

St. John Vianney – Family and Parish Life Report 2012

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Relay for Life – Barbara Johnson

Mission:

The goal of Relay for Life is to raise money to find a cure for cancer and to provide funds to programs that support individuals dealing with cancer. Although, most of the money does not stay in Calvert County, many cancer patients use services here as well as at other locations.

Team Name: Spirit of St. John Vianney.

Highlights:

For over ten years SJV has participated in Calvert County's Relay for Life. Last years team "spirit of St. John Vianney had 31 team members. The relay was held on June 17, 2011 at the Hallowing Point Park. It is an overnight event. Our team came in 6th out of 143 teams in raising money. We raised over \$11,350.00 with the help of parishioners, family and friends. Last year we also won the Miss Relay contest. We are already building our team for the 2012 Relay for Life.

Key Members:

Captain: Barbara Johnson

Co-Captain: Trish Villari

Strengths:

- Our strength is that we have many supportive people in our parish.

Weakness:

- Would like to see more individuals involved on the team (2009, 2008 only around 10). As representatives of SJV we receive a large portion of our funds from church members and this has become more difficult competing with all the other fundraisers

Natural Family Planning – KC Schnitker

Mission:

To share the Church's teaching on the meaning and purpose of human sexuality. To instruct married and engaged couples in Natural Family Planning so they can morally plan their families and receive the Graces they need.

Key Member:

Mrs. Schnitker is in charge of the NFP program at SJV and teaches the "The Ovulation Method" to engaged and married couples at SJV, Jesus the Divine Word and St. Peter's as well as for The Archdiocese of Washington.

Strengths:

- NFP Divorce-proofs marriages (NFP couples have a .2% divorce rate).
- Increases communication between spouses.
- Facilitates a conversion process in the couple and individually in the husband and wife.

Weaknesses:

- Ignorance of Church teaching on human sexuality and morality for many Catholics.
- Lack of awareness of the existence and effectiveness of NFP. Highlights 2010:
- Father Daly preached about Humanae Vitae and NFP.
- Literature available in the Festival Room.
- Presentation given at RCIA on NFP and Humanae Vitae.
- Classes offered at SJV.

Goals for 2012:

Our goals from 2011 are the same as for 2012.

- NFP Parish Mission by NFP Outreach with Fr. McCaffery as soon as possible.
- NFP/HV Presentation to those working in marriage ministries and a closer cooperation between those in marriage ministry.
- Pro-life and NFP ministries working together.
- NFP literature made available to couples during baptism preparation (when they are literally bombarded with contraception alternatives).
- Continue to raise awareness about the moral, relational and physical hazards of contraceptive behavior through homilies, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and educational outreach.

Scouting --Joe America. Chartered Organization Rep.

Mission:

The scouting leadership at St. John Vianney is dedicated to providing a safe and secure scouting program, administered in the highest ideals of scouting and the Catholic Church. Our program will allow boys and girls to grow into young adults who will become the leaders, teachers and responsible mentors of tomorrow. Scouting provides a path of guided discovery, which leads youth to a higher understanding of themselves, their world, and their faith.

Highlights:

There are two active scout groups chartered by the church. The groups are Boy Scouts Troop 430 (11 to 18 years old), Club Scouts Pack 430(5 to 11 years old),

There are several Girl Scout troupes that meet at St. John Vianney and serve many girls from our parish, but they are not chartered by the parish.

• Troop 430:

- Troop 430 continues to thrive as a boy-lead troop.
- This past year saw several of the older boys planning for their Eagle project.
- The troop continues to be very strong, with over 35 boys as active members, guided by an extremely dedicated group of adult leaders.
- The troop continues to plan a camping event each month when possible. This past summer almost every boy participated in either merit badge camp or a high adventure camp. with a group of about 14 boys and six adult leaders traveled to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, to participate in one of Scouting's premier high adventure experiences.
- This coming summer almost all of the boys are planning to participate in summer camp programs again, with the younger boys attending merit badge camp in North Carolina and most of the older boys attending the adjacent high adventure Pamlico Sea Base camp during the same week.
- The boys help out at First Sunday Breakfast each month by helping with cleaning tables, taking out trash, serving and breaking down the tables and chairs afterward.

- **Cub Scout Pack 430** While the cub scouts may not travel far and wide like their older counterparts; they do travel to very many interesting destinations a little closer to home. They participate in day camps, weekend adventures, and numerous service projects under the watchful care of their parents and adult leaders. Their many activities prepare them to take flight as future boy scouts. A strong introduction to camping and other outdoor activities brings invaluable experiences and skills that will serve them well in future years.

Key members/Leaders:

Boy Scout Troop 430

- Scoutmaster Rick Thompson
- Committee Chairperson Chuck Crisman

Scout Pack 430

- Cub master Kevin Hook
- Committee Chairperson

Concerns:

- Keeping our youth safe is always the primary goal of all four of our scouting groups. In this regard we rely on the guidance of our Chartering Organization; Saint John Vianney Church, for the Catholic Youth Protection Program, and the Youth Protection Program provided by the scouting organizations.
- Every year sees some turnover in adult leaders, especially when boys "age out" of their program and their parents follow them to their new level. The Cub Scout pack has a new Committee Chairperson and a new Cub Master due to this reason. As long as somebody is willing to step up into leadership rolls, the Troop and Pack will continue to flourish.
- Another big concern for the scout groups is fundraising. With groups as active as ours, fundraising requires a big and continuous effort. We will work with the parish leadership to ensure that our efforts are compatible with the goals and needs of Saint John Vianney Church.

Goals:

- Our goals for the coming year are to continue to provide an active scouting experience for the youth of our parish and community. We hope to continue to lead the younger scouts, and to guide the older scouts, by providing a program that emphasizes camping and other outdoor activities, service to the community, and growth in our faith. We will continue to serve our community through service projects, and we will continue to encourage the youth of our community to join us.

Drama Ministry - Rita LeClerc

Mission

- The St. John Vianney Drama Ministry offers an opportunity for everyone to nurture and utilize the gifts God has given us and to be involved in the production of plays and musicals dedicated to the continuing advancement of the performing arts within the faith-based community. Our ministry promotes strong moral values, cultural awareness and cooperative acceptance among diverse individuals.

Highlights

- The Drama Ministry put on two plays in 2011, an encore of Drinking Habits in January and the Easter play "The Committee"
- They are planning an Easter play for 2012. No script has been finalized as they are combining parts of several plays to tell the Easter Story.

Key Members

Officers:

President: Rita Leclerc

Vice President: Gisela Victoria

Videographer: Harry Gielske

At large members:

Chuck Knapper, Carlos Victoria, Linda Pixton, Scott Vogan, Jerry Cleveland, Maria Queen, Cathy Hogenson, Jason Williams, Jackie Elter, Larry Smialek, Darrell Ahne, Don Mueller, Joe Pilkington, Noah Victoria, Cindy Brown

Goals:

- Getting this year's Easter play written and presented.
- We are always encouraging St John Vianney parishioners to take part in the drama ministry. Several new parishioners joined or shown interest.

Men's Club - Victor Wisniewski

Mission

We are a social, devotional and service organization. As such, our function is to support and help the Pastor, staff, and ministries carry out their functions. We also serve as a locus for social interaction for our members and the parishioners of St John Vianney through various scheduled and spontaneous events and functions. Our member contributions in time, expertise and other resources have benefited the parish by reducing costs usually associated with these renovation, maintenance and construction projects.

Highlights of the past year and activities planned for the coming year

- Our members were directly and indirectly involved in the Shrove Tuesday Dinner, Mothers Day Breakfast, Men's Retreat, cooked for the Parish Picnic, participated in the Youth Work Camp, Safe Nights and the First Sunday Breakfast.
- We also cleaned both kitchens in the Vianney Room and the Family Life Center, helped cook for Safe Nights, financially supported the youth group, and the retreat house in Wash., DC,
- We also sponsored a golf outing and a fishing trip, held our annual crab dinner in Oct. and our seafood dinner in Dec.
- Some of our members helped move elderly parishioners from their homes to other quarters.
- Members helped build shelving, stocking food and serving clients in the Food Pantry.
- This year the Men's Club is taking over the planning and hosting of the Valentines Day Social. It will be held on Saturday February 11th, 2012.

Involved parishioners

- All men of the Saint John Vianney parish are considered members. We define active members as those who lead or assist in at least one function during the year and attend our monthly meetings.

Youth Group

Mission:

Three focus points of youth group are Serving of Others, Chastity and Growing in Faith. The fruits of our work and virtues help us to grow in our Catholic faith.

Highlights of Activities for 2011

- The youth group was very visible to SJV parishioners as much as possible, by volunteering to help out and work many different parish events. A few examples are assisting with Sunday Breakfasts, Parish Yard Sale, Safe Nights, Christmas Craft Show, and wherever else needed.
- Activities: March for Life, Ski Trip, Steubenville Retreat, VBS, Catholic Heart Work Camp

Strengths & Weaknesses:

- With the departure of Allie Levitas as Youth Minister, the Youth Group activities have fallen off sharply.

Family Life Center – Joann Scanlon

Mission

- To offer free *and/or* affordable programs/entertainment to the parish (plays, camps, sports, etc.)
- Be available to support the Church (Families, Youth, Ladies Club, Men's Club, Scouts, etc.)
 - a. St John Vianney Parish
 - b. Other Catholic Churches (OLSS basketball practice)
 - c. Community (ECHO, Hospice, Daughters of Abraham)
 - d. Non-profits (Human Society)
 - e. Schools & Government Agencies

Highlights

- The Drama Ministry performed "The Conversation" for the Parish Picnic.
- The Drama Ministry will perform a play during Lent for the Easter Season. The name of play will be determined at a later date.
- CYBL program continues to grow. Again, like last year, we have a waiting list. The increase in enrollment is by word of mouth. Scholarships available to parishioners. Adult volunteers for the program are overwhelming. The snack bar is a big hit and a financial success during the Saturday games. CYBL practice Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri - with games on Saturday.
- First Sunday Breakfast continues to be a favorite monthly event. (Sept thru June)
- Adult Volleyball (Monday nights) – the attendance is down, attended mostly by non-parishioners. Open Gym (Tuesday nights) continues to be successful programs for the community. Both nights bring in a steady income.
- Soccer fields are well used. The soccer fields showed a profit last year for the FLC. Each team is charged an additional \$25 fee to use the lights per season. Practices are held Spring and Fall Mon – Fri. We had 3 (rented) soccer summer camps this year.
- We offer Drama Camp, Volleyball Camp, Basketball Camp, Everything Under God's Sun Camp, again this summer. Scholarships available to parishioners. (attendance was down this year for Drama, and Volleyball Camps)
- The 6th grade Rel. Ed. Class will perform a Christmas Play again this year on Dec. 10.
- DC 'Hood basketball game. This year the SJV "All Stars" basketball team played DC 'Hood (as in priest-Hood) basketball team on Friday, Oct. 21. The game was well attended 400- 450 spectators. Lots of compliments, everyone said they had a fun night.

Key Members:

- Building Manager – Joann Scanlan
- Monitors – Dickie Hayes, Conrad White & Al Posey (Open Gym) – Darrell Ahne (Monday nights)
- Kitchen – Larry Donnelly

- Sound Booth – Cindy Brown (on sick leave)
- Drama Ministry – Rita Leclerc and Gisela Victoria
- CYBL Coordinator – Charlie Russell
- Rel. Ed. – Jan Pedone (Wed. nights)

Strengths:

My strength still rests in my volunteer staff. I depend on them daily.

I receive compliments on the building all the time - How clean it is, the beautiful view from the windows, how well events are run, etc. (A lot of visitors say they never knew the building was back here). Most recent compliments were concerning The Craft Show. Barbara Fallin and I (Joann) have had 3 other churches ask us to help them get started on their own Craft Shows. The SJV Craft Show is run so well we have a wonderful reputation in the community.

Weakness:

Keeping the building clean and presentable - is an every day effort. Too much for one person on a daily basis. This year we hired a part-time cleaner, Crystal Moore. She works Monday and Friday mornings. Crystal is responsible for the bathrooms, lobby, teen and Sullivan Rooms (she does a wonderful job). Lorenzo is responsible for the gym and theatre. I (Joann) fill in as needed.

Weakness is the yearly financial deficit. This year we hope to raise \$40,000 with a FUN-Raiser "IRISH PONG". The event will be held March 17, 2012. This is a family event. We have raffle tickets (with monetary prizes), Irish food, games and a movie for the children, and the band "4Ever Erin".

The FLC receives many requests from groups/organizations to use the facility for free. We can not help all these groups with free rentals. Our operation costs are approximately \$350 per day. If the FLC honored all the requests for free rentals I (Joann) would be over-whelmed.

Goals:

- All groups and organizations to submit their yearly agenda on time. This will allow Mike Lewnes and me (Joann) to schedule events without any conflicts. And, if any changes are made to that original agenda please notify us so we can adjust the master calendar. **Epecially this year, with the construction of the new Vianney Room, space is limited.**
- To be available for the parish groups/ organizations and assist them with their needs. (Space for meetings and events)
- Break even financially at the end of the fiscal year. **Encourage all friends and family members to buy their IRISH PONG SHAMROCK raffle tickets \$10 each.** Event March 17, 2012
- More advertising of the FLC so the community knows what the FLC has to offer. Hopefully this will increase rentals and help with the deficit.

Ladies Club — Barbara Fallin

Mission:

- To support the parish community, as a dedicated group of women, by providing spiritual and social functions resulting in both personal and community growth.

Officers are the same for 2011/2012 Ladies Club Members (80) email distribution list. Only about 20 women regularly attend meetings and/or participate on a regular basis.

Highlights from 2011

We held:

- (2) Dinner and a Movie (January/June)

(2) Saturday Coffee's February: Learn how to Spin and in September: Introduction to EFT (Emotional Freedom Techniques)

March: Mini Retreat "The Oasis in the Desert" – Brother Richard McCann rec'd \$250.00 and - profit \$315.00 given to SJV

Collected donated fabric/ sewing notions and made more aprons for our Sister Parish in Nicaragua

May: Running Hare Winery social

Helped Joann Scanlan set up and decorated FLC for Father Daly's Anniversary Dinner

Cook book "Taste of Heaven Vol.2" sales for 2011 \$581.00 (on going sales since release in fall of 2010)

September: Annual Church Picnic: receive food, set out, replenish and clean up

Oak Roll Top Desk Raffle (donated by Rocky Ragano) (Nov/Dec) raised \$810.00

November: Craft's sold at Craft Bazaar by Ladies Club \$1,362.00 (Family Life Center gets the craft table sales/snack bar sales and admission fee)

Bake Sale \$731.00

Home Vendor Table Sales \$1,090.00

December: Annual Christmas Party for all ladies in the Parish

April – October: Craft making days: Every Monday 1-3pm Sept /Oct Friday Evenings 6-9 pm

Angel Tree Drive: collected gifts for 200 children, and a total of 45 for the Nursing home and Friendly Adult Day Care Center

Total Donated to SJV by the Ladies Club in 2011 \$4,589.00

Expenses: \$400 - largest expense was 4 new signs to put at the Park and Recreation locations to advertise the Craft/Home Vendor Show

Upcoming Events for 2012:

Dinner & a Movie at least (3) (February/June/October)

Saturday Coffee (2) (March/April)

Angel Tree Drive – December

Craft Bazaar and Home Show – November

Strengths: we do a variety of things throughout the year to support the parish and the help the Calvert County community. A lot of our Ladies are also members of several parish Ministries

Goals: to see where we can help out more with the Parish needs or work with other Parish programs/Ministries