

## Our Lady of the Valley Parish

### Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2015

**Present:** Fr. Doug, Tom Gallivan, Peg Graham, Billy Labrie, Joan Marek, and Tom Neill.

**Absent:** Bozena Dabek, Jay Oelrich, and George Zoltowski.

The meeting was opened at 6:35 pm by Chairman Tom Neill.

Father Doug led us in the opening prayer.

Minutes of the October 28<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted as written. **Pastor's Report – Fr. Doug**

1. The Thanksgiving raffle went well; proceeds were up \$5,000.00 over last year's raffle.
2. Ornament sales continue with over 200 sold so far. The 2016 ornament will be available for Epiphany.
3. Still hoping to have all of the refurbished stations-of-the-cross up by Christmas.
4. Hoping to restore the medallions while the scaffolding is in place.
5. The outdoor Christmas decorations/lighting are up and running.

The following events are currently scheduled:

First Penance – Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

Advent Penance Service - Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

Schola Nova, Lessons and Carols – Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

Confirmation – Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

First Communion – Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

#### **Finance Report - Fr. Doug**

1. Still running short of reaching financial needs of the parish with the weekly collections.

We need to look at cost cutting measures.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Communications: - Jay**

No report.

##### **Outreach: - Joan**

##### **Mission Committee:**

The Advent Mass with our sister parish visiting OLV is on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at the 5:30 Mass with a spaghetti supper following the Mass. Msgr. Juan will be co-celebrant. Children for BS/AS will do the readings and the Children's Choir will be singing.

We purchased a projector for their REY program and will be presenting gift bags to the children at the event. The bags will contain pencils, assignment pad, religious magnets, and candy.

The annual Advent sale of Peruvian goods and Dean's Beans will take place on the weekend of December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>

##### **Take & Eat:**

The ministry continues on solid ground. We are acquiring new clients and losing clients, so we remain fairly constant at 67 – 70 clients each of the two weekends

Finances are currently "okay", however it has been decided to pick a weekend after the Christmas season to ask for parishioner support in terms of donations as well as volunteers. In the past this has been quite successful.

We are looking for volunteers to help on Christmas morning to prepare and deliver meal.

**Cot Shelter:**

The program is in full operation. We have had a steady group of 6 guests per knight for a "full-house".

We had many new volunteers for both the cooking teams and kitchen angels as well as financial donations.

There is a new coordinator at Soldier-On who is handling the schedule of drivers and overnight staff. He is very enthusiastic and responsive.

Gift cards have been purchased as Christmas gifts for the Soldier-On staff and drivers.

The annex will be closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**Clubs & Events: - - - - -****Women's Club:**

At the October meeting, members helped prepare Thanksgiving and Christmas cards for parish shut-ins and nursing home residents.

Two teams of women are working monthly preparing baskets for Bethlehem House.

A team of three works coffee shop once per month.

Provided baked goods and hosted the reception following the bereavement Mass on November 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Had a successful bake sale on the weekend of 11/21-22. Also raffled off 2 Christmas wreaths loaded with gift cards that were donated by club members.

Hosted a reception with coffee and donuts after the Thanksgiving Day Mass.

Members are acting as Christmas angels providing gifts for the children of two needy families selected by the director of Our Lady's Child Care.

The club is holding Christmas gift wrapping sessions after the Saturday Masses on 12/19 and the Sunday morning Masses on 12/20 for anyone who wants to have gifts "professionally" wrapped.

Hosting the children's party after the Christmas pageant on Sunday 1/3.

Hosting a baby shower for Bethlehem House at the January business meeting on Sunday afternoon 1/24 at 2:00 PM.

**Knights of Columbus:**

The annual citrus sales ended 11/16; delivery is expected soon. Profits are earmarked for the beautification fund.

Made 365-dozen pierogi which went on sale after Masses on 11/28. Have 45-dozen remaining which will be on sale next weekend as supplies last.

The brunch on Sunday, 11/22 for altar servers and families was well received.

Members met at the VA Medical Center in Leeds to wrap presents for patients and will host a pizza party at the Cherry St. Annex for VA out-patients.

Planning a breakfast on Sunday morning 1/24 to benefit the new scholarship program.

State dignitaries were in town on 12/8 to present a Star Ward to our council for exceeding all of the requirements to qualify for such an award. Only 16 councils statewide and 2,200 worldwide qualified. This marks the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row OLV council 1116 has received this award.

**Holy Rosary Sodality:**

No report.

**Coffee Shop:**

The coffee shop business has improved over the past month as more people are coming downstairs after Mass.

The coffee shop financial account will be transferred to the K of C for administration purposes. We will close out the checking account that has been in the name of the IC Men's Club since the parishes merged. We are out of checks, so it is a good time to make the change. Operation will continue as they have been with the same four volunteer groups staffing and earning income for their respective ministries.

**Religious Education:**

No report.

**Youth Group:**

Nothing new to report.

**Music: - George**

No report.

**Technology: - Fr. Doug**

Nothing new to report.

**Liturgy: - Bozena**

Will start preparing the interior Christmas decorations next week.

**Old Business:**

K of C prepared to purchase bibles for REY, but need to know how many are needed.

**New Business:**

1. Discussed doing something for Pat Baran who is moving to New York and has served the council since the merger. Perhaps a dinner in January.

Discussed the need for new members since we are down to eight members. When formed there were 12 lay members on the council. Members were asked to consider and recommend candidates for consideration by Fr. Doug.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM after the closing prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30 PM.

Respect fully submitted,

Tom Gallivan, secretary

Jonathan K. Oelrich Parish and K of C Council Activity Reports		PC meeting	Publicity	Activity	Concerts	website	Mass Vide	liturgy	Culture of Life
<b>Nov 2015</b>									
11/1/2015	Video of Mass and made video						4		
	upload to Vimeo and made DVD								
11/1/2015	Main server for REY Gr 6 hosted mass						2		
11/1/2015	7:15 altar server							1	
11/3/2015	Altar servers brunch prep meeting	on K of C hours sheet							
11/8/2015	lector							1	
11/8/2015	Altar server class			1					
11/14/2015	Altar server with 2 new servers at 4pm								1
11/15/2015	11 am mass EME								1
11/15/2015	Video of Mass and made video						4		
	upload to Vimeo and made DVD								
11/21/2015	Altar server brunch set up	on K of C hours sheet							
11/22/2015	7:15 altar server								1
11/22/2015	Video of Mass and made video						4		
	upload to Vimeo and made DVD								
11/22/2015	Altar server brunch	on K of C hours sheet							
11/26/2015	9am altar server								1
11/28/2015	4 pm altar server								1
11/28/2015	Video of Mass and made video						4		
	upload to Vimeo and made DVD								
11/29/2015	7:15 altar server								1
11/29/2015	10:30 KofC lead Rosary	on K of C hours sheet							
	added photos and information to web pages about								
	Added church activities to Google calender						0.5		
	OLVeasthampton.org updates						4		
	Altar server mailings, emails, etc								20
	kofc1116.org updates						4		
<b>Nov 2015 Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>