



# PEACE *of* CHRIST PARISH

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

October 2, 2012

**Attendance:** Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Father Tim Brown, Laura Gleeson, Sally Krowl, Laurie Maier, Dave O'Keefe, Wendy O'Keefe, Arlene Reiser, Anne Ross, Sister Marlene Vigna, Grace Zanche

We began the meeting with a prayer lead by Anne Ross.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved as submitted with the note that the June picnic will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

## *Discussion Items*

### **Seasonal Statement Suggestions**

Arlene: All year long we are called to maintain our Advent spirit of preparing for the coming of Christ as we strive to find Him daily in our lives and the lives of others,

Anne: Our faith calls us to greet the Christ in each other and brings us closer to Him.

Laura: The Lord gives light to those who wait in darkness, guide our feet into the ways of peace.

Sally: Rejoice in the Lord always; Make your request known to Him.

Dave: I will recognize Christ in all the people I meet. I will celebrate the historical coming of Christ and remember that the Second Coming is the event that is most important in my life.

Sister: Prepare the Way of the Lord.

After a thorough discussion, the committee decided to use the general theme of Prepare the Way of the Lord for the Advent season and have an Advent Corner in the bulletin which will

focus on one of the above statements each week. The following volunteered to write these articles:

- △ Week 1 – Sister Marlene will make the umbrella statement.
- △ Week 2 – Grace will incorporate some of our Advent traditions
- △ Week 3 – Dave will focus on John the Baptist and the Jesse tree
- △ Week 4 – Arlene will address her above statement

Arlene made the request that we revert to a previous tradition of having families light the Advent wreath as part of the Opening Rites. The GIRM states that this should be done prior to the beginning of the liturgy after the first week when the wreath is blessed. It was decided to enlist volunteer families via the bulletin to light the wreath prior to the actual beginning of the liturgy.

### **Advent-Christmas-Epiphany Environment**

We will discuss the environment next meeting. Sister Marlene posed the idea that we have one plan for the cluster which could be enacted appropriately for each site. This could be as simple as using the same liturgical colors of gold, white and silver. Laurie will speak to Augie about forming a combined site committee to meet prior to our next meeting to see if a common theme can be developed. The four aspects of the environment (art & environment, posture and gesture, prayer texts & other rituals, music) will be addressed next meeting. We may break into 4 groups to develop these.

Laura addressed the issue of St. John not having a crucifix with a corpus. This is directed in the GIRM and could easily be rectified with a processional crucifix with a corpus as a bare minimum.

### ***Other Business***

#### **Mass of Remembrance – 10:30 am @ St. James on November 3**

Sister Marlene reported that she has been working on this liturgy and it just about completed. She has had the music okayed by Janet. The candles representing each month's deceased will again be placed on the window sills.

#### **Thanksgiving**

- △ November 22, 9:00 am, St. Ambrose: Attendees will be asked to bring bread or other baked goods to be blessed during the liturgy and then taken home for family meals. During the Offertory canned goods etc. will be brought forward as part of the process and later included in Christmas baskets. A basket will also be available for monetary donations.
- △ Ecumenical Service – 7:00 pm, November 20 @ Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Winton Road. Father Tim will be doing the reflection. Additional details yet to be determined.

#### **Children's Sabbath – October 19 – 21**

This is also the weekend of Mission Sunday so both items will need to be addressed. The purpose of this Rochester originated concept is to collect funds and raise awareness regarding

children living in poverty and going hungry in our area. There is a very high mortality rate among infants. Sister will take care of the registration for this ecumenical event.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Laura reported that the Adult Faith Formation group will be sponsoring Exposition of the first Fridays of each month between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm followed by Benediction and the 12:15 Mass in the St. Ambrose Chapel. She is concerned because a problem has arisen because the phone company will be there to work on the cell tower. She will look into this further to see if it will be every month, in which case this liturgy may need to be moved into the church proper.

### **Catechesis Corner**

Sally has proposed addressed a few issues each meeting that needs looking at and providing catechesis either through the bulletin or from the pulpit.

1. Reception of the Precious Blood – blood is the proper terminology once the wine has been consecrated. It must always be totally consumed and never placed in the sacrarium. Also those in the communion procession should bow to the cup, even when not receiving the Precious Blood.
2. Corporal – should always be placed right side up and ironed correctly. When the server places it on the altar it should be unfolded and placed right side up before placing the chalice etc. on it. At the conclusion, the corporal should be carefully refolded to contain any crumbs from the hosts that may be on it.
3. The towels should be the correct liturgical colors. When this is not possible, they should be neutral colors.

There is another workshop coming up on Thursday, November 15, 3:00 – 9:00 pm on the topic of preparing for Lent and Easter. Attendees would bring a brown bag lunch/dinner. Committee members should consider attending and decide before next meeting so registration can be taken care of.

The meeting ended with the praying of the Our Father.

***Next Meeting : Saturday, October 27 @ 12:30***

### ***Future Meetings:***

December 4, 2012  
January 8, 2013 @ 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
February 5, 2013

March 5, 2013  
May 7, 2013  
June 18 (picnic)