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dear Padre

What does a parish council do?

February 5, 2012

I've been an active member of our parish council for ten years. Our diocesan guidelines say that parish councils are advisory groups for the pastor, but they don't say he has to take our advice. He isn't addressing people's needs, and my parish is losing members. My friends on other parish councils have the same problem. What can we do?

Isabelle

Dear Isabelle,

You certainly understand the nature of parish pastoral councils: "A pastoral council possesses a consultative vote only and is governed by the norms established by the diocesan bishop" (*Code of Canon Law, 536.2*).

The question is, what constitutes consultation? Canon 536.1 says the pastor presides over the pastoral council, in which the "Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity." Consultation, then, is "assist[ing] in fostering pastoral activity" in the parish.

The *Code* is clear: The diocesan bishop establishes norms regarding pastoral councils, so if you don't have a copy of the norms, ask the chancery for them. Then ask your pastor what the council can do to "foster pastoral activity" in your parish.

It might be helpful if your council and your pastor attend a workshop on pastoral councils together. If your diocese doesn't offer this and other resources to help parishes, ask the chancery to recommend one that does.

I applaud your commitment to making your parish more responsive to its members.

Patrick Keyes, CSsR | sundaybulletins@liguori.org

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

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THIS WEEK

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4 – 5, 2012
TRIPLE PLAY CAFÉ BREAKFAST
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
USHERS GROUP II

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

4:00 P.M. **Mass offered for +Joyce Bachl**
request of Ed Bachl

SUNDAY, FEB 5

7:30 A.M. **Mass Offered for + Lilyan and**
+Raymond Hunt request of Jane and
Bob Hunt

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Mary Nicholson**
request of Dolores Lynch

MONDAY, FEB. 6

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Levi and +Isabell**
Fournier request of the Family

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +John Marvin**
request of Kurt O'Brien

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard**

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. To 7:00 P.M.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 P.M. – Finance Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, FEB 9 – No Mass

7:00 p.m. – K of C Business Meeting

FRIDAY, FEB 10 – No Mass

SATURDAY, FEB 11

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 11 - 12, 2012
COFFEE SOCIAL
USHERS GROUP III

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

4:00 P.M. **Mass offered for +Rudy and +Annita**
DeTuccio
Altar Servers: Megan Shorey, Kaila Toce
Lector: Charles Luchini
Eucharistic Minister: Ted Lloyd

SUNDAY, FEB 12

7:30 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Donald Holbrook**
Altar Servers: Shirley Warbeck
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arelene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

10:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Barbara Sullivan**
Altar Servers: Angelica & Alex Czercowy
Lector: Paul Brown
Eucharistic Minister: Clifford Scorso

MONDAY, FEB. 13

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Louis Cloutier, Sr.**

7:00 P.M. Property Management Meeting

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Henry Leonard**

2:00 P.M. Bolton Ecumenical Council meeting at the
Parish Center

7:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting

7:15 P.M. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

9:00 A.M. **Mass Offered for +Dave Caruso, Jr.**

9:00 A.M. to Noon – Christmas Fair Workshop

3:00 P.M. To 7:00 P.M.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, FEB. 16 – No Mass

FRIDAY, FEB. 17 – No Mass

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Last week's Offertory Jan. 28-29 \$3,292

Last year's Offertory Jan. 29-30 \$2,506

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come'" – Mark 1:35, 38. Through today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to doing all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. Yet Jesus also makes time to be alone in prayer. It is only through prayer, through spending time with God, that any of us can find the strength to do all that God wishes us to do. Be sure to find time this week to be with God.

Marriage Preparation Class for Engaged Couples

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class please call 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

Dates:

Fridays, March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2012

Time:

7:00 P.M. – 9:15 P.M.

Location:

St. Francis of Assisi, Fox Parish Center
10 Elm Street
Middletown, CT 06457

Cost:

\$50.00 Per Couple

WEDDING MUSIC SHOWCASE

There will be a FREE Concert Presentation for Music Ministers, Parish Ministers, Brides, Grooms and Lovers of Music on Sunday, February 12th at 2 P.M. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, 213 Broadway, in Norwich.

Readings for the Week of February 5, 2012

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31--
11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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'For the Love of a Child'

The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti

2012 Annual Gala



The Diocese of Norwich has been supporting needy children in Haiti for the past 25 years. Outreach to Haiti currently supports two orphanages, sponsors over 300 student tuitions, facilitates medical outreach and nutrition programs, and operates a primary care clinic in Port-au-Prince. Because of Outreach's presence, many Haitian children have access to an education, a warm meal to eat, and are able to receive the medical care they deserve.

Join us in support of needy children in Haiti at The Diocese of Norwich Outreach to Haiti's 2012 annual *For the Love of a Child* gala, Saturday, April 21, at The Clinton Country Club, Clinton CT. Tickets are \$150 each, \$75 of which is tax deductible. We welcome parishioners from throughout the diocese to take part in celebrating, honoring, and supporting the most vulnerable of our Haitian sisters and brothers. For more information please contact Anna DeBiasi at 860.848.2237 (x206); anna@outreachtohaiti.org.

LENTEN PROGRAMS

AT St. Edmund's Retreat in Mystic, CT

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 6 to 8 P.M.

Mardi Gras Feast "A Drink Called

Happiness" with Fr. Frank Sutman, OP

The freedom of Jesus Christ is a stupefying freedom. May we join on the eve of Lent to celebrate a joyful meal and prayer, entrusting our lives in confidence to a God who loves us exactly as we are.

Includes a New Orleans style "Mardi Gras" Dinner followed by evening prayer.

Wednesday, February 22, 2012 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

"Feasting on while we are fasting from" with

Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC

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