

Summary of St. Casimir Parish Pastoral Council Activities

January- November, 2016

Members of the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) meet monthly (except in July) to work with the Pastor on developing the parish life of our members. Parish life includes activities, parishioner involvement and parish growth. Our parish ministry, and the overview of the PPC, extends to both the Lithuanian community as well as the neighborhood community that makes up our parish. We provide advice to the Pastor and the Finance Council as necessary, regarding the financial health of the parish.

Recent activities of the PPC include:

- Upgrading the parish website.- done.
- Coordinate and reviews parish functions.
- Altar Society's "Soup for the Soul"
- St. Casimir's Day celebration with 10: 00 AM Holy Mass, reception and social after Mass.
- Pancake breakfasts after Sunday Masses
- Lenten Devotions (Stations of the Cross, Tenebrae)
- Collinwood Cluster communal Mass at St.Casimir's Church, followed by reception with food drinks. (About 150 + in attendance).
- Clam Bake- attended by about 155 in 2015. We expect a similar attendance this year on October 22, 2016.
- Hosted Saint Faustina story (VIDEO) - part of the year of MERCY 2016 activities (in attendance 200)
- Provided input in updating the Rental Agreement of Parish facilities to meet the latest DIOCESAN stringent requirements.
- Flower and Vegetable Sale (Altar Society)
- Maintain awareness of major parish changes, such as the forthcoming loss of lower hall for parish functions and changes of the upper hall to accommodate future parish activities. This is a result of Breakthrough charter school expansion on our campus, effecting various parish activities and organizations.
- Work with the Pastor on strategic plans...
- PPC continues to look for ways to engage the parish community members in parish life. We listen to what members of the parish see as strengths as well as weaknesses of our parish.
- The list is not complete...these are only highlights of the lives of its members. St Casimir Parish is a beacon of faith to the local community and the Lithuanian community of Cleveland. The PPC represents the parishioners in that mission.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please direct them to one of the members of the Council. We encourage your comments and participation, constructive criticism.

Ted Kowalski – Chair, Loretta Gudenas – Vice Chair, Jackie Caruso-Taylor – Recording Secretary, Dr.Giedra Matas – Corresponding Secretary; members: Maureen Anderson, Dr. Anthony Bacevice, Nijole Balciunas, Grazina Kudukis, Dr. Stephen Matas, Maria Santana, Fr. Joe Bacevice