

**Parish Council Meeting  
Ministry Coordinator's Report  
September 27, 2011**

**BEREAVEMENT    *Brenda Covini and JoAnn Pilawski***

We began with 9 *new* members with multi losses.

**BIBLE STUDY    *Bill Lynn and Lori Barhonavich***

Bible study began a new session, the study of Mark, on Sept 6th. Currently we have a record enrollment of 67 for the AM class and 45 for the PM class. In addition, St Paul's is joining us for the month of Sept due to renovations. Their membership is not included in our registration. We are working out technical challenges so that lectures and lessons are available via the website.

**Catholic Cancer Network (CCN)    *Kevin Castora***

Fall meetings started August 29<sup>th</sup>. The next meeting is September 26<sup>th</sup>. CCN currently has 22 participants in the network who are available for engaging others in need. A new member attended our last meeting and joined the network. Much of our assistance is on an as needed basis outside of our meeting schedule. The meetings serve as an opportunity for members to discuss any issues they may have or for new participants to learn about CCN. All information is strictly confidential.

**FISHERS OF MEN    *Tony Gillman***

The Fishers of Men Ministry had previously studied and discussed a set of apologetics CDs that were made by Gus Lloyd. We invited Gus to meet with us to share his story and allow the men to ask him questions about our Catholic faith. The meeting was very well received and Gus was a great guest. Next on the Fishers of Men agenda is to study the changes to the texts of the Mass as set forth in the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. We will also be doing the *Lifting Up Our Hearts* study.

**FUNERALS    *Brenda Covini and Bev Roy***

No Funerals in September.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS    *Joe Genco***

**LIFE MINISTRIES    *Charlie Reese***

-October is Respect Life Month. We hope all parishioners will hear more about issues that affect their lives.

-The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has issued alerts regarding the New Federal Mandate for Contraception/Sterilization Coverage and asked parishes to include inserts regarding this issue into their bulletins before September 30. (Unfortunately, I've been told that bulletin inserts for St. Timothy's bulletin are booked until Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>). The word needs to go out that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued an interim final rule that requires virtually all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, female sterilization procedures, and related patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity. All health plans, if approved, will have to include without co-pays or other cost sharing, contraceptives (including

abortifacients) and sterilizations. Not only will tax dollars go to pay for these anti-life activities, but so will insurance premiums. Concerned Americans have until September 30<sup>th</sup> to comment to HHS. Read more here: <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/preventive-services-backgrounder.cfm>

- A Pro-Life Essay Contest for high school and college students wraps up in October, with the winners announced at the St. Timothy Family Festival. Special thanks to the Women's Club and other St. Timothy parishioners who worked and contributed to this event, which is nondenominational and open to students throughout the Tampa Bay region.
- With an election year approaching, Life Ministries will work to include positions of candidates with regard to life issues and how they do or don't square with Catholic teaching.
- Members of St. Timothy have been very involved in the Life Choices Women's Care (formerly the Lutz-Land O'Lakes Pregnancy Center), which last month experienced two abortion-minded women who came to the center for their free pregnancy test and ultrasound, and then changed their mind to choose life for their children! Praise God!
- The 40 Days for Life Campaign, in which parishes across the diocese take turns with days of peaceful prayer vigil in front of the abortion clinic on Fletcher Avenue, begins at the end of September. Abortion clinics across the country have shut down following similar prayer vigils. Abortion clinic staff members have left the field, and clients to these clinics have chosen life after seeing people praying for them! St. Timothy's parish is assigned two days, Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day). Life Ministries people have filled a few of the two hour time slots on these days, but we need more faithful to commit to a couple hours on these days. Other groups in the parish are encouraged to take part in this life-saving mission! All we have to do is stand and pray. What other ministry asks so little, but results in something so big: lives saved! Please contact Charlie Reese at 813-787-3500 for more information. Or [creese@jc-audiology.com](mailto:creese@jc-audiology.com)

## **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES     *Carol Rhodaback***

### **MEN'S CLUB     *Jeff Carlisle***

The Men's Club held their monthly General Membership meeting on September 12th. Due to a last minute cancel by our guest speaker, we proceeded straight to the business portion of the meeting, which included updates on: Bingo, Men's Club Website, and Pancake Breakfast, as well as a discussion on the forthcoming Parish Landscaping Project. Al Marano provided an update on the Fall Festival and Jerry Gimenez discussed his work with the Santa Maria Mission.

The first Pancake Breakfast of the 2011-2012 Men's Club year was conducted on September 11th, with a great turnout. We would like to extend a particular thanks to all of our tireless volunteers and numerous customers who continue to support this event, including Bishop Lynch who helped to serve following the 11 o'clock Mass. Bingo continued throughout August and September and is scheduled for the 16th, 23rd, and 30th of September and in October on the 7th, 14th, and 28th.

Pat Paradiso hosted last month's Men's Club Board of Directors meeting on August 19th. Discussions included: scheduling a meeting with Father Malley, the Non-Liturgical Ministry Fair, and support to the NCYC Spaghetti Dinner. We are gearing up to support the Fall Festival and will be covering the beer and wine booth, as well as assist with set up and take down. Individual members will be working in various booths throughout the Fall Festival weekend.

The next Men's Club General Membership meeting will be on October 3rd at 7pm in the Parish Hall—Father Malley will be speaking.

### **MEN'S RETREAT     *Tony Gillman***

The planning continues for the 2011 St. Timothy Men's Retreat, which is scheduled for November 11th (Friday night at 7 pm) to November 13th (Sunday at noon) at the Bethany Center. The theme of the retreat is *Come With Me* and will encourage the men of the parish to take time over the weekend to pray and reflect about a particular issue that may be affecting him individually. Unlike some past retreats, the 2011 Men's Retreat will offer significant periods of unstructured time for the men to find time to meditate. The Retreat committee has planned several prayer opportunities for men to choose from if they wish. For example, the Retreat will offer the men (each of whom will be given a journal) with reflection questions to ponder. Another exercise on *Lexio Devina* will help the men engage in contemplative prayer. Opportunities for traditional prayers, as well as other prayer exercises, will also be available. Moreover, the men will have the opportunity for individual spiritual direction. Each man will also be able to meet one-on-one with a priest, deacon or spiritual director during the Retreat. Also, as reported previously, Monsignor John Cippel will open the Retreat with a talk entitled *Claiming our Identity as Brothers in Christ, Sons of the Father*. At the end of this opening session, through break-outs and personal reflection, each man will be encouraged to focus on what he would like to get from the weekend. On Saturday morning, Deacon Peter Burns will give a session on the different forms and expressions of prayer—vocal, meditative and contemplative, which will be followed Deacon Jerry Crall who will address the group about the value in meeting with a spiritual director. On Sunday, we will have a panel session on how we can incorporate what we learned from the weekend to our everyday lives. The Retreat will also offer Reconciliation on Saturday night followed by fellowship among the men. The Retreat will conclude with Mass on Sunday morning, which will be open to the families of the men as well. Mass will be followed by lunch at the Bethany Center.

### **MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND     *Frank Pennimpe***

### **PARISH CORE COMMUNITY     *Tony Gillman***

The St. Timothy's Parish Core Community (PCC) held sign-ups for a new proposed small group study for all Small Christian Communities (SCCs) in the parish. As reported previously, the six-week study, entitled *Lifting Up Our Hearts*, explores the role of the assembly at Mass and is designed to lead Catholics into a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Mass and its significance in their lives. The study will also address the changes to congregation texts of the Third Edition of the Roman Missal. Five new groups have been formed and will meet on Monday, Tuesday Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday. These groups are in addition to seven existing groups who are also doing the study. The PCC will also offer training to new group leaders.

**Secondly**, the PCC is also taking sign-ups for a one-day retreat at the Bethany Center on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. This Day of Reflection is entitled "*You, My Last Minute Friend-A Day of Reflection on Discernment, Non-Violence and Forgiveness.*" At the heart of the day will be an in depth viewing of the film *Of Gods and Men*, the powerful story of Trappist monks in Algeria. *Of Gods and Men* shows men living simple, God-filled lives in a time of growing terrorism and violence during which they faced an increasing need for community and courage. The retreat will include lunch and snacks. The suggested

donation for the retreat is \$20 per person. This retreat is targeted for existing SCC members, but anyone from the parish is invited to attend.

**Third**, the PCC is working on a program that will create more opportunities for outreach for the SCC members and other members of the parish. Several options are being considered and we are looking to launch this program during Advent or the first of the year.

**Finally**, the PCC is reviewing options for a new study to be sponsored during Lent of 2012.

### **RCIA    *Deacon Jerry Crall***

RCIA Ministry currently involves:

Team Members = 12, Inquirers = 2, Catechumens = 2, Candidates = 4, Godparents/Sponsors = 8, Prayer Partners = 6, Neophytes = 17, Total = 51.

Inquiry Sessions are weekly on Tuesday evening from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Catechumenate Sessions are weekly on Thursday evening from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Dismissal Sessions are weekly on Sunday morning during the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Neophyte Sessions are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

2011 Rites and Retreats: Saturday 10/8/2011 –

Saturday 10/8/2011 - Retreat Day 1

Sunday 10/9/2011 - Rite of Acceptance/Welcome - 11:00 AM Mass

Saturday 11/5/2011 - Retreat Day 5

Sunday 11/6/2011 - Initiation Into Full Communion - 11:00 AM Mass

### **SINGLES MINISTRY    *Diane Elsen***

#### **SPANISH MINISTRY    *Jerry Gimenez***

--**School Supplies Collection:** Collection took place Aug 20 & 21, 2011. Members assembled 29 backpacks full of school supplies for St. Tim's students through Saint Vincent de Paul; 18 full backpacks for Catholic Charities, 22 – 45 gallon bags full of school supplies delivered to Santa Maria Mission

--**Harvest Fall Festival:** October 22 & 23, 2011. Henry Alava will let the Spanish Ministry know when the kitchen is available for cooking. As in the past, cooking for the Festival takes place the Wed. & Thur prior to the actual Festival. Menu will not include white rice. Empanada order should only include picadillo and Italian sausage/cheese

--**Spanish Ministry Annual Gala:** Majority vote rendered the date of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday as the Gala date. Last date to RSVP is Oct 21. Cocktails 6pm, dinner 6:30pm.

--Santa Maria Mission: Delivery of school supplies was made on 23 Aug 2011..

--**Diaper Daze:** Collection is set for September 17-18. Connie Sanchez and Denise Sladky will redecorate the barrels to reflect a more versatile collection. We should also reach out to the parishioners to give diaper/formula coupons. Let community know that some of the diapers, etc will be going to Catholic Charities, Foundation of Life.

--**Gardens:** Chris Canady presented a proposal for garden maintenance to Father Malley. Need to research County's maintenance responsibility for church boundaries.

--**Fund Raiser:** Spanish Ministry will sponsor a dinner (eat in and take out) sometime before Lent. All profits/proceeds to be given to St. Tim's for expenses and building costs.

--**Spanish Ministry Name Change:** The Spanish Ministry helps many as an outreach ministry, and the demographics encompass not only Hispanics but include: indigent, homeless, pregnancy needs of all races and cultures. Parishioners have the misconception that you must speak Spanish to be part of the Ministry which hinders new volunteers from joining. Spanish Ministry has a long standing reputation for analyzing where needs exist, putting action to the needs, and positive follow-through. The St. Tim's community recognizes the name in association with these qualities. Further research and prayers will be given to the matter.

### **ST. VINCENT DEPAUL Angela Kent**

--**President's report:** First \$100 was submitted to National for International Twinning. We pledged \$100 a quarter and requested to twin with Ireland for all the support Fr. Paddy provided this conference while he was pastor. National makes the final assignment of country to twin with.

--**Current Case** Phone Message taken by Angela: 13 calls taken; 6 referred for home visits; 2 to other agencies; 2 school supplies

--5 families served: 10 adults, 9 children; Total: 5 home visits; 0 food pickup; 0 church walk-in

--**Jail Visit** – 1 SVDP member 2 visits (5 hrs) to the Riverside Youth detention facility, 14 juveniles served.

--**Casper's Cupboard** – PET Food Assistance to the needy; Aug. collection 1912 lbs. YTD total: 19,784 lbs  
We have a new collection location at Royal Pets in the Northdale area – Angela collecting.

--**Vincentian Youth and Young Adult**- flier was handed out at the Ministries Fair to inform the youth about our ministry. Patty will put notice in bulletin addressed to the youth regarding collecting service hours by being a SVDP volunteer

--**Twinning Report**—Twinning with St. Peter Cleaver is put on hold until next meeting.

--**Social Justice**—Anne Baier signed- up for legislation reports to aid the poor on SVDP National web site. . Next step, look at local legislation and contact Deacon Peter for more information on assisting the poor thru legislation.

--**HELP NEEDED** at Nebraska Ave SVDP store and pantry Mon-Sat; interested call 977-7057

--**School Supply Drive**-- served 18 children from 6 client families within our parish boundaries. Several Conference members purchased materials and were supplemented by supplies from the Spanish Ministry school drive. The Conference agreed to put this event on the annual SVDP calendar. Recommendation was not to wait for the week-end before school for donations.

--Nancy Myers has approval from Parish Council for putting another **Poor Box** at the North exit; she has already contacted the person who made the other boxes. Bill Lynn will take care of signing.

--**Pet Food Drive** Oct 1 and 2 at St. Tim's. We will also be supporting drive at St. Mark's church. **Next Meeting** Sept 26 in our Parish Center Room #1 7:00-8:30 pm

### **VOCATIONS Eric Matos**

Vocations Ministry provides the following:

That all Ministries visit the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima on October 15, 2011 to Pray.

### **WOMEN'S CLUB Jodi Brennan**

General meeting held on Monday, September 19 at 7 pm.

**Business:** Boutique planning is coming along great. We still have outside spaces available for vendors.

**Bingo** - ongoing recruiting of volunteers.

**Reviewed Mission** and need for balance of Spirit, Service and Social aspects of club. Both Fr. Malley and Fr. Sojen gave us good examples in their homilies about living together as Christian [women]. Engage others and don't reject once invited to join. Also, Christian Spirituality is not a competition, but a journey. A journey where we can help each other along the way.

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Morrison, Endocrinologist. Very well received discussion about Diabetes.

**Youth Ministry   *Judy Anderson***

**Pumpkin Patch arriving the weekend of Oct 8-9<sup>th</sup>** so please save those fall decorating items for then.

**Middle school** - each grade is getting instruction on the New Roman Missal.

**High School youth** will have our Kickoff night this Sunday and there will be talks on Homecoming safety and making "Right" choices on the issues that press in on our teens. Then we will separate the Girls and Guys for mentoring and smaller group sessions on issues relevant to each gender. These subjects need to be discussed in separate gender groups. This will also get the teens more comfortable with each other early on in the school year for better sharing later in the year. We have 7-8 different high schools that feed our parish so these teens need to get-to-know each other to become more able to share in small group discussions later. That will take us to mid Oct.

**Respectfully submitted by**

**Nancy Myers/Coordinator of Ministries**