



PEACE of CHRIST PARISH

ST. AMBROSE • ST. JAMES • ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

October 29, 2013

Attendance: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Elaine Becker, Juan Benitez Hoyos, Father Tim Brown, Drew Desmarais, Laura Gleeson, Sally Krowl, Gloria Marlett, Dave O'Keefe, Wendy O'Keefe, Jeanne Picone, Father Bob Schrader, Sister Marlene Vigna, Grace Zanche

Absent: Terry Keach, Augie Misiurewicz, Anne Ross

Sally reported that Arlene Reiser has resigned from the Liturgy Committee.

We began the meeting with a Prayer led by Grace.

Minutes from the October 1 meeting were corrected as follows and approved.

- Page 1 – under corrections => delete the *c* from Schumway
- Page 2 – under Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, “However Drew was able ...” => Sister Marlene
- page 2 – under Hymnals, remove *s* at the end of the first line from “nexts”

Review of Recent Events

Hispanic Culture Month

Sally commented that the Hispanic music was delightful and Juan's voice is wonderful.

Peace and Justice Committee Events

We need more input from the Peace and Justice committee as to what will be occurring. Several things were left hanging, eg. the petitions. There was an excellent response to the request to sign the letters to the County Manager. All sites ran out of letters to sign. We need to be clearer about what is needed as well as when and where.

Pet Blessing (October 4)

The event was orderly and all pets were well-behaved. Fewer attended than last year and still there was a good turnout.

Anointing Service (October 6)

The service was very beautiful and well-attended. Sally wondered what the proper stance was for being blessed – sitting? standing? kneeling? Father Bob said that whatever was comfortable for the individual was fine as long as they extended their hands when it was their turn, and Father Brown pointed out that he had asked them to sit because it would be a long time before the priests got to those in the back of the church.

Upcoming Events for November/December

All Saints' Day

The regular holyday Mass schedule will be followed. There will also be Exposition and Benediction at the St. Ambrose site. The older students from St. John Neumann School will attend Benediction at noon. Also student “saints” will be acting as greeters.

Mass of Remembrance (November 2)

Everything is all set for 10:30 am at St. John.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The service will be at 7:00 pm at St. John. Cindy Rasmussen will be the homilist.

Thanksgiving Day Liturgy

This Mass will be at St. James. A table will be provided near the sanctuary for the food to be blessed for families' tables. This is rather than having it brought forward during the Offertory Procession. Families can reclaim their offerings at the conclusion of Mass. This service will be the debut of our newly formed Peace of Christ bell choir.

Advent

Advent begins on December 1 this year which is Thanksgiving weekend. The color is violet, not blue. The Advent wreath will be blessed at the first Mass at each site, following the Intercessions. A different prayer will be said at the second Liturgy. The following Sundays the candles will be lit by the sacristan prior to the beginning of Mass.

Laura mentioned that the Adult Faith Formation Committee is sponsoring an hour of interactive prayer and song, presided by Mary VanHouten on Sunday, December 1 at 7:00 pm at St. John and on Sunday, December 15 at 2:00 pm at St. Ambrose.

Father Bob suggested that since our Advent theme this year is Peace of Christ that our prayers should reflect that week's candle's name, eg, Love.

Advent Penance Service

Father Bob reported that we will be working with St. Kateri Parish for this season's Penance Services. They will be on December 14 at 11:00 am at St. Margaret Mary, on December 16 at 7:00 pm at St. Cecilia and on December 21 at 11:30 am at St. Ambrose. The priests from each site will be hearing individual confessions at each of these services. Father Bob will talk to Father Paul regarding the actual prayer part of the services. We have time to plan our stations.

St. Lucy Mass and dinner (December 7)

The committee has already met several times and are close to finalizing details. Father Tom Rosica will be the celebrant.

Other Business

Fund Raiser

Sister Marlene reported that the Greater Rochester Community of Churches is sponsoring a dinner to raise funds for landscaping for the Oatka Cemetery where those who die with no families are buried. Funds will also be used for purchasing simple permanent markers for these graves. Matthew Bartlow, as part of his Eagle Scout project, has prepared a traveling memorial where the names of the deceased will be listed. The memorial will move from grave to grave as the funerals take place.

Hymnals

Janet reported that no progress has been made on this issue. They are still waiting for a couple of books to arrive.

Entrance Processions

Our new formula for the Entrance Procession and veneration of the altar will begin officially on the first Sunday of Advent.

Calendar Corrections

Sally noted corrections to be made to the Liturgy Calendar.

Spiritual—Temporal--Historical Schema 2014

Father Bob presented a proposed outline of monthly focuses for celebrating our 10th year as Peace of Christ Parish. He provided an outline to each member. He hopes to present these ideas on Welcome Home Sunday December 8. Part of this plan will include a new pictorial directory to begin around September and be distributed just prior to Christmas. He hopes pictures will be taken throughout this year to be included in the directory.

Book of Gospels

The lector carries this book in the Entrance Procession immediately preceding the presider.

Next Meeting : December 3, 2013

Prayer: Wendy

Future Meetings:

January 7

February 4

April 1

May 6

March 4 (Mardi Gras)

June 3 (picnic)