

Renewal 2013 Updates – Father Joe

Each of the five areas of *Renewal 2013* will be given two to three minutes at each Parish Council meeting to update on Renewal 2013 commission meetings and minutes of meetings relative to each commission will be available for review, if needed.

Community Life: MaryAnn Herrle reviewed the three goals of this commission: 1) To increase participation at Mass 3% over the next three years; 2) To create a warm, hospitable, acceptable environment; and 3) To inspire parishioners to take pride in what the parish has to offer. The group discussed possible events to get the parishioners connected with each other like a clambake, chili event, door-to-door visitation. The Moms' group has agreed to handle the "Trunk or Treat" event. November 27th is the next meeting. A census of attendees at mass will take place the first three weekends of October. Since 2005 the number of mass participants has declined; however, the number has increased this year over last year, which is encouraging.

Stewardship: Joe Metz reported that the rules were explained at the last meeting and that a meeting with the lay ministers is upcoming.

Youth: Jeff Hess reported that they had a meeting in September with one scheduled for October 22nd. Some suggestions on how to get the youth and their families involved were a newsletter for the youth and a youth family retreat.

Spiritual Life: Linda Trask commented on some of the websites on the internet available to Catholics and suggested reading *How to Defend Your Faith Without Raising Your Voice*. The commission's job is to set goals; it is the committee's job to do the work.

Liturgy: Dan Kilbane reported that there was a speaker at last month's meeting, so there was little chance for discussion. October 10 is the date of the next meeting.