

2007 Annual Bishop's Appeal -

"The gift you have been given, give as a gift"

The 2007 Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA) will be held next weekend, May 5 and 6, in our Parish.

The ABA provides us with an opportunity to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese to **share our blessings** and to show our concern for one another.

Your gift is important. Please assist the works of Religious Education, Evangelization, Youth and Young Adult activities, Family Life programs and many other services provided by the Diocese. Your gift is important, because every gift, *regardless of size*, is *vital* to the success of the ABA.

Our goal this year is to have **100% participation**. In order to achieve this target, each one of us is asked to give *in accordance with our means*.

please note

Rella will be attending a morning meeting on Wednesday, May 2. The Faith Formation Office will open at 12:30pm on this day.

attention: all faith formation classes & youth group

The last Faith Formation sessions for the 2006-07 Faith Formation year will be held on Wednesday, May 2 and Sunday, May 6.

Youth Group will also end its formal meetings on Sunday, May 6 although there will be activities during the spring and summer months.

confirmation rehearsal

Rehearsal for those being confirmed will be held **in the church on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 7:00pm.** Confirmation candidates and their sponsors are expected to attend the rehearsal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rella.

confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, May 12, 2007 at the 5:00pm Mass. Archbishop Joseph Miot of the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti will administer the Sacrament. **All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend** and show their support for the young people being confirmed.

a vocation event

Do you have a desire to pray? Do you talk about God in your life? Do you desire to help people know God's love? Do you have other people suggesting to you that you would make a good priest? Do you participate as an active member of the parish? Do you ever think about the priesthood?

Then, plan to attend this Vocation Event for Prayer, Dinner & Discussion with Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, D.D., Bishop of Norwich on May 24, 2007 from 6:00-8:00pm. This event is being held at 274 Broadway, Norwich, CT.

Pre-registration is required before May 11, 2007. Contact Fr. Mark O'Donnell at 860-887-9294 or e-mail him at vocations@norwichdiocese.net.

did you know...?

Did you know that the Youth Group is collecting **empty soda cans and bottles** and turning them into cash for their activities?

All recyclable cans and bottles that carry a 5-cent deposit will be taken. For more information, or to schedule a drop-off time, please contact Rella at 875-4563 or rella@sacredheartchurch.net.

readings for the week

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

position available

CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR/YOUTH MINISTER needed (part-time) for large parish. Should be a practicing Catholic with knowledge and experience of faith formation with youth. Send resume and references to: Pastor, St. Matthew Church, P. O. Box 100, CT 06084; e-mail: father.jim@stmatthewct.org

pastoral council minutes

April 11, 2007 - Present: R. Bernabucci, A. Chin, C. Duhamel, Fr. Stan, E. Golnik, M. Kurban, R. Ladd, L. Paro, S. Rice, C. White, M. Simcoe (guest) Absent: J. Crane, David Maxa, Don Maxa, P. Michaud, M. Staggenborg, M. Powell

The meeting opened with scripture reading, reflection and prayer.

1. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2007: Reviewed and accepted as written.

2. CHURCH FAMILY ALBUMS PRESENTATION: David Wade from PCA International, the holder of Church Family Albums, gave a presentation on what his company had to offer for a parish directory. He shared samples from other parishes showing the various formats and bindings available. The basic layout includes an introductory page, activity pages, formal parishioner pictures, directory listing, and optional memorial/ad pages. PCA will require a minimal number of parish volunteers and will be responsible for all rescheduling, taking of photos, and providing a sample letter to parishioners, bulletin write-up and displays for sign-up and scheduling. Two volunteers for each Mass will be needed for parishioner sign-up and completion of the appointment cards.

General Procedure:

- a) Parishioners are notified by letter, bulletin and during Mass.
- b) Sign-up dates are made available for parishioners to schedule photos.
- c) PCA will be responsible for sending reminders, rescheduling sessions and collecting information to be put under each photo.
- d) The parish decides what additional types of pages to include such as pictures, history, cover, binding and number of copies.
- e) Homebound parishioners will be able to submit pictures for inclusion.
- f) Each family/individual will receive one 8x10 photo with the option of purchasing additional copies and a copy of the directory. Volunteers will receive a discount on any additional photo purchases.
- g) As a gift, the company will compose and present to the parish a large mosaic of all of the photos or in lieu of the mosaic, 20 small pocket sized directories. Additional pocket sized directories may be purchased.
- h) In addition to sign-up volunteers, a few volunteers will be needed to assist with the final formatting.

- i) Once all photos, decisions, and formatting are complete, the proof will be ready within 15 working days and the final directory within 20 working days.
- j) A contract was entered into and signed by Fr. Stan, pastor, with PCA. The following schedule was agreed upon.
- k) Week of 5/21 – letters to be sent to parishioners regarding the directory.
- l) Tuesday, 5/22 – meeting of the sign-up volunteers at 7pm in the parish library.
- m) Photo scheduling sign-up each weekend in June.
- n) Photos to be scheduled for July 11, 12, 13, 14 and August 8, 9, 10, 11 at Sacred Heart.
- o) Format committee meetings to be determined.

3. 50TH ANNIVERSARY REPORTS:

- a) Banquet: Lionel presented the contractual agreement for Maneeley's. It includes table setup, cash bar, date and time of banquet, and menu choices. The menu choices include a chicken, beef and seafood entrée as well as a special child's meal. Each of the tables will seat approximately ten persons. The banquet is set for Sunday, June 29, 2008 with a final head count due on Friday, June 20, 2008. A signed copy of the agreement and non-refundable deposit is due by Friday, April 20, 2007. There was brief discussion by council members regarding the terms of the contract and list of invited guests. The council agreed to accept Maneeley's terms. Father Stan signed the agreement which will be returned with the deposit by Lionel. Table mementos are yet to be decided.
- b) Children's Activities: Report not available.
- c) Gardens and Grounds: Volunteers are still needed. A notice will be placed in the bulletin.
- d) Speakers: Father Ed Dempsey has not been contacted as he is still away. No report available regarding Mike Stacy. Bishop Cote will be the homilist at Mass and Bishop Hart will be requested to give the blessing at the banquet.
- e) Invitations: Carol White shared sample invitations with the council. Cost is based on size, type of paper, print used, and number of pieces for each invitation. Carol recommended a four sided single invitation with a perforated RSVP section that can be easily separated and returned leaving the invitee with the section containing needed information regarding the banquet. Carol will meet with Ruth to develop a draft for council members to review.

4. NEW MEMBERS: Fr. Stan has requested that the 2007 off-going members remain on the council another year for continuity of the 50th anniversary celebrations. The off going members have agreed to serve another year. Three new additional members will still be added with six members leaving the council in 2008.

5. PLANNING: The council briefly discussed future planning and review of parish goals.

6. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA: 50TH Anniversary reports, new members, banquet invitation draft.

7. NEXT MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2007 – 7PM – LIBRARY

Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: Arleen Chin

APRIL 29, 2007

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- SATURDAY** FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
5:00pm Mass: *Frank & Antonette Cybulski*, requested by Helen Jakielo
- SUNDAY** FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am Mass: *Carmine Colangelo*, requested by Joe & Elaine Brown
10:30am Mass: *Linette Angelo*, requested by Richard & Rella Bernabucci
- MONDAY**
9:00am Mass: *Augustine Avittappally*
- TUESDAY**
9:00am Mass: *Rev. Joseph Morrissette*
- WEDNESDAY**
9:00am Mass: *Deceased members of the Labbadia & Davia family*, requested by Maria Davia
- THURSDAY**
7:00pm Mass: *For those in whose memory Easter flowers were given*
4:30-6pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation**, living room
- FIRST FRIDAY**
9:00am Mass: *For the people of the parish*
10am-5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00pm Close of Adoration
- SATURDAY** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
5:00pm Mass: *Bernard Morrison*, requested by Helen Jakielo
- SUNDAY** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
8:00am Mass: *Carmine Colangelo*, requested by Ed & Hilda Kayan
10:30am Mass: *Edward Simcoe*, requested by the Sacred Heart RCIA Team

meetings

- SATURDAY**
7:00pm **Narcotics Anonymous***, Northeast Rooms
- SUNDAY** *Good Fellowship & Tasty Goodies after Mass*
9:10am **Faith Formation** – Levels 1 – 5
6:30pm **Faith Formation** – Levels 6 – Confirmation Prep
7:45pm **Youth Group**
- MONDAY**
Offices Closed
- TUESDAY**
7:30pm **Finance Council**, Living Room
- WEDNESDAY**
4:00pm **Faith Formation – Last Day**
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous***, South Community Rooms
- THURSDAY**
10:00am **Bible Study**, South Community Rooms
6:00pm **Brownies***, Northeast Community Rooms
7:45pm **Intercessory Prayer**, Eucharistic Chapel
8:00pm **Alcoholics Anonymous Big Book***, South Community Rooms
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