

NOTES from Parish Council Meeting October 17, 2018

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Campaign Update:

- We are still receiving pledge payments on our Facilities Faith Lift I. Currently we have outstanding pledge payments remaining in the amount of \$79,661.90 of our total pledged amount of \$1,115,972.08. \$3,443 was collected on past due balances this month. By the end of October, we will be sending reminder statements and a gentle letter from Father to those who still have a balance remaining which we hope to collect.
- Our Facilities Faith Lift II began on July 1st. Our pledge goal was initially \$950,000. To date we have received \$660,658.65 in pledges from 251 parish families, including payments made by families who chose not to pledge. Of this amount, total pledges paid to date are \$123,163.32. The pledge balance due is \$537,495.33. We received three new pledges in the last month totaling \$17,664.10. Our Pennies to Bricks Children and Youth Group campaign is running very smoothly. An exchange of pennies for bricks (Legos) continues, those bricks will start to form a foundation to represent the efforts of their stewardship to the parish during our FFL II 3-year campaign

Building Expansion Update:

- In order to begin work in the summer for the building expansion, we need to get approval by the Diocese Building Committee. Renovation work on the bathrooms in the Church basement has started. When complete, the bathrooms will be Unisex, with only a toilet and sink.

Parish Giving – Online Collections Program:

- We have a total of 134 parish families who have signed up for Sunday Collections to date. The frequency of gifts varies from weekly, bi-weekly, monthly to quarterly. On average, our projected monthly Sunday Collections online is currently \$17,238.17, or \$3,978.04 per week. Annually, we can expect to collect \$206,858.00 in online Sunday collections, which represents 31% of our total Sunday collections budget for FY 18-19 of \$670,800.

NEW BUSINESS

There is one Parish Council opening for next year. Lori contacted Lisa to have an announcement placed in the bulletin in the next few weeks for council nominations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building & Grounds:

- The Rectory roof is leaking. The work to replace the roof is planned to start in January, with an estimated cost of approximately \$8000 (per Phil Boyer). The estimate to tile the basement floor is \$19,500 (for the same tile used in the Church and upstairs hallways). Father will ask the Knights of Columbus to paint the walls. A white marble statue was acquired from a closed church in Jessup PA, and was placed along the back wall of the church.

Parish Life:

- Clergy appreciation was well received by the parish.
- Parish Life doesn't plan to do the Advent celebration this year. They plan to ask fundraising if they can try running it concurrently with the craft and food fest next year.
- There will not be Fall Tea Talks this year, they're considering having it in May instead.
- They may decide to have the "Notes of Thanks" again this year, but this needs to be discussed.

Finance:

- There was no meeting this month.

Fundraising:

- Boscov's Friends Helping Friends was held Tuesday, October 16th at all Boscov's stores. The passes, which entitle you to 25% off on nearly all items, were on sale in the Parish office. They were also sold in the Narthex the two weekends prior to the event. Final number will be available after the conclusion of the event.
- Basket Party: The event is being held Friday, October 26th starting at 7 PM. This year's theme is "It's About Time." The Early Bird basket donation was October 14th, which entered the donors into a drawing for a prize valued at \$150. There are also several drawings including a hot air balloon ride for two and Philadelphia Phillies memorabilia! Food for the event will include pulled pork, hamburger BBQ, pierogis, soup, nachos and cheese, soda and assorted soft drinks. Over 110 baskets have been donated, an increase of over 10% over last year. AS of the meeting, 200 tickets have been sold. Volunteers are still needed with setup on Thursday evening, kitchen during the event, and breakdown on Sat. morning.
- Food and Craft Fest: will be held December 1st and 2nd. Currently we are on track to have pretty good vendor turn out.
- The Daily Lottery: Tickets will be going on sale sometime at the beginning of November. Tickets will be sold in the Parish Office as well as select Sundays leading up to the holidays. The month-long drawing will take place in February.
- Kentucky (Derby) Nite at the Races: The event will be held on Saturday, May 4th. The Kentucky Derby will be simulcast during dinner. Our first planning meeting will be held soon.
- Chili Cook-off: This event was originally cancelled, but there is a big interest in having it again this year.

- The Fundraising Committee is looking for more parishioners to join our committee so that we can continue to bring these great events to everyone.

Knights of Columbus:

- We are currently up to 77 Members with 6 waiting to take their First Degree.
- Adoration Hour: We continue to participate in Adoration from 1:00-2:00 a.m. on Thursday night/Friday morning.
- Roses for Life Campaign: Raised \$700 which will be sent to our VF Chapter and used for Pro Life Causes.
- Parish Basket Party: We will be assisting in Set-Up on Thurs. 10/25, Kitchen on Fri. 10/26, and Cleanup on Sat. 10/27.
- PAR Electronic Recycling Event: In Church Parking Lot Sat. 10/27, we have invited our local community to participate.
- 2018 Men's Diocesan Conference: Nov. 3rd at DeSales University in Center Valley. This all -day event is open to all Catholic Men. The Knights are hoping to send a strong representation to this event to solidify our support and strengthen our faith in the Catholic Church. We have 13 Knights signed up to date.
- Knights in the morning: Saturday, 11/3. This is an informal get together where men of our Parish who are interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus. Coffee and donuts are provided.
- Knights Monthly Breakfast: To be held on Sunday, 11/4.
- Protecting Gods Children (Deacon Joe): Sat. 11 /10, We are making a push to have as many Knights as possible attend.
- PennDot Highway Clean-up: Rescheduled due to weather for Sat. 11/17. (2 mile stretch of Route 73, just east of Oley).
- Parish Military Member Christmas Cards: We will be sending Christmas cards signed by our Council Officers to all Parish Military Members thanking them for their service.
- Baby Bottle Fundraiser: To be held in January 2019, this fundraiser will go to support several Rite to Life causes.
- We will be starting a Parish Family of the Month Program in 2019: This will recognize one Parish Family each month that give their time and talent supporting our Parish and our community.
- We will be selling Christmas Ornaments and Magnets starting in late Nov.
- We will be coordinating dates with Father to paint the basement Auditorium and to Clean out the retention basin.

Human Concerns/Health Ministry/St. Vincent DePaul:

- The committee is planning to start a program to call home-bound parishioners to check in on them and see if there's anything that they need.
- The Diaper Bag campaign resulted in 2 – 30 Gallon containers of goods, 17 Diaper Bags, and 24 Knitted hats.
- March for Life will be Jan. 18 and the cost is \$50 per person. Seats can be reserved now.
- Oct. 20/21 will be the coat drive with St. Lukes in Gilbertsville.
- Multi-Service Festival of Trees – \$150 for a 6 ft tree, and then they'll be decorated and raffled off – possibly involve the Youth Group.

Evangelization: No report.

Youth Group:

- Mission Trip Update: We are going to Virginia Beach, VA from June 16-June 22, 2019! Currently we only have TWO spots available. More spots may be added.
- We had our Dorney Park trip on September 29th- it was a blast! We had 37 total teens and parents attend.
- We had our monthly adoration on Friday, October 6th. We had 3 teens and a parent attend. After adoration, we had small groups and just caught up with one another.
- Our Bake Night at SFA was Friday, October 12th. We baked 53 POUNDS of cookies and beat our score from last year of 40 pounds of cookies. We had 18 teens attend, 3 parents, Christie Edling and Heather.

Upcoming events:

- Corn Maze at Wilcox Farm is on Friday, October 19th. So far, we have 16 signed up to come.
- There will be a Halloween Bake Sale on the weekend of October 27th-28th.
- Monthly Adoration on Friday November 2nd-small groups and snacks included.
- Christian Concert on Saturday, November 3rd. We have 9 tickets sold and 1 more left.
- Fri., Nov. 16th is 177 Project Adoration, an Adoration with Praise & Worship experience. 15 FREE tickets are available.
- Rake with Faith event- Saturday, Oct. 17th. If anyone knows a parishioner who could use help, please contact Heather.

Parish/Staff Items:

- Next Thursday is Confirmation. Deacon Mike Boyle has retired from Chestnut Knoll.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room (moved a week later due to Thanksgiving.