

# Parish Life



The Monthly Leadership Night was held on **Monday, May 4**. A summary of each commission's accomplishments and upcoming events are described in the following **"Two-Minute Report" ...**

## **Education/Faith Formation Commission...**

- New co-chairs Mary Gallery and Kevin Cronin as well as a new commission member, Colleen Doherty.

## **Administration Commission...**

- The Finance Board will hear a presentation from Parish Pay to see about expanding electronic giving.
- The first two weeks in June will be available for parish families to make an appointment to be included in the parish pictorial directory. The name and address directory will be mailed out this week.
- The rectory will be on the BAPA House Tour. Anyone interested in volunteering to work the tour at the rectory should contact Gail Byrnes by May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Work on an alumni newsletter has begun.

## **Human Concerns Commission...**

- New co-chairs are Eileen Watson and Chris Kennelly; the Parish Council rep is Phyllis O'Keefe.
- Work on the Development Plan is underway with recommendations to focus either the 4:00 or 12:00 mass on Peace & Justice where they will host a quarterly speaker. Service projects will be promoted on the web site.
- An effort will be made to collect photos for the alumni newsletter.

## **Spiritual Life Commission...**

- Andy Neu is the new altar server coordinator.
- St. Barnabas choir will sing at St. Rita HS on May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.

## **Parish Life Commission...**

- Parish Life will host a reception to honor Fr. Gene Smith's 25 year anniversary in the priesthood after the 12:00 mass on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Parish Council...**

- Commission reps brought feedback about the Development Plan Goals and Objectives discussed at their commission meetings. Commissions will continue to work on their goals and objectives, prioritizing and developing strategies for effective completion.
- Parish Council continued discussion of its structure and terms determining that an optional third year would provide needed flexibility and added continuity.
- The Parish Council reviewed the draft 5 year financial plan highlighting input needed from commissions as they prioritize and dollarize their Development Plan Objectives.
- Signing of the Parish Covenant on Pentecost Sunday, May 30 and 31 by all parishioners is one of the final steps in the Visioning Process.
- Volunteer Appreciation Mass is Sunday, June 7 at 10am mass followed by a reception.
- Parish Council continued its discussion of a tag line for St. Barnabas Parish deciding on: St. Barnabas- making a difference through faith, family and friendship.

As you can see, much is happening. Thank you to all the commission members and for all the volunteers who make St. Barnabas such a vibrant parish. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are truly appreciated!

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, June 1**.