

PPC Meeting Notes – 8th January 2007

Attendees: Celeste Braga, , Manny Chaves, Greg Gallagher, Shelia Mahoney Gerry McDonald, Kristen Ogar, Mary Piecewicz, Luzia Oliveria, Frank Ramsbottom, Fr. Walter

Fr Walter gave an update on the staffing of an additional priest at St Michael's for the short term. The request from the PPC (letter sent 12 December) requesting additional help was acted upon very quickly by the Archdiocese. As a result, Fr. Walter will be meeting with Fr. Grisham (Marist priest) during the week of 10 January for a potential short term (6 month) assignment at St. Michaels. If the meeting is successful, Fr. Grisham would begin his work at the parish starting the end of January.

The novena for Fr Steve will begin the last week of January. It will be held for nine weeks in the upper Church each Wednesday evening at 7PM. Each prayer session will be led by a member of the Parish. For the first week – Greg Gallagher will lead the Novena (1/31) followed by Celeste Braga (2/7) and Mary Piecewicz (2/14). Frank Ramsbottom will conclude the Novena on 28 March. Requests for others to lead the prayer service will be placed in upcoming bulletins. Frank Rathsbottom will work with Greg Gallagher on the prayer liturgy. The goal is to have as many parishioners as possible participate in the novena.

Fr. Walter will contact the Finance Committee to see if they can attend the March Parish Council meeting. The goal is to have the Parish Council and Finance Committee members help with informing parishioners of the need for greater weekly contributions for maintenance of the parish.

The St. Michael's CCD program passed its safety requirements and is in compliance with the Archdiocese safety program. Congratulations to Gerry and Kristen for a job well done!

Fr Walter will be working with Shelia Mahoney and the Stewardship committee to move forward quickly with the bereavement and hospitality committees over the next couple of months.

Next big social event is Madi Gras scheduled for 17 February 2007. Fr Walter will be working with Lisa Braga, Dot Haley and Luzia Oliveria on the details.

The next PPC meeting will be on Monday 12th February in the St. Julie Library at 7 PM.