

St. Bartholomew The Apostle  
Parish Council  
Meeting Minutes  
November 29, 2010

The meeting was opened by Rich DeBonis. Following the prayer, new members were introduced followed by all current members. Rich then gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the Pastoral Council.

**Reports:**

*Parish Life:*

- Our annual Fish Fry is scheduled for March 25, 2011
- Don Hessemer will be ordained a Deacon on May 21<sup>st</sup> and St. Bart's will be celebrating with a reception on May 22<sup>nd</sup> (more details to follow as the date approaches). Along with this are anniversaries of our parish priests (Fr. Paul 20 years, Fr. Kevin 15 years and Monsignor 50 years). St. Bartholomew's will be holding a Mass of Thanksgiving for Monsignor on May 28<sup>th</sup>. There are plans to incorporate all these celebrations into one event.
- The attendance at the Parish Picnic has been dwindling over the past years so there is discussion to cancel it.

*New Energies:* Lauren Rogalin-Marcovecchio

- Lauren gave a brief overview of New Energies: this program is a partnership between St. Bartholomew & Immaculate Heart of Mary in an effort to be of value to each other using our combined resources for the good of both churches. Some of the programs that we currently are involved with are the annual Christmas musical as well as the Cornerstone (Men's and Women's). We also hold bereavement sessions between the two parishes.

*Marriage Prep Program:* Keith Guarnuccio & Michael Sabatell

- There are one-on-one meetings with each candidate couple. The feedback is very positive and they seem to be getting a lot out of the program.

*Youth Ministry:* Erin Dempsey & Andrew Krema

- The Youth Group will be running the 5:00pm Sunday Mass
- The pie bake was a huge success. They sold out the 160 pies that were baked
- Project Homebound – 40 bags of food are to be delivered on 12/17
  
- The meetings will be held every week with emphasis being on Social, Spiritual & Service
- This year there is a new moderator: Elaine Coupe

*New Members:* Colleen Gilman

- The next New Member welcome will be on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

*Social Outreach: Sue D'Apuzzo*

- Community Food Bank
- Home First – October 3 – 10. We will be hosting at United Pres. Will need volunteers to cook, serve and individuals to sleep over.
- Recycling center – October 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Habitat for Humanity – Susan is currently trying to work something out where we can be a part of their programs.

*New Business:*

- Dream Sunday- The Dreams are as follows:

**Spiritual Life** – *It would be a great blessing if one day Saint Bartholomew's Parish expanded the variety of liturgical and spiritual experiences to help more parishioners develop a deeper relationship with God and the church.*

**Social Outreach** - *It would be a great blessing if one day Saint Bartholomew's Parish created a vibrant culture of volunteer service that inspired every parishioner to take an active role in serving others*

**Parish Life** - *It would be a great blessing if one day Saint Bartholomew's Parish offered a wider range of social opportunities that would foster fellowship among parishioners of all ages”.*

**Physical Plant** - *“It would be a great blessing if one day Saint Bartholomew's Parish could develop an environmentally friendly Parish center to host social and spiritual events and foster community development.*

- **Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** A committee has been created to celebrate marriage within our parish. Plans are still in the early stages, but some ideas discussed would be a special Mass and reception for the couples. It is still be determined which anniversaries will be celebrated. The committee consists of: Sal Perillo (Chair), Keith Guarnuccio, Maria Grabowski, Susan D'Apuzzo, Mike Sabatell, Jeff Blanck and Sue Hernandez. This will be instituted beginning in 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard DeBonis