

**Our Lady of the Valley Parish**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2016**

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

**Absent:** George Zoltowski.

The meeting was opened at 6:35 pm by Father Doug.

Father Doug led us in the opening prayer.

Minutes of the March 30<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and accepted as corrected relative to those present. Jay Oelrich was listed as both present and absent; he was absent.

**Pastor's Report – Fr. Doug**

1. Regarding new council members, Fr. Doug spoke to Karen Droy, who has not yet made a decision.
2. The beautification fund is up to \$160,000. It still needs to grow as the \$150,000 target was just to get started and does not reflect 2-years of inflation.
3. A letter is going to the Bishop to start to construction process. New bids need to be solicited for scaffolding, plastering, and painting.
4. The confessional is coming along. Included in the construction is a lock box for the collections to be deposited rather than left in a box at the rear of the church.
5. We need a new altar cloth. Jay is working on producing the fabric at his company.
6. First Holy Communion and Confirmation are both scheduled for the coming weekend.

“Bucket of Hope” lottery tickets and wheelbarrow full of wine has been donated by Richard Boulanger for raffling at the festival this year. We need to come up with a clever and catchy name for it

**Finance Report - Fr. Doug**

1. The finance council was unable to meet as scheduled due to illness. The meeting is rescheduled for tomorrow evening.
2. We received a preview of the annual Finance Report.

There is a potential re-purpose of the former Sacred Heart convent to the Diocese as an additional mission of Bethlehem House.

**Committee Reports:**

**Communications: - Jay**

Will be filming Confirmation and First Communion events this weekend and making DVDs for parents to purchase.

The cameras are showing signs of age.

Our ninth new altar server has come on board.

**Outreach: - Joan**

**Mission Committee:**

The committee participated in Fr. Adolf's fundraiser last weekend by preparing salads, donating desserts, and a breakfast basket for the raffle. Also participated in the event set-up and clean-up.

In addition, the Mission Committee donated \$500.00 from its general fund to Fr. Adolf for his construction fund. At a later date, the committee will take up the subject of seeing how they might continue to support his new parish in Uganda.

The Tag/Craft/Bake sale held on 4/23 netted \$1,121 for Nuestro Ahora in El Salvador to support the educational opportunities and scholarships for the students there. In addition, \$278.00 worth of Peruvian gifts were sold, the proceeds of which go directly to the San Martin mission.

The committee is fortunate to have a relationship with a group of Regis College in Weston that make an annual trip to Peru during spring break. They act as our shoppers and bring the goods back for us to sell at the craft fairs.

**Take & Eat:**

Nothing new to report.

**Cot Shelter:**

Nothing new to report. Over for the season.

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

The Club continues to advertise the Gilda Burnett Scholarship for which the deadline is April 30.

The club donated two basket for the Fr. Adolf fundraising raffle.

The club hosted a family entertainment event on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> with Ed "The Balloon Man" Popielarczyk's magic show.

Two teams of women continue to support Bethlehem House's baby basket program twice per month.

The end of year banquet is planned for June 1<sup>st</sup> at The Glendale Grill.

**Knights of Columbus:**

The Knights provided the food for the Fr. Adolf fundraiser. 200 dinners were served. Other parish groups including the Family Choir, Mission Committee, St. Cecelia Choir and the Women's Club assisted in the food prep and desserts. The Knights also coordinated the basket raffle which was contributed to by every organization in the parish in an outstanding example of working together for a common cause.

The Knights will be providing free donuts and beverages after all 3 Sunday morning Masses on Mother's Day.

The Knight will be selling artificial roses after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend. All proceeds go to Mass Citizens for Life.

The Council is considering holding a steak roast at the festival grounds on the eve of the festival, with proceeds to go to the beautification fund.

The council is planning an appreciation cookout for altar servers and their families on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00 PM.

The date of Sunday, August 28 is set for the annual Polka Party.

Five scholarship applications have been received to date. Deadline is 4/30.

**Holy Rosary Sodality:**

Had a successful bake sale on Palm Sunday weekend.

Participating in the Living Rosary and Coronation on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The annual membership meeting will be held during the first week of June.

**Religious Education:**

Banners will be put up on the pillars in the church for First Communion Class.

An appreciation dinner was held at the REY building on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The teachers and assistants enjoyed the wraps, cold salads, cake, and refreshments. Big E's Supermarket gift cards were handed out from Fr. Doug at the appreciation dinner.

Looking forward to Confirmation this coming Saturday at 5:30 PM with Bishop Timothy McDonnell.

First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 1.

Religious Education has come to an end. Our kindergarten teacher and aide retired. Chris Carpenter, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher has asked to take kindergarten. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade will need a new teacher.

**Youth Group: Billy**

1. The group had their first outing – a bowling night.
2. The next meeting will be at the new "digs" at the Notre Dame rectory.
3. IACT Retreat is coming up in June.

The group donated a basket for the raffle for Fr. Adolf.

**Music: - George**

No report.

**Technology: - Fr. Doug**

Nothing new to report.

**Liturgy: - Bozena**

1. The Living Rosary is Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. Attending First Communion rehearsal to promote the Living Rosary.

The time of the Mass at the pavilion for the Festival is to be determined pending pancake breakfast.

Looking ahead to special ceremony to dedicate new altar when ready for consecration.

**Old Business:**

The Council plans to honor Pat Baran are still up in the air. Bozena is to contact Pat..

**New Business:**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM after the closing prayer.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25 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 Video	liturgy	Pro-Life
<b>Mar 2016</b>									
3/6/2016	7:15 server							1	
3/6/2016	REY Mass MC							1	
3/6/2016	Mass video, edit and DVD						4		
3/12/2016	Pretzel making photos			2					
3/13/2016	7:15 server							1	
3/13/2016	Mass video, edit and DVD						4		
3/13/2016	K of C Irish dinner	see K of C activity sheet							
3/19/2016	Pretzel making photos			2					
3/19/2016	4 pm server							1	
3/19/2016	5:30 server							1	
3/19/2016	Mass video, edit and DVD						4		
3/20/2016	7:15 server and EME							1	
3/24/2016	7 pm server							1	
3/25/2016	7 pm server and lector							1	
3/26/2016	Vigil set up, server and EME							4	
3/27/2016	Mass video, edit and DVD						4		
3/27/2016	7:15 lector/server/EME							1	
3/27/2016	8:35 server							1	
added photos and information to web pages about									
	Added church activities to Google calender					0.5			
	OLV easthampton.org updates					4			
	Altar server mailings, emails, etc							5	
	kofc 1116.org updates					4			
<b>Mar 2016 Totals</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>

