned as planned by the Worship Committee. Those include Stations of the Cross every Friday, Living Stations of the Cross every other Friday, the Meager Meal, the Lenten crosses in the back of the church, the seven church walk, the Tenebrae service, Tridium services, including the washing of the feet, the Palm Sunday procession, and the blessing of the Easter baskets.

The Council then moved to a further discussion and the review of the Strategic Plan for St. Malachy parish. Rosemary Corsetti distributed to each person the complete copy of the Goals and Objectives in one document. It was suggested that we each review the various sections of the Plan to see if they needed to be refined any further, with the hope that at our next meeting we could move the Plan forward and decide how to publicize it to the entire parish. Kathie Mathews was to review the Community of Service pillar, Rosemary Corsetti was to review the Worship and Praying Pillar, Luanne and Sister Jolenta were to review the Education Pillar, Carlos and Jessie were to look at the Community Pillar and Wayne was to review the Administering Community.

The Pastoral Council also discussed the topic of inviting parishioners to contribute their time and talent to the parish, similar to the time and talent fairs which used to be held at the parish. It was suggested that a card be drafted and either left in the pew or in a basket that would give the parishioners an opportunity to lend their expertise to the parish, and hopefully to also identify additional people to serve on the Pastoral Council. It was suggested that Kathie Mathews would draft such a card for our review at the next meeting and we could possibly use this effort at the time of Pentecost Sunday to celebrate our giftedness for the parish.

Jessie Forquer agreed to provide hospitality for the next meeting of the Pastoral Council which will be held on Monday, March 1, 2010. Sister Jolenta then closed the meeting with a prayer at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Other than enjoying the wonderful refreshments that Carlos had brought for all of us, there was no further business to discuss and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary L. Corsetti  
Recorder for the Meeting