

Blessed Sacrament Parish aspires to be a model Christian community, disciples of Christ, in communion with the universal church, in service to each other and our greater communities.

We speak with diverse and inclusive voices, united by our Catholic Faith and Eucharistic Celebration.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
December 8, 2009
Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

PRESENT: Fr. Tom Mattingly, Kim Maggiolo, Yolanda Blake, Liz McDavid, Cathy McClatchy, , George Collins, Pete Adams, Hillary James

ABSENT: Lorena Sanchez, Chip Studwell, Maria Pena Taylor, Pam Murphy, Marcia Pearce, Scott Hammond, Colleen Slipka

Since our Saturday meeting had been canceled due to snow, our rescheduled meeting was called to order at 7:00PM, following Holy Day Mass. Council members first enjoyed an Italian dinner.

Building Campaign Update

Pete Adams explained details of the upcoming Building Campaign Raffle that Parish Council is going to sponsor. The first prize will be a 54" flat screen TV, and 2nd prize will be a Super Bowl Party \$100 gift certificate. The drawing will be held at noon on January 31st. Tickets should be ready soon, and will be mailed out to all parishioners, along with a bilingual letter. Envelope stuffing will be done this Saturday, volunteers are needed. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. Ticket books will have 6 tickets, so a book will be \$20. We will be selling tickets in the Commons after all the Masses on December and January weekends -- excluding Christmas and Jan. 1st Holy Day Masses. Volunteers will be needed to help sell and collect sold tickets and cash at each Mass. Pete will cover 5PM Masses on Saturdays. Kim and Cathy said they could do the 8AM Masses. Yolanda said she would coordinate the 1PM Masses with Maria and Lorena. Some absent members should be able to cover the 10AM Masses. Pete said he would take care of opening the mailed in tickets and money, along with a staff member, twice a week. He also said he would email all members with this info and ask for volunteers. Liz said she would make a list of the volunteers, as requested. Pete would provide the boxes for the turned in tickets and cash. After Masses, the cash will be put into an envelope and then put into the safe in the sacristy.

Old Business

Newcomers Dinner -- was discussed and it was decided that we should work on a better way to greet new parishioners. Probably at least twice a year. Fr. Tom said he would prefer to discuss this with a bigger group of council members present.

The Bishop's Visit

The overview was there was lots of discussion about the needs of our Hispanic parishioners, presented by them, and the bishop handled all this very diplomatically. He does plan to come back to our parish on the afternoon of March 7th. Very little was said about our completed Parish Survey.

Epiphany Party

The Epiphany Party will be held at the Morrison's home on January 8th, beginning at 6:30 PM. Ham will be provided. Each should bring a dish to share. All should email Liz with information on what they are planning to bring. The party includes spouses. We will have a Chinese Gift Exchange, which should be a unisex gift, valued at about \$20. Invitations and directions will be provided. Staff and Finance Council will be invited. Liz was told to get their addresses from Ernie.

Voice of the Pastor

Father Tom asked the status of the Bridge Building Amigos/Friends project - Pete said he was working on a folder for this program, and needed to meet with the others on the committee soon. Announcements would need to be made from the ambo, and in the bulletin. It was decided that this project would begin in early January.

Fr. Tom told us that he wanted to have an In-House Retreat for Lent, probably a Friday night and Saturday morning- until Mass time. He will need to identify good speakers, and will also contact the Dominicans in Charlottesville.

Gift Wrapping at the Mall

Some volunteers have signed up for this money making project, but more are needed. Profits will go to the Building Fund. Kim said she might be able to get some of her students to do it as Community Service hours. Contact Jean DePiro for volunteering to wrap, and get on the schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liz McDavid
P.C. Secretary

Next Meeting: January 9, 2010 @ 9AM