

**The Church of St. Patrick Pastoral Council**  
**Meeting: November 24, 2009 – 7:15 P.M. – at the Pastoral Center**

**Present:** Deacon Kevin Mastellon, Parish Life Coordinator (Chairman). **Pastoral Council Members:** Patrick Evans, Guy Forbes, and Mary Izzo. **Finance Council Liaisons:** Patrick Pearson. **Trustees:** Richard Gefell; **Excused:** Sr. Mary William Argy, Deacon Bill Schmidt, Elizabeth Bamann, Mary Ann Bartelson, Brenna Ginger, Tom Hanley, Kyle Meehan, Nancy Navarra, Don Netto, Barbara O'Brien, Amy Rathbun **Absent:** Brian Cisco, Paul Trimper.

**Meeting opened** by Deacon Kevin at 7:15 with a prayer. **Roll call** as recorded above. **Minutes** of Oct. 27 meeting reviewed. Members present approved, Deacon Kevin will publish as recorded.

**Communications from parishioners and comments from Council:** Greeters will continue to hand out Music Aids till further notice; Deacon Kevin has found we have a contract running to mid-year next year for current Music Books. No change till current contract expires. General discussion of music and readings, etc. Father Robinson had two funerals Saturday (9:30 & 11:00), Hosted Annual Memorial Service by Calarco & Cummings Funeral Homes, Reconciliation at 3:30, and Mass at 4, and then Vespers (busy day!). Next week a very busy week for both Father and Deacon Kevin (as they all are), with regular functions, and including funerals and baptisms, etc. Deacon Kevin said KAIDEN (Kyle & Kittie's son) was the "best vested minister" at his baptism. **Urban Mission Needs:** Along with usual food & basic goods needed, they would like plastic bags, including Watertown Daily Times bags, and egg cartons.

**Financial report through Oct. 31, 2009:** Nothing extraordinary in October; ended fiscal year 6/30/2009 with a positive bottom line: \$17,000. ahead. We received a \$21,000. Insurance settlement for dome repairs. Project will be done in spring. **Cemetery:** Ken and Mike have done a great job this year. Our thanks to them. Cemetery is doing very well financially too, with a number of burials and plots purchased, etc. Next spring will be much easier for the workers since they have done leaf raking through the year. Note: Could use some new markers for "Sections".

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**(a) Worship.** Deacon Kevin will be preaching 12/13 & 14; will need Sacristans for weekend. Father Robinson will attend Vespers service. A funeral this Wednesday and a couple of baptisms this week. **Advent:** Services will be as usual, with exception that Parishioners will light candles after Prayer of Faithful (General Intercessions), after Creed, and proceed directly to back of Church to get ready to bring up Offertory Gifts. One Mass will be covered by Confirmation candidates, and one by Altar & Rosary Society. **Confirmation** candidates will participate in one Mass as ushers, greeters, lectors, altar servers once a month as part of their preparation for the reception of the sacrament - involving them in the liturgical ministry of the Church once a month at the 9:30 A.M. **Liturgical changes:** Bishops have voted to proceed with and forward whole package back to the Pope for approval and implementation. Changes are minor in nature but will change some phrases we are used to, and change will probably take a couple of years to implement. Mass. **Holy Days Schedule:** Discussion about holy days and holidays: **Feast of Immaculate Conception:** 12/7 Mass at St. Anthony's 5:15 P.M. and 7 A.M. on 12/8; at St. Patrick's at Noon. No anticipated Mass at St. Patrick's. **Christmas Eve Schedule: S.A. 4:00 Mass (W/ Fr. Deluca) and 6:00 w/Fr. Robinson; at S.P. 4:00 (W/Fr. Robinson), 7:30 (w/Fr. Robinson and Christmas Day at 10 A.M (w/Fr. Robinson). NO Midnight Mass. New Year's Eve: S.A. 5:15 P.M.; New Year's Day: S.P. 10 A.M.**

**(b) Christian Education & Formation. Revamping Children's Liturgy.** Thankfully, large numbers attending. Anticipate forming two sections, w/pre-Communion (6-7 years) in Chapel and younger ones in conference room. Teachers are facilitators, not catechists. Moving away from coloring, and into liturgical experience. Can use more volunteers, and older children can be very helpful. We need to register all children, and name badges will be made. Badges will be picked up on arrival and returned at end of Mass. Pam Kennedy has prepared Forms which will be found in church gathering area. Please

complete & return at once. Important for safety of all. More details later. Children's envelopes: Liz is writing letters and will be giving envelopes out in CCD classes.

**Religious Ed and Confirmation.** Pat Evans said good group of nine students. They are planning a spirituality retreat this year. Sisters of Precious Blood have welcomed us to use their facility. May invite St. Anthony's to join with them. Pat is excited about program this year.

**(c) CATHOLIC OUTREACH: Elizabeth Ministry:** Marriage and Family Life Committee and Diocese of Ogdensburg Family Life Department, with grant funds from Respect Life Committee, arranged event held on Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM - at the Italian American Civic Association. John & Teri Bosio, presented "Fallin' In Love Again; Celebrating Your Love." John is author of *Happy Together; the Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage*. On Sat., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> and Mon. Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, they held sessions "How to Create a Marriage Building Parish" from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at Wadhams Hall in Ogdensburg for Priests, Deacons, Commissioned Lay Ministers, and those involved in Family Life Ministry in their parish. All well received by attendees. Many thanks to Kathy Mastellon and her Committee for all their work in planning and arranging these events.

**Adopted Platoon:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade heading home between the end of Dec. & New Year's; John Tierney's wife Kim tells us he suggests mid to late January would be best time for our celebration of their safe return. Pete & Pat Esposito will plan this event. **Parish Nurse Ministry:** Written Report from Barb O'Brien: Blood Pressure readings will be held at St. Patrick's on Dec. 5 & 6. The educational survey was completed by 132 parishioners from St. Anthony's and St. Patrick's. The top four requests were: 1. Fitness; 2. Nutrition; 3. Services available from Office of the Aging; and 4. Diabetes.

**(d) SOCIAL:** Lunch after noon Mass will continue on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of months. Volunteers appreciated to bring sandwiches or soup for this social event.

**OLD BUSINESS.** Building & Grounds. One piece of roofing, which can be seen flapping, is a concern; will have checked out. Doors: All outside doors refinished. The two inside doors planed so they close better & more quietly. Masonry work: Rusty Johnson Masonry, Lafarge vile Contractor delayed (working on another project); hope to have done next week.

**NEW BUSINESS:** **(a) Parish Census.** Request that members proceed with gathering info as suggested at last mtg. Verification of current parishioners (names, address, d/o/b, etc.).

**(b) Election to Council.** Three vacancies. Due to Linkage preparations, and other possibilities hinging on this factor, election was not held. Pat Evans and Amy Rathbun have been re-elected by acclamation July, 2009; Deacon Kevin will send letters out to interested parties: Connie Dowling, Kim Kilburn, and Donald Quencer regarding their current status/availability. Discussion as to Linkage Committee, as to Pastoral Council, etc. **New Phone Voice mail System.** Installed this week; voice mail attendant answers if not answered by 4<sup>th</sup> ring. **BOX:** Message can be left for: Fr. Robinson, Pastoral Life Coordinator Kevin, Felicia, Ticia, Elizabeth or Carol.

**CLOSING PRAYER** by Deacon Kevin at 8:55 P.M.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** **January 26, 2009** -- 7:15 P.M. at Pastoral Center.

**Respectfully submitted, Mary G. Izzo, Executive Secretary**

*"The Mission of the Church of St. Patrick, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
is to make God's love visible in our daily lives."*