

First Quarter Parish Report – Stewardship of God’s Household

July 1, 2009–September 30, 2009 of the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

Commission Reports

Immaculate Conception parishioners are “vibrant expressions of the presence of the Risen Christ” by being people who are grateful for their God-given gifts, and by expressing their gratitude in prayer and service to others. Our Parish has seven staff members, two councils and six commissions to help support and meet the needs of our community. We ask you to read the successes below and prayerfully consider giving of your Time, Talent and Treasure.

Stewardship Commission – Chair: George Mullen

✦ Welcome Orientation Registration Ministry

- ❖ Scheduled 6 Welcome/Orientation/Registration Events for the 2009/10 Year
- ❖ Thank you to Coordinator Joan Walters for her years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry
- ❖ Recruited Briana & Jason Ziegler as the new coordinators of this ministry
- ❖ Recruited Ann & Kevin Pakulniewicz as the new co-coordinators of this ministry

✦ Safe Environment Team

- ❖ Hosted 3 training sessions for new volunteers and retraining & renewal of certification for volunteers in their 5th year of service; 39 trained
- ❖ On Sept 23, the ICC Safe Environment Team was audited on site by the USCCB Auditor for the Protection of Children & Youth for the 1st time since inception of the program
- ❖ Thank you to Coordinator Jerry Bagnell for his years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry
- ❖ Recruited Joby Gaughan as the new coordinator of the Safe Environment Team

✦ Bishop’s Annual Appeal

- ❖ Thank you to Coordinators Fran & Dave Polovick for their years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry
- ❖ Recruited Cindi & Rich Wallace as the new coordinators of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal Team

✦ Stewardship Committee

- ❖ Prepared 3 articles for the Weekly Bulletin featuring Bereavement, Bread of Life, and Baptismal Preparation

Faith Formation Commission – Co-Chairs: Carol Cholette, Marie Marshall

- ❖ Held a Commission Weekend September 12 & 13 and shared information on all of their ministries with parishioners with displays and handouts

✦ Adult Faith Formation

- ❖ Thank you to Coordinator Clement Rajendra for his years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry
- ❖ The Coordinator position for Adult Faith Formation is currently open

✦ Children & Youth Faith Formation

- ❖ Held registrations on three weekends during July and August with a total of 280 youth registering
- ❖ Held parent meetings for First Reconciliation and Confirmation
- ❖ Preparing 28 children for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and preparing 16 youth for Confirmation
- ❖ Thank you to Coordinators Peggy Astrakis, Mike & Edna Bennett and Marie MacDonald for their years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry
- ❖ Recruited Ann Pakulniewicz as the new coordinator of the Elementary Afternoon Ministry

✦ De Sales Spirituality Group

- ❖ Hosted the 27th annual Salesian Conference with 53 participants attending
- ❖ Increased Monday evening group’s participants by 4 and increased Wednesday morning group’s participants by 3

✦ Scripture Discussion Group

- ❖ Increased participation by 6 new parishioners to a total of 24

✦ Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

- ❖ Hosting 1 inquirer

✦ Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study for Engaged Couples (FOCCUS)

- ❖ Trained 1 new facilitating couple

✦ Whole Community Catechesis (WCC)

- ❖ Held planning meetings for the October gathering and the Lent 2010 *Godspell: In Concert* performance

✦ Parish Resource Center

- ❖ Thank you to Coordinator Joan Pomnitz for her years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry
- ❖ The Coordinator position for the Parish Resource Center is currently open

Inreach Commission – Chair: Terry Acome

- ❖ Thank you to Commission Chair Pat Slater for her years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry
- ❖ Recruited Terry Acome as the new Chair of the Inreach Commission

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Liturgical Commission – Chair: Ginny Bovelsky

- ❖ Sent first computerized scheduling of Liturgical Ministers, schedule for September, October and November 2009, to ministers in August
- ❖ Held first Liturgical Ministers Training sessions August 1 and 8; Recruited 10 new Liturgical Ministers
- ❖ Held Commission Weekend September 12 & 13; Recruited 36 Liturgical Ministers
- ❖ Catechized parish on *Liturgy of the Hours*; Ran Catechetical bulletin articles in June
- ❖ Began Tuesday Morning Prayer July, 2009; initial services were preceded with simple explanation and guidance on Morning Prayer; Recruited 2 Lay Presiders
- ❖ Recruited 5 new Coordinators and 3 Assistants for those completing their terms
- ❖ Thank you for their years of dedicated service and devotion to ministry:
 - Joan Allen – former Usher Coordinator
 - Linda Bruce – former Art & Environment Coordinator
 - Rosemary Burton - former Lector Coordinator
 - Rose-Rita Giguere – former Altar Linen Caretaker Coordinator
 - Barbara Klemens – former Art & Environment Coordinator, and
 - Terry and Ed Niedzialek - former EMHC/Liturgies Coordinators
- ❖ Recruited Fred Ball as the new coordinator of the EMHC/Liturgies Ministry
- ❖ Recruited Gail Binni as the new coordinator of the Lector Ministry
- ❖ Recruited Kathy Canade as the new coordinator of the Art & Environment Ministry
- ❖ Recruited Judy Flynn as the new coordinator of the Altar Linen Caretakers
- ❖ Recruited Jorge (George) Kruger as the new coordinator of the Usher Ministry

Outreach Commission – Co-Chairs: Stephanie Balnaitis, Rich Wright

Good Samaritan Ministry

- ❖ Provided \$2,127 for 32 requests for assistance
- ❖ Referred to Federal Point Help Center / Island Cottage - 4 (2 Parishioners, 2 Non-Parishioners)
- ❖ Referred to other community agencies - 21 (Non-Parishioners)
- ❖ Assisted directly by Immaculate Conception - 7 (6 Parishioners, 1 Non-Parishioner):
 - ❖ Rent/Mortgage Assistance: 1 (Parishioner)
 - ❖ Utility Assistance: 1 (Parishioner)
 - ❖ Food and Clothing Assistance: 3 (Parishioners)
 - ❖ Medical Assistance: 1 (Parishioner)
 - ❖ Gas/Miscellaneous: 1 (Non-Parishioner)

Bread of Life Ministry

- ❖ Served 380 individuals on Saturdays at Grace Methodist Church in downtown Wilmington
- ❖ Distributed food and clothing to 721 individuals on Wednesdays

Island Cottage (From Island Cottage to the following:)

- ❖ Donated \$3,000 to Federal Point Help Center
- ❖ Assisted 50 individuals from the Help Center with clothes and/or household items
- ❖ Furnished over 28 bed linens to victims of fire at Cape Fear Apartments
- ❖ Donated over 1,000 clothing items and about 100 non-clothing items to Relay for Life yard sale
- ❖ Donated over 30 leaf size bags of clothing to Salvation Army
- ❖ Gospel Mission also received over 1,000 clothing items

Meals on Wheels Ministry

- ❖ Prepared and delivered 26 meals

Hispanic Migrant Ministry

- ❖ Purchased and delivered 149 pairs of back to school shoes for migrant children
- ❖ Delivered 86 book bags filled with school supplies for migrant children
- ❖ Delivered 40 bags filled with school supplies to St. Joseph Church in Burgaw

Facilities Commission – Chair: Charlie DaVolio

- ❖ Fixed outside electrical lighting
- ❖ Placed pine straw and removed some trees around the campus grounds
- ❖ Repairing drain outside front entry door to Gathering Area

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We are grateful for your continued support of our Parish and of your trust in our stewardship of your generous offerings. The willingness of the parish staff, the ministry coordinators and you to contribute your Time, Talent and Treasure have helped us to work diligently to manage costs and to stay within our parish budget and plan. We ask that you please continue to consistently contribute to Immaculate Conception to enable us to meet our budgeted expenses.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

As mentioned at the *Annual Stewardship Presentation: Time, Talent, Treasure* on September 26/27, the Parish has set a goal of 200 households on Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) by June 2010. Please prayerfully consider joining the 69 households (6% of 1,048 Total Parish Registered Households) now using EFT.

The EFT program was implemented to benefit both the parish and the parishioners. For parishioners, EFT is a service which allows for your stewardship commitment to be planned and fulfilled on a consistent basis. For the parish, it assists in planning and offers a more efficient administration of resources. EFT is a:

- ✚ Secure
- ✚ Simple
- ✚ Flexible
- ✚ Time-saving

*Way for Your Stewardship
Commitment to be
Planned and Fulfilled on a
Consistent Basis!*

If you are not a participant in the program, we urge you to sign up! Forms are available in the Gathering Area and were included with the *Annual Stewardship Report: Time, Talent, Treasure* mailed in September to all registered households.

TREASURE...First Quarter ACTUAL July 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009

We continue to face challenges in our offertory collections. We will need to grow our revenues over the next nine months in order to avoid any potentially adverse effects upon our parish activities and services.

Offertory Income: money received from 1st collection (13 weeks excluding Holy Days)

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| <u>\$202,010:</u> | Actual Offertory Income |
| <u>\$209,495:</u> | Budgeted Offertory Income |
| <u>\$7,485:</u> | Offertory income BELOW amount budgeted |

Operating Spending/Expenses: (Includes Debt Principal and Interest; Excludes Non-Operating Expenditures)

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| <u>\$199,862:</u> | Actual Spending |
| <u>\$201,513:</u> | Budgeted Spending |
| <u>\$1,651:</u> | Spending LESS than amount budgeted |

Contributions donated from the parish to charities through the Diocesan National Collections:

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| <u>\$1,960:</u> | <u>Catholic University:</u> Provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Catholic University was founded in 1887 by the American Bishops and is the only U. S. university with Pontifical faculties. Students are enrolled from all 50 states and almost 100 countries in 11 schools: Theology and Religious Studies, Philosophy, Law, Arts and Sciences, Social Work, Nursing, Engineering, Music, Architecture, Library and Information Sciences and School of Canon Law. |
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Thank you for your continued stewardship and support of our parish. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments regarding this information.

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