

**Minutes**  
**St. Gregory the Great Parish**  
**Meeting May 19, 2003**

**Present:** Father Arrando, Steve Crespo, Paul Valeri, Rocco Colucci, and Pat Murphy

**Absent:** Kathy Kelly, Ed DeVeaux Janice Rudisill, and Donna Strosser

With both Kathy and Ed absent, Steve chaired the meeting.

**Opening Prayer:** Steve Crespo

**Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Due to time constraints and previous commitments, both Rocco and Paul needed to speak first.

**Spiritual Life and Worship:**

**Rocco Colucci**

- ✓ Regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese, Rocco showed us an updated image of the St. Gregory Banner. It looks fabulous.
- ✓ Rocco is thrilled about the “quiet time” now available during Mass.

**Building Committee Report:**

**Paul Valeri**

- ✓ Unfortunately we are delayed due to the City of Danbury bureaucracy. We are having problems getting the permits. However, we should have them soon. Hopefully before the end of May.
- ✓ Once the permits are approved, Westchester Modular will begin construction. The process will take eight weeks to complete.
- ✓ Paul and Mike Mazzucco will place ribbons on the grounds to mark what trees should be removed and what of the area should be cleared.
- ✓ Then we can start lining up volunteers from the parish to do various parts of the construction not being done by Westchester Modular.
- ✓ About the third week of June we should have a “photo op” with Bishop Lori.
- ✓ Then we can notify the entire Parish as to a definite timeline. We can also make a request to our parishioners for additional volunteered services.
- ✓ Minor “tweaking” has taken place with the project, but it was nothing major.
- ✓ Once we have a definite idea of the cost, we can then look into how far we can go with the Parish Center.

**Pastor's Report:****Fr. Arrando**

- ✓ Plans are underway for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese.
- ✓ Eucharistic Adoration will take place Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00Am till 8:00pm. Notices will begin in next weeks' bulletin.
- ✓ Two buses have been hired to take our Parish to the celebration. We have enough room for eighty people. Tickets will be issued in the following order:
  - ✓ Deacons and wives
  - ✓ Council members and families
  - ✓ Trustees and wives
  - ✓ Director of Religious Education and family
  - ✓ Music Director and family
  - ✓ The balance of the tickets will be open to the Parish.
- ✓ Holy Week went well.
- ✓ The Holocaust Memorial was awesome.
- ✓ The Annual Bishop's Appeal is still on Father's mind. Father would like Council members to call some parishioners to finish up our assessment.
- ✓ The free Pasta Dinner went extremely well. Father read a letter from a grateful parishioner.
- ✓ We are receiving favorable responses for the bulletin section entitled "Sunday is Our Day".
- ✓ The Mass announcements have been moved and will now take place during the first collection.
- ✓ Pasta and Padre continues to do well. Our next dinner will be for teens.
- ✓ The Baccalaureate Mass and luncheon will be on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> on Father's Day at the 12:00pm Mass.
- ✓ Star Power for the Youth Group went very well. It involved teens and their parents. All were enlightened with a challenging game.
- ✓ Due to the delays with the Building Project, Father has extended the current Council for another year. Father did not want a new Council to come on board at this time. It would be difficult to get a "green" Council up to speed.

**Committee Reports:****Parish and Community Life:****Donna Strosser**

- ✓ Donna was not present and no reports were received

**Christian Services Committee:****Janice Rudisill**

- ✓ Janice was not present however; she wanted the council to know that the Carnival Committee was soliciting sponsorship for this year's Carnival. One hundred letters have been sent out to local businesses.
- ✓ Reminder - The Parish Tag Sale will be on Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Spots can still be bought for \$25.00.

**Christian Education and Formation:**

✓ Pat was present, but had nothing to report.

**Pat Murphy**

**Spiritual Life and Worship:**

✓ Rocco was present, but had nothing to report.

**Rocco Colucci**

**Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday,  
June 16, 2003 @ 7:00pm in the school.**

**Closing Prayer:** Father Arrando

Respectfully submitted: Steve Crespo