

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2010

If you have any questions or concerns for the Pastoral Council, you can contact the Council at the link found on our parish website: [nativitycatholicchurch.org](http://nativitycatholicchurch.org).

*Meeting was opened by Fr. Proulx with a scripture reading and reflection.*

*Janet Caraballo welcomed everyone and introduced our speaker for the evening.*

## **Stewardship** – Jim Lambert

*Jim gave a power point presentation highlighting who is the Stewardship committee, their objectives and goals. Their main focus is to thank all of the Nativity parishioners for all that they have done to make our parish such a vibrant community; also to challenge the parishioners to recognize the talents given to them by God and to identify the needs of the parish as a whole. In this way they will have the opportunity to use their God given talents in the areas where they feel there is need. This committee will be visiting the 62 other organizations in the parish to see what needs they have and to assist them in fulfilling their objectives by listening to all parishioners, allow their members to talk and be open to new ideas and to truly welcome new members. The Stewardship Committee is available to help them get the word out on what they would like the parish to know about their group and to help them develop a presentation that will be showcased on our overheads either in church or the social hall. They asked for our prayers. They are planning a Stewardship Day sometime in August to see where they have been and how they should continue with a vision to the future. Jim will meet with Denisse & Irma to present this concept to the Hispanic community.*

## **Pastor's Report**

*Father stated the Groundbreaking Ceremony was a huge success and we are on our way to construction. He said the Golden Jubilee Committee is continuing to meet to form concrete plans for this event which will take place on December 4th, when Bishop Lynch will be here to dedicate the new Youth Center. He stated that work is still being done to make our website better and easier to access. He asked Gary*

*Rabenold to meet with Rob Martin to see what help he needed.*

**SCRIP Program** - Sue Mokris said the program was gaining momentum.

**Year for Priests** - Dee LoPresti read a report prepared by Fr. Clement. Fr. Clement and his committee have been working on ideas to both honor our priests and to let our parishioners know more about our priests and to ask them to keep the priests in their prayers. Bulletin articles have been running for a few months; in April they began adding the daily Mass intention to pray for the "priest of the day" in our diocese. On April 13<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Shea will give his presentation on his experience in Peru. If scheduling permits, there will run a weekly presentation by one of the priests on some aspect of priesthood. Plans are to try to have a reunion in May with former priests of the parish in conjunction with Solemn Vespers.

**English Language Lessons** - Janet Caraballo stated that they have a person ready to start teaching English to our non-English speaking parishioners. It will be advertised as soon as a place and date have been confirmed.

**New Parish Pastoral Council Members** - Janet also asked for volunteers to work on the selection committee in choosing new members for the council. They will meet with Fr. Proulx the end of April to review the applications.

All members then proceeded to the school Chapel for an hour of discernment where Fr. Proulx led the prayers.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, May 5th

**Attendance:** Art Barlaan, Virginia Baum, Janet Caraballo, Dee LoPresti, Linda McCarroll, Jo O'Brien, Gary Rabenold, Kirven Speed, Denisse Rentas Velez, Irma Reyes