

**St. Catherine of Siena
Parish Council Meeting
March 2, 2011**

Attendance: Fr. Peter, Gene Caulfield, John Donahue, Barbara Buck, Tom Ross

Giving Seminar: A presentation was given by the Diocese describing a program that would enable parishioners to include the parish or diocese in one's will. This program would be a source of revenue for the diocese or the parish by limiting the amount of money paid to the government. This program will be offered to all parishioners at a date to be determined.

Haiti :A report was presented to the Council outlining the most recent visit by a team of parishioners to our sister parish Dom Marie in Haiti. The medical mission attended to well over 350 patients. Eye glasses, vitamins and general health administration were dispensed to the residents of Dom Marie. The parish has a new pastor who presented a plan to bring the assistance in a new direction. He feels that the overall education of the children is of the utmost importance. He proposed creating a sponsor program for the children at a cost of \$30/ mo. This concept will be presented to the parish.

Religious Education: Confirmation will be held on April 2nd, 70 candidates will be presented to the Bishop. Parish Communion Breakfast will be held in the all-purpose room. Approx. 170 people will be the capacity of the hall. Mtn. Lakes Delicatessen will cater the event. Msgr. Kupke will be the speaker. The 10:30 Mass will be cancelled for that Sun. CCD – 6-8 weeks to go to end of year. 80 children are being

trained at home Holy Week – soup and stations will be held during Lent

Evangelization: Fr. Peter suggested that Christmas Eve Midnight Mass be changed to 10PM. This is based on past attendance. Parishioners will be asked their opinion of the change. The earlier schedule is in line with many other parishes.

Altar Servers: Due to Bonnie O’Mullane leaving the parish a new volunteer has been approached to take over the scheduling of the servers. Requesting

Finances: An architect has been retained and final sketches of the rectory building program are being submitted. A second walkthrough of the plant was conducted to evaluate potential changes. A third building program will be presented. Tom Menard , a parishioner, will review the cost of the proposed project. The Finance Council will have 3 new members.

Volunteer Day: A presentation will be given at each Mass requesting additional volunteers for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers.

Council Members: Two parishioners will be approached to fill the two vacancies on the Council.

Next meeting will be held April 6th at 7:30 PM