

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2006

**PRESENT:** Fr. Dave Ireland, Fr. Ken Jakubowski, Piero Capichioni  
Tom Capretta, Marianne Chordas, Kevin Doles, Dave Douglas,  
Mark Geyman, Steve Krajnak, Bob Mapel and Don Schuele

**PRAYER:** Open with prayer at 7:10

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr. Michael Seredick – Choir director and organist  
Fr. Ireland introduced Mike Seredick and said how delighted he is to have Michael as our Choir Director. Mike is a professional organist and retired teacher of the Parma Schools where he directed youth choir groups.  
Mike said that when he first saw St. Gregory's , he knew that this was the church he wanted to be at because of the Church's beauty and acoustics.  
Mike would like to see the choir grow and more members would be wonderful.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Steve Krajnak accepted the minutes and Tom Capretta seconded.
- B) Arbor Day recap. – Fr. Ireland was most pleased with how everything turned out for Arbor Day. The day was glorious, the school children were outstanding. What memories they will always have. The arborist gave a very informative talk for us all. Thank you Steve for all your hard work!
- C) Elections – The nomination comm. comprised of Piero Capichioni, Tom Capretta, Mark Geyman and Steve Krajnak will meet this week to discuss the election of the Parish Council on June 4<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>?

### COMMISSION REPORTS AND FINANCE COUNCIL

- A) Bob Mapel from Parish Life informed Council about the following dates. They are: May 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be an ice cream book swap for all ages from 7:00 -8:30p.m. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Mass and reception for Fr. Van Bergan's 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee. The Mass is at 11:30 and the Church Choir will perform. A reception will be hosted by the Ladies Guild in the vestibule of the Church.  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day, there will be coffee and donuts after Mass. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, there will be the Parish Picnic. The picnic will be held rain or shine. There will be games.

**Bob has asked for help in setting up and cleaning up. Setting up will be on Saturday. Parishioners will be asked to bring desserts if their last name ends in A thru L. If your last name ends from M thru Z, you will be asked to bring a side dish.**

**On Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, Borallys will host the St. Gregory the Great Parish School alumni dinner and dance.**

- B) Dave Douglas from the Spiritual Life Comm. said that their committee met April 26<sup>th</sup> and everyone said how beautiful and how well done, the Easter Services were. The choir at the Tenebrae and other services was excellent. Dave thought that there is a need for a Bible Study class. Mark Zamiska will head the ushers, but will need to contact Fr. Ireland on specifics. Dave also thought that a spiritual table at the Parish festival would be a nice touch. This would have information on Alpha, the Women's Guild, etc. Fr. Ireland said that he will speak to the festival committee about this idea. Dave also mentioned that on Mother's Day, carnations will be given out at the 8:00a.m. Mass.**
- C) Fr. Ken from social concerns said that St. Vincent de Paul is planning an East side center at Christ the King. This is in the planning stage. There will be furniture, food, misc. items It will be named the Fr. Michael Wittman Ozanam Center in a building that is on their property. There will be a meeting at St. Francis May 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss this. Fr. Ken mentioned that \$5,000 dollars for St. Vincent de Paul needs, has been collected here at St. Gregory's and he is so thankful for so many generous donors. A food drive is coming at St. Gregory's in June. We do not accept items here at St. Gregory's such as clothes or household items anymore. The Right to Life Society sponsored Dr. Pepin who spoke at John Carroll. He was very informative and spoke about the adult stem cell research and the embryonic stem cell research. St. Gregory's will be offering space for heart life line health checks. This includes blood pressure, cholesterol, etc. More info. to follow. There will be a cost for this service. A wellness committee letter was read by Fr. Ken. There is still interest in starting a Sunday morning blood pressure check etc. once a month at 11:00a.m. in between the two largest Sunday Masses.**
- D) Kevin Doles – Finance Council spoke briefly and said that at the next meeting a quarterly financial report will be ready.**

**Also to report from Kevin--  
There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> teacher for the fifth grade next year.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A) Vibrant Parish Life Meeting – Mark Geyman reported that he and Kevin and JoAnn attended the vibrant parish life meeting at St. Noel parish April 5th. The purpose of Vibrant Parish Life- Phase II includes sharing priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, lay ecclesial ministers and other parish staff, as well as actively engaging the gifts of all the baptized. The two major concurrent steps for parishes in this phase are:**

- 1) To provide a comprehensive education about current and future realities in our diocese, especially regarding parish staffing and the implications of having fewer priests.**
- 2) Discerning cluster partners, and then working together in a long term relationship of collaboration to plan and provide pastoral care for these communities. In forming this relationship, each parish has its own parish identity, canonical status and financial accountability. A cluster of parishes will address the future staffing and reconfiguring of parishes to meet pastoral needs for the next 5-10 years. In some cases over time, these collaborative efforts may lead to addressing the merging, consolidating or closing of parishes to strengthen and sustain the long term mission and ministry of the Church. A time line is also listed.**
- 3) A foundational cluster may include St. Clare, St. Margaret Mary, Holy Rosary and St. Gregory the Great. Both Fr. Ireland and Fr. Ken want to work together and accept for the greater good of the Church. They are very committed to this. Fr. Ken suggested information sharing with the parish to further explain.**

**B) April 22<sup>nd</sup> –DPC St. Basil Meeting- Steve attended. The DPC meeting centered on a farewell to Bishop Pilla and directed much of the meeting to Vibrant Parish Life information.**

**Steve stated that Bishop Lennon wants to come to all the parishes when invited. Bishop Lennon was a staff**

**member when he worked on clustering and closing of churches and schools in Boston.**

**Fr. Ireland said that he has sent a letter of welcome to Bishop Lennon and so has Steve Krajnak.**

- 4) Fr. Ireland will form a Parish Leadership Team for St. Gregory in regards to Vibrant Parish Life clustering and discernment in the near future.**

**Dean Petters who belongs to Holy Cross Parish will be our elected official for the DPC for the East Suburban area which St. Gregory Church is in.**

**C. Fr. VanBergen's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass – May 28<sup>th</sup>. If we have a nice day, the reception following the 11:30 Mass will be held outdoors instead of the vestibule.**

**D. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Laity Celebration for Bishop Lennon. See Fr. Ireland if interested.**

**Adjournment at 9:55 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING - LAST MEETING OF YEAR  
CYCLE – JUNE 5, 2006 AT 7:00 P.M.**