

**PARISH MINISTRY PETAL MEETING**  
**APRIL 3, 2014**

Due to Fr. Brandon assisting at the Lenten Penance Service at Holy Cross Church in Linden, he was absent from the meeting.

In Fr. Brandon's absence, Donna Dominguez started the meeting with a prayer, and then we all prayed the St. Anne's Ministry Petals Prayer together.

Donna introduced Evonne Tansley, who is the new representative for our Parish Nurse Program.

**Affirmations:**

Steve Gori affirmed Dennis Brown for his teaching of music to the children. Steve said "my daughter loves it"!

Sr. Sharon affirmed the Arts & Environment people. Sister said "the Sanctuary is beautiful for Lent".

Melitta Heli affirmed Dennis Taricco for suggesting that the school parents could help with cleaning the Church on Friday mornings and it would count towards their service hours.

Julia Baumbach affirmed Fr. Bill McDonald for the Lenten Revival and the Spanish Musicians who played at the Wednesday evening service.

Deacon Greg affirmed the St. Anne's School children for praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:15pm during Lent. Deacon Greg said "if you haven't gone, you should"!

Dennis Taricco affirmed Fr. Brandon and the Clergy for the Mass for the new principal, Sarah Gillum, and to the parish community for the warm welcome. Dennis said "she was quite impressed"!

Joan Cahill said that although she did not attend, she affirmed the St. Patrick's Dinner and Dance that was held at Casa Mexicana. Joan said "I heard it was awesome"! Joan said "thank you to anyone who helped put it together. Maybe this should become a tradition"!

Rita Ban affirmed "whoever made the (homemade) cookies" that were part of the refreshment table tonight!

### **Pastor's Report: Fr. Brandon Ware**

Because of Fr. Brandon not attending tonight's meeting, he recorded his report so we all listened to it.

Fr. Brandon affirmed the Young Ladies Institute (Barbara Brovelli), the Mexican-American Catholic Federation (Jose Ordaz), the Daughters of Isabella (Marilyn Turner), the Knights of Columbus (Steve Gori), Helen Crane, and Job and Elena Sanchez for the St. Patrick's Mexican Dinner and Dance. "It was a great evening"!

Fr. Brandon affirmed Teresa Locke for all her hard work on the Plaza.

Fr. Brandon reported that Bishop Stephen E. Blaire has given his formal approval for the Plaza.

Fr. Brandon thanked Mrs. Annette Robinson (school parent) for her support to the parish community. He thanked her and her team for their work on the upcoming Spring Dinner and Dance.

Fr. Brandon affirmed Fr. Bill McDonald for the Lenten Revival. "Thank you"!

Fr. Brandon reported that he had recently attended a Leadership Meeting for St. Anne's Place. He said that Victoria Salgado is doing a good job.

Regarding the Bishop's Ministry Appeal, Fr. Brandon reminded everyone that every dollar over what we need to pay will go to support St. Anne's Place. He asked all the representatives to please ask those in your Ministry to support the Bishop's Ministry Appeal.

Fr. Brandon reported that Mrs. Sarah Gillum is our new St. Anne's School Principal. He said that we are happy to support her in her new position.

Fr. Brandon affirmed Donna Dominguez and her helpers. Fr. Brandon said "I am grateful to her and all of you who are the bridge from me to all the people in the parish".

### **Petal Business: Donna Dominguez**

Donna then went over the Issues or Idea items from last month's meeting.

Donna stated that, as mentioned at last month's Petal Meeting, it's time to turn in your budgets for 2014-2015. She reported that at this time, our collections are down and that Fr.

Brandon has asked the Ministry Team to reduce their budgets by five percent for the remainder of the fiscal year.

### **Community:**

Donna reported that she would be putting up a bulletin board in the vestibule of the Church to post information about what happened at the Petal Meeting. Donna said that we will highlight one ministry weekly in the bulletin. Donna also reported that on the Petal Presentation weekends, there will be sign-ups for all of the Petal Ministries.

### **Items for Discussion from the Ministry Team:**

Donna announced to everyone that tonight during the small group time, she wanted each group to discuss the following three questions: **(1)** Should the CYO banners be hung in St. Anne's Hall? **(2)** Is there a location around the Parish that the shadow boxes that were removed from Dominican Hall can go up? **(3)** How often should we have fundraiser dinners at the Parish?

Donna reported that there will be a Calendaring Meeting in the month of May.

### **Ministry Presentations:**

Donna reported that Catholic Fellowship did a great job with the Petal Presentation on March 15-16! She announced that the Social Justice Petal will have their presentations on the weekend of May 17-18.

### **Communication Form**

Donna stated that the Communication Request Form to request events to appear in the Parish Bulletin is available on the website. She asked that you please be sure to be as specific as possible and to give as much information as possible!

### **Announcements/Approved Handouts**

Donna went over the Announcements/Approved Handouts for tonight's meeting: **(1)** Taco Dinner Fundraiser to benefit the Confirmation students on April 12 in St. Anne's Hall **(2)** the Holy Week Schedule - please note that we will not have Live Stations of the Cross this year **(3)** Daughters of Isabella will host their Annual Tea "Dressed to A Tea" on May 3 in St. Anne's Hall **(4)** Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 27. We will have adoration and benediction in the Church from 3:00-4:00pm **(5)** Called and Gifted Workshop on June 27 and June 28.

### **Petal (Small Group) Discussion:**

### **Flower (Large Group) Discussion:**

Being that the groups had been instructed to discuss the three questions that Donna gave them, there was no large group discussion.

**Final Announcements:**

Donna reminded everyone to please turn in your Minutes and Petal issues/Items to be brought to the Ministry Team by Monday, April 7. She also reminded everyone to please remember to communicate with your Ministry! Donna thanked the Social Justice Petal members for providing the refreshments for tonight's meeting. Donna announced that the next Petal Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 1 and that the St. Anne's School and Youth and Young Adult Petal is scheduled to provide the refreshments for that meeting. Donna reminded everyone to please turn in your budgets tonight.

Carmen Musch reminded everyone to please remember to bring canned food items when you come to Church for the Lenten collection of canned foods. Steve Gori reminded everyone to please bring diapers for the monthly item collection for the Salvation Army.

Donna then closed the meeting with a prayer and then we all prayed a Hail Mary together.

SOCIAL JUSTICE PETAL NOTES  
2/27/14

ST VINCENT:

There will be a St Vincent de Paul Society formation meeting on 3-22-14 at Sacred Heart Parish, Patterson. The Bishop has called all parishes to join the society .

The St. Vincent second collection was the largest ever. It is believed that it was because Father Bill explained he collection to the Hispanic masses.  
Can there be an announcement from the priests at all masses explaining this collection?

There is as Salvation Army project happening called LOVE LODI on 4-12-14. Volunteers will work in the community doing such things as yard work, house painting, cleaning alleys. Contact Salvation Army for further information. Possible the youth groups would be interested.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning St. Anne's Place.

Catholic Charities is running the center.

The CC employees that have been there thus far have not accomplished much. Catholic Charities employees do not have the forms or information needed for the volunteers from the parish to complete enrollment. There is a growing frustration in the volunteers because they are unable to complete the process and start volunteering. It is a worry that their enthusiasm will wane.

Also, we want to get out the information concerning St Anne's Place to the shelters and hospitals.

How is the community learning about St Anne's Place? – Catholic Charities' procedures are slow and that also is frustrating.

Father Bill suggested that Father Brandon should to put pressure on Catholic Charities- to let them know there is a sense of urgency to get volunteers onboard.

**ITEM FOR MINISTRY TEAM:**

**Can Father Brandon strongly urge Catholic Charities to work quicker to help us get St Anne's Place up and running?**

## Parish Petal Meeting April 3, 2014 – Liturgy Petal

### Answers to questions from Ministry Team:

- 1) Should the CYO banners be hung in St Anne's Hall ?

Yes. We should show pride in our teams, just as other parish school halls show off their banners. Showing off the banners can be used as a positive tool for any organization using the Hall for fundraising. It shows what you are fundraising for – the Parish and the Youth.

- 2) Suggestion: The shadow boxes for DOI and Knight of C can be displayed in the entry hallway of the Gym. Get rid of the green box and reorganize the “coach office” for sports gear.
- 3) Suggestion: limit fundraisers to twice a month and have some of the organizations work together on a fundraiser when pertains to a common goal. In example: DOI and Knights can work together for a breakfast or dinner dance fundraiser for Confirmation retreats. Costs would be cut and more people may attend. A comment was made that too many fundraisers, especially in one month, may be why the Sunday collections are so low.

### Changes for Holy Week:

#### **Palm Sunday April 13 2014**

Palm Procession has been changed to a “Simple Procession”. Palms will be distributed from the doors at all masses and procession will start at the double doors as you enter the church. The West Side parking lot will be open for parking.

#### **Easter Vigil April 19 2014**

There will be 2 Easter Vigils as we have done in the past.

8:00pm – English

11:00 pm - Spanish

Lenten donations :

Deacon Greg says the barrels for canned goods donations are not filling up as we had hoped. Please spread the word to bring one canned good item or non perishable food with you every Sunday as you go into Mass.

Also the diaper donation crib is also in need of more donations.

Rice Bowl donations: Pope Francis has asked that All parishes participate in the International Rice Bowl donation. There will be a special collection for Rice Bowl Donations on Palm Sunday. A basket will be set at the Altar. There are some rice bowl boxes at the parish office or you can put your money in an envelope marked "RICE BOWEL Donations". 75% collected goes to Catholic Charities; 25% stays with the parish to feed the hungry in our area. Next year we will work on better advertising in the parish bulletin etc.

Blessed John Paul 2 and Blessed John XXIII will be canonized on April 27, 2014.

Please be sure to check the parish website for parish Petal meeting notes and other information [www.stannes-parish.org](http://www.stannes-parish.org)

There will be a final Lenten planning meeting on Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup> , 6:30pm at Carmen's house.

No issues to be presented to the Ministry Team.

# **Youth and Young Adult Petal Meeting Notes**

**April 3, 2014**

Present: Ginger Perez (EDGE), David Sandler (Life Teen),  
Haley Addington (YAM), Tony Moreno (Ministry Team)  
Absent: Graciela Huerta (Amigos), Armando Moreno (CYO)

Guests: Margot Frey

## **Quick Ministry Check-In/Petal Discussion:**

- Amigos de Jesus - n/a
- CYO - n/a
- Edge - EDGE is doing a series of Edge Nights focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy. New topic each week that brings to life the Corporal Work of Mercy.
- Life Teen - Life Teen has been meeting regularly. Team has been doing Life Nights on Reconciliation, the humanity of Jesus, and some socials (game nights/pizza nights)
- Young Adults - Young Adults continue to meet every Monday at 7 PM. The group has been working through a program by Father Robert Barron called, "Untold Blessings".
- General - Tony attended LA Congress last month and was able to hear some great speakers. The team travelled and did a retreat at Holy Cross Church (March 10<sup>th</sup>), and St. Michael's (March 29<sup>th</sup>). Tony is also looking into planning a CRS Food Fast here at the parish for our Youth & Young Adult Ministry Program.
- Upcoming events: NET Team visit: April 13 and 14<sup>th</sup> (Retreat on April 13<sup>th</sup>)

**Discussion:** We discussed the 3 questions given to us:

*Should CYO banners be hung in St. Anne's Hall?*

- It would be a good thing for the kids - positive affirmation.
- Would it imply a possession of the gym? Would it become less of a parish hall?
- Would they be removable? What about the other events (funerals, retreats, meetings, etc.)
- Is Dominican Hall an option (more centered on school community)

*Shadow Boxes*

- The only open spot we thought of was in the entrance to the parish hall. (below the Irish blessing).
- Would it reflect more of the life of the entire parish community? Or would they remain a focal point for only 2 ministries? What about other ministries if they want a showcase like that?

*Fundraiser Dinners*

- We've had at least 9 in the past 12 weeks.
- maybe 1-2 per month?
- We have to keep in mind that a lot of being asked of the parish community (collections, BMA, plaza, fundraisers). They all affect one another. More meals/dinners means less goes into the collection plate and vice versa.
- Seems like a lot of fundraisers were just added recently. Is there still an approval/calendaring system for these events? Are they supposed to go through the Petal?

**ISSUES FOR THE MINISTRY TEAM:** We had one item for the team:

- Can we announce before/after Mass some friendly reminders about keeping the Church clean?  
Bathrooms?



## **Faith Formation Petal Reports – April 2014**

### **Adult Faith Formation**

“33 Days to Morning Glory” retreat starts April 28, Mondays for 6 weeks. Morning and evening English sessions available. See the Parish bulletin for more information.

DVDs are only in English at this time; Spanish DVDs will be available in the Fall of 2014. As no DVDs are presently available in Spanish and no Spanish-speaking priest is available to assist in lectures, we asked/encouraged the representatives of Estudios Biblicos, Estudios Teologia, Grupo de Oracion Carismatico and Religious Education Spanish parent classes, if they would consider hosting this retreat for the month of May (Mary’s month) in their groups. All would then be able to all consecrate to Jesus through Mary on feast of Visitation, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mention was made of Fr. Brandon’s vision of "unity" for St Anne’s parish, and how Our Lady can bring us all together! Informed the representatives from these ministries that the Adult Faith Formation team will assist with anything needed for this to come about.

“Called and Gifted” workshop coming up. Encouraged all present to get the word out to their ministries!

### **Estudios Biblicos**

No report this month.

### **Estudios Teologia**

No report this month.

### **Grupo de Oracion Carismatico**

No report this month.

### **Baptismal Preparation (English)**

The new coordinator is Chrissy Moreno. No other report this month.

### **Marriage Preparation**

No report this month.

## **Religious Education**

No report this month.

## **R.C.I.A.**

No report this month.

## **Rosary Makers**

### Completed Projects (396 total):

- ❖ 100 cord Rosaries for Y.L.I. (Emily T.)
- ❖ 200 Mission Rosaries sent to San Diego, California for the Servants of the 11<sup>th</sup> Hour, serving prisoners in Tijuana.
- ❖ 6 wire Rosaries for Priests
- ❖ 25 cord Rosaries donated to Immaculate Heart Radio
- ❖ 21 cord Rosaries for C.C.D. classes
- ❖ 2 single-decade (wire) wedding Rosaries – St. Anne's Church
- ❖ Repaired 2 wire Rosaries.
- ❖ 10 cord Rosaries for Legion of Mary (Lourdes A.)
- ❖ 30 cord Rosaries for Pastoral Care (Annette M.)

### Current Projects (450 total):

- ❖ 100 cord rosaries for Y.L.I.
- ❖ 125 single-decade wire Rosaries for Daughters of Isabella's Marian Day Celebration
- ❖ 25 First Holy Communion wire Rosaries
- ❖ Mission box of 200 cord Rosaries
- ❖ Wire Rosary making workshops for St. Anne's School 8<sup>th</sup> grade class

Rosary-making workshops are scheduled the first Friday of the month following morning Mass.

## **Seeds of Faith**

Seeds of Faith has four new members. We would like to remind the Petal members that the next evening adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Thursday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no evening adoration on Thursday, April 10 due to a special Mass celebrated in the evening.

## **Visitation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27 and will be celebrated with Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction starting at 3:00 o'clock.

### **\*\* Issues from the Faith Formation Ministry \*\***

No issues from the Faith Formation Ministry.

### **\*\* Items for discussion from the Ministry Team \*\***

1. Should the CYO banners be hung in St Anne's hall?

A lengthy discussion followed. The hall is used for many events (wedding receptions, quinces, Daughters of Isabella and Knights of Columbus events, etc.). We all thought that if the banners can be taken down for these events, it would be okay to hang them. There was also questions as to "how many" are going to be hung, and will it get too cluttered?

2. Shadow boxes for Daughters of Isabella and Knights of Columbus were removed from Dominican hall. What location in parish would you suggest to hang the boxes?

Walls in the vestibule leading to the bathrooms? The area where the old baptismal font used to be located?

3. How often should we have fundraiser dinners at the Parish?

As parishioners attending, all agreed once a month would be appropriate.