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## STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

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### AND THE WINNER IS.....

Ed Marcello, from Saunderstown, is the winner of a new car from Paul Bailey's Chrysler. Mr. Marcello remarked when notified of his winning ticket that he had purchased his ticket after Mass last winter.

The ticket was pulled by Maureen Bailey at the dealership on Ten Rod Road on Wednesday, May 30th. Maureen donated the car in memory of her mother, Alice Bailey, a life-long parishioner and a choir member. Maureen's generous contribution con-



John Gibbons, Maureen Bailey, and Ed Marcello.

tributed over \$30,000 for the Church Capital Campaign. The parish owes a great debt of gratitude to Maureen and Paul Bailey's Chrysler.

Thanks are also in order for the committee and their months of hard work. The committee chaired by John Gibbons, consisted of Melissa Ferriola, Nicole Glidden, John and Alice Santos and Mark and Kerri Bamford. No doubt now that the campaign is over parishioners will miss John Gibbons' jokes from the lectern. Maybe we can convince John to run another raffle next year.

ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE PARISH, THE STEERING COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE FAMILIES WHO MADE DONATIONS TO THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IN MEMORY OF THEIR DECEASED LOVED ONES. YOUR GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

### INCREASED GIVING CAMPAIGN

Elizabeth McGrath, chair of the Finance Council is pleased to report that the recent Increase Giving campaign has been a success. An amazing accomplishment considering the parish is in the midst of a Capital Campaign. A heart-felt thanks to all the parishioners who continue to give so generously each week and the committee members who gave so unselfishly of their time and talent.

*"Full Speed Ahead"*  
**Steering Committee**

**Tom Orsi, Chair**  
**Jane Allen**  
**Francis Dwyer**  
**Martha Dwyer**  
**Arlene Gardiner**  
**John Gibbons**  
**Elizabeth McGrath**  
**Raymond Vallee**

*Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you especially for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and hold the promise for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight. Be present with us as we work together: make us responsive to your will and give to us a healthy pride in all we do that we may be good stewards of all things entrusted to us. May the prayers of our patron Bernard help us to keep in mind the wise counsel given long ago "whoever would climb to a lofty height must go by steps, not leaps."*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

## **CONTRACTOR BIDS.....**

Four contractors submitted formal bids for the construction of the new church building and site work. Bids were opened at the Diocesan offices in Providence. In attendance were Father Dennis, three committee members, two representatives of our architectural firm and Carol Nelson, Director of Facilities for the Diocese. Construction companies that submitted bids were Case Construction, Pariseault Construction, Turgeon Construction and Wilcox Construction. The committee along with our architect continues to review the bids and a decision will be made soon on which firm will be selected for the project.

## **MEMORIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE.....**

Ray Vallee, chair of the Memorials Committee, reports that the committee has completed the inventory of current memorials and they have been cataloged on a CD. Discussions will continue on how to commemorate these memorials in the new church. A Giving Tree sculpture or a memorial volume are two of the possibilities being discussed.

## **THIS AND THAT.....**

- ◇ The Steering Committee will now be working with Matt Callaghan as attorney for the building project. This change was made necessary because our former legal advisor's law firm now represents the town of North Kingstown. The committee wanted to avoid any conflict of interest, especially when we go before the town's zoning board.
- ◇ Father Dennis and Elizabeth McGrath report that the meeting with the Priest Council went well and Bishop Tobin gave a strong endorsement for the project.
- ◇ The sale of the church property on Tower Hill is continuing to go forward. The committee has three appraisals for the property and will utilize those figures to determine an asking price.
- ◇ A second business solicitation was mailed in April and contributions continue to come in for the Capital Campaign.
- ◇ Tom Sandham has plowed the Davis Farm field again and there should be no wetland issues.
- ◇ Obtaining all the required permits continues to go well. The Diocese has signed-off on the RIDEM and ISDS documents.