

**Minutes**  
**St. Gregory the Great Parish**  
**Meeting October 20, 2003**

**Present:** Steve Crespo, Kathy Kelly, Janice Rudisill, Rocco Colucci, Ed DeVeaux, Donna Strosser, Paul Valeri, and Father Arrando (arrived late due to previous engagement)

**Absent:** Pat Murphy

**Opening Prayer:** Ed DeVeaux

**Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with one addition.

**Pastor's Report:**

**Fr. Arrando**

**Christian Service Committee:**

**Janice Rudisill**

With Father running late, Janice provided us with both the Pastor's Report as well as her report for the Christian Service Committee.

- ✓ After 20 years in the same timeslot, our annual carnival has had to change its dates. Stuart Amusements said they could no longer accommodate our timeslot as long as the Mall held its carnival prior to ours. So our carnival will be running from Tuesday, August 10 through Saturday, August 14, 2004.
- ✓ The Carnival Committee is in talks with the City of Danbury to see if there are any regulations that could prohibit the mall from holding a four-week event. If not, then the Committee will present one.
- ✓ The Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday, November 23, 2003 @ 2:00pm here at St. Gregory's. We will need greeters and help with the refreshments.
- ✓ Our Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6 in the school gym. Help will be needed for that as well.
- ✓ Father is hoping to supplement losses from the carnival through this year's bazaar. Additionally, food will be served at the bazaar.
- ✓ On Thursday, November 6, @ 6:00pm we will work on the ornaments for the Gift-Giving Tree.
- ✓ On November 17 we will be working on the food baskets for Thanksgiving.
- ✓ On Friday, November 28, we will be putting up the Christmas tree.
- ✓ On Monday, December 15 we will be sorting the gifts from the tree.
- ✓ We are committed to taking care of 10 families from AIDS Interfaith and 40 families from CACD.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Building Project:**

**Paul Valeri**

- ✓ The new rectory is substantially complete. The priests should be able to occupy it roughly within six weeks. The furniture will arrive around the first week of December.
- ✓ We made an easement for the water line. This will help in the future.
- ✓ In order to allow all parishioners to see the new rectory we have set up two open houses. The schedules are as follows:
- ✓ Sunday, October 26 from 3:00 to 6:00pm for all those who pledged to the building fund. There will be food and a three-piece ensemble playing music.
- ✓ Saturday, November 1 all gifts for the new rectory should be brought to the school gym.
- ✓ Sunday, November 2 (after every Mass) will be the main open house for all parishioners. Everyone can view the gifts and partake of a continental breakfast. Then they can go on a guided tour of the rectory.

### **Christian Education and Formation:**

**Pat Murphy**

- ✓ Pat was absent, and no reports were received.

### **Parish and Community Life:**

**Donna Strosser**

- ✓ Donna was present, and had nothing to report.

### **Spiritual Life and Worship:**

**Rocco Colucci**

- ✓ Rocco wanted to know if Deacons could wear a “collar” when going for visits to the hospital.
- ✓ Father said the deacon’s have special dress for such occasions.
- ✓ Unfortunately, no one was attending the Contemplative Prayer Group. However, with the help of Pat Esposito, Rocco would like to continue with a prayer group called “Knowing God’s Love.”

With no new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**Our next meeting full council meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 17, 2003 @ 7:00pm in the school. Please submit any reports to me by November 3, 2003.**

**Closing Prayer:**

Donna Strosser

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Crespo