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St. Anthony of Padua - A Place of Welcome

St. Anthony of Padua - the patron saint of things lost. At his namesake parish in Ambler, Msgr. Stephen McHenry sees his parish as a welcoming place where people can find what they fear lost – perhaps the sense of a family like faith community, maybe even faith itself. The church mission promises to welcome “...any who have lost their way in life...” The vibrant parish (with ___ active ministries) certainly feels a most welcoming place, busy day in and day out.

Monsignor recalls the parish’s greatest loss—the church- in a terrible fire on Christmas Eve, 2000 - “the tragedy was a ‘moment of grace.’ We lost a building but in true St. Anthony style, what we found was greater. New leaders emerged, old leaders stepped up; the community, even other churches, supported us and our

church members rallied to build a new church, in the same neighborhood, welcoming even more people. Our new church feels like a place you want to be.” Lynn Cummings was lead counsel on the new church capital campaign.

The steeple and bell are reminders of the old church. Not a “Sunday only” place, on a sunny afternoon it welcomes a stream of people, young and old, stopping to say a prayer, and see a few finishing touches still in progress.

Across the street, the completely remodeled, expanded and cheerfully bright religious education center is also busy, preparing for a “sold out” bible camp which welcomes children from every faith to experience St. Anthony’s. Out front a banner signifies the school is a “people’s



Msgr. McHenry, the new church with the “old” bell and steeple

choice” for private schools, according to the community newspaper.

Monsignor, joined by Pastoral Associate Barbara Daly, eagerly shows off the complex, pointing out the many beautiful yet simple architectural elements, emphasizing how the building is an important part of St. Anthony’s mission, welcoming parishioners old and new so “together we may hear Christ speak to our hearts.”

Lynn's Thoughts...



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Fall will soon be here and LCDC is already booking Stewardship of Treasure / Increased Offering Appeals, and Capital Campaigns. Call 856-662-7982 (office), 609-743-5663 Lynn's cell or email lcummings@lcdc.us There is never any obligation!

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"Dear St. Anthony, please come around, something is lost and can't be found."

I find something every time I visit St. Anthony Parish.

In 198 , I found Msgr. Sullivan. His quiet, gentle spirit and great insights gave my work such a spiritual sense.

It was the first time I combined techniques of Increased Offertory

and Capital efforts. The results was air conditioning for the church and a healthy weekly increase.

It was a terrible loss when St. Anthony's church was burnt in a Christmas Eve fire. But when I was asked to serve as philanthropic counsel to raise the money to build a new church, I found a pastor, Msgr.

McHenry, literally "on fire" to rebuild and a parish community committed to making it happen.

The passion, enthusiasm and generosity of Msgr. Mc Henry, Pastoral Assistant, Barbara Daly and the cadre of volunteers has been the most rewarding

experience of my consulting experience.

Their incredible spirit spread throughout the entire community of Ambler. With no place for Mass, meetings or normal parish activities other churches, schools and community centers, even the Municipal Building, shared their space with St. Anthony. Knowing the location of any meeting took a chain call made the night before— funny no one ever missed a campaign meeting!

At St. Anthony's I found what losing a church means to parishioners, active or not. I found generosity to raise \$4 million in less than three months. I found a spirit I wish I could give to every parish.



Kathleen Dongivin New LCDC Associate

Kathleen Dongivin, who served the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as Stewardship Administrator and Human Resources Manager has joined Lynn Cummings Development Consultants. She provided numerous parishes guidance, leadership and strategic direction for the implementation of stewardship programs. A parishioner of Our Lady of Grace, Somerdale, NJ, she serves as Parish Stewardship Committee chair and on the Camden Diocesan Stewardship Advisory Board. She is currently on the Planning Committee for the International Catholic Stewardship Council. ICSC) Conference to be held on October 1-4, 2006 in Boston, MA. Welcome!