

## **Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pastoral Council Minutes - September 5, 2012**

### **PPC Vision and Goals for 2012/ 2013**

Father Scott explained to new and old member that Parish Pastoral Councils are required by the archdiocese. Councils provide advisory feedback to the parish, listen to parish members and report their feedback to the parish. PPCs maintain a close relationship with the Parish Financial Council.

### **Mass at Lake Massapoag**

Jackie Baldino explained that the Parish staff had come up with the ideal for a Mass at the Lake. Planning for the Mass is well underway and things are pretty well organized. Tailgate ministry and refreshments will follow the Mass.

### **FY 2012 Financial Results**

Jim Spoto provided a thorough year end report of the church finances in which he was pleased to report that OLOS ended the year better than expected. He also reported that the finance council recently recruited two new members.

### **Increased Giving Campaign**

Father Scott explained that the Increased Giving Campaign will begin with a mailing of an introductory letter and brochure scheduled for the week of 9/17/2012. Reminder calls by many parish volunteers will be made to all registered parishioners to touch base and provide a forum for questions about the Campaign. A second mailing on 10/1/2012 will be a Commitment Letter. Commitment week-end will be 10/13/10-14.

### **OLOS/BS Collaborative Committee**

Claire Ramsbottom reported that the group continues to meet around our collaborative theme *Together in the Spirit We Make a Difference*. The group is looking for two OLOS PPC members to join the committee. At this time, St. Mary's has yet to send a representative to the Collaborative Committee.

### **Scheduling Retreats**

Claire explained that there would be two retreats this year, one spiritual and one business. These retreats will be with Blessed Sacrament PPC members and Claire will work with them to arrive at mutually agreeable dates.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Claire announced that on Sunday morning 11/4, Father Miles Sheehan, who is not only a Jesuit but a physician will speak at adult faith formation about physician assisted suicide which is a question on the November ballot.

Respectfully submitted,

Margy Cittadino