

**Church of St Monica
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
March 28, 2012**

In Attendance: Fr Scott Shaffer, Dcn Mike Principato, Cheryl Bottega, Jackie Wilson, Vic Poretti, Bob Dippold, Barbara Rookey, Alice Stephens, Linda Thompson, Bette Hromiko, Eric Perucki, Olmedo Restrepo, and Liz Hills.

Facilitator: Bob Dippold

Opening Prayer: Fr Scott Shaffer

Consensus on the minutes from February 16, 2012 meeting

Spanish Community Update - Olmedo Restrepo

Following events placed on parish calendar:

05/19/12 Blood Drive 9 am - 3 pm was changed to 11/10/12

They are working on the Palm Workshop for the children taking place on March 31.

Fr Fernando Lopez is starting an ESL class. To date, 35 have signed up to participate and three teachers will be working with the groups.

Old Business/Reports

Liturgy Committee Update - Barbara Rookey

The group is compiling materials for the ministry handbook which will include guidelines. The next meeting is Apr 17, 2012 at 7 pm. The committee will oversee special liturgies, determining what is necessary and responsibilities. They worked on the needs for the Holy Triduum. Barbara also indicated over 300 have viewed our blog (And With Your Spirit). Visitors from around the world include Russia and El Salvador. The recent post by William and Verena Soto was beautiful.

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update (Fr Scott)

We are currently at 89% of our goal - going well.

First Friday/Mid-Week Mass

No update at this time.

Coffee and The Word (Dcn Mike Principato)

This is taking place on Tuesdays at 9 am in the church. Discussions include readings for the upcoming weekend and is going nicely -- feedback has been positive.

New Business

Jackie Wilson attended Spirituality/Education Day for Maturing Adults workshop information session. Spirituality Day takes place at St Maximilian in Toms River on May 21, 2012.

Information/registration will be inserted into our bulletin.

Open Forum

Fr Scott announced his last Mass at St Monica is Sat, June 23 and Sun, June 24 at St Aloysius. Bishop O'Connell is transferring him to St. Joseph in Toms River. In all, there are 30 reassignments throughout the Diocese which will be announced in The Monitor. Our new pastor, Fr Kevin Keelen from St. Barnabas in Bayville is looking forward to coming to the parish. He

teaches how to give Homilies and some of his skills include good parish organization, collaborative, savvy and a decision-maker. Fr Scott further noted Canon Law directs when a new pastor is assigned to a parish, committees are dissolved.

Prayer Chain - Jackie Wilson - At the last meeting Jackie discussed she was working on starting up a prayer chain, creating email lists requesting prayers. Due to being away from the computer for so long, it was too complicated to maintain and will not be continuing.

Fr Scott spoke with Sr Theresa about Jean Colbert. She's currently in Bartley Healthcare in Jackson.

Linda Thompson indicated Bridget Maitner was involved in a car accident and fortunately she was not hurt.

Fr Scott reported Walter Hopkins, an engineer and St Aloysius parishioner is looking at the structural issues with the building such as the entrance ramp to the parish office pulling away from the building, and the grading near parish foyer entrance. Walter will make recommendations which will be presented to Finance and Parish Councils.

Eric Perucki is working on setting up a date with the Knights of Columbus to repair the fence surrounding the septic field.

Fr Scott announced the dates of St Aloysius/St Monica Carnival: May 30 - June 2, 2012. Calls for volunteers will be made. Some new items include clam and shrimp bar, and beer tent. Bill Groh from St Aloysius will chair the carnival. In addition to the Mega 50/50, there's a raffle independent of the carnival selling for \$100/ticket with a limit of 500 tickets to be sold.

Agenda Items For Next Meeting

Liturgy Committee Update, Bake Sale, and Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

The next meeting was scheduled for Thu, May 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm. Vic Poretti volunteered to facilitate.

Meeting concluded in prayer.