

January 8, 2013

Attendance: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Elaine Becker, Laura Gleeson, Terry Keach, Sally Krowl, Laurie Maier, Augie Misiurewicz, Dave O'Keefe, Wendy O'Keefe, Jeanne Picone, Anne Ross, Father Bob Schrader, Sister Marlene Vigna, Grace Zanche

We began the meeting with a prayer, *A Voice From the Crib*.

Minutes from the December 4th meeting were adjusted on the last page to correct Eucharistic Ministers to Minsters of Communion. Terry questioned whether it was proper for choir member Ministers of Communion to bring him Communion when he is playing during Mass. It was noted that when it is only he receiving that this is proper so as not to hold up the progress of the Liturgy.

Review of Recent Events

St. Lucy Mass & Dinner (December 15)

Janet noted that this was the first year that this Liturgy was held without the Italian Choir. She found it to be a bit of a challenge because she is not familiar with all the Italian music, but it went well. Father Bob said that the dinner was good. He was unexpectedly serenaded during dinner! No complaints were heard.

Penance Services (December 18 & 22)

Penance services were not as well attended as they were in the past when Form 3 was used. Form 3 wasn't allowed this year. There were enough penitents present to keep the priests from Kateri Tekawitha Parish busy. There will be no need for Penance Services during Lent because of the Day of Penance. Janet noted that having people stay quiet during individual confessions was a problem. Some attendees felt that the prayer part was too brief. Father Bob noted that this had been done purposely so as not to make the overall service too long. It was noted that the card with the confession format was a good idea and found to be very helpful.

Christmas and New Year's Masses

The 5:30 pm liturgy at St. James was better attended than the one there last year at 8:00

pm. It was less crowded that the 4:00 pm liturgy at St. John and St. Ambrose so more comfortable for worshipers who find the 4:00 pm family liturgies a bit chaotic. Terry raised the issue of safety regarding the opening of the choir loft for the assembly at the 4:00 pm Mass. Janet agreed with him that it was not a good practice to open up the choir loft at both sites. Besides fire code regulations, it was noted that it could also be an insurance issue. These concerns should be investigated and the crowding issue revisited.

Confirmation

We were well represented at the cathedral for this Liturgy. It was beautiful and Bishop Cunningham gave a lovely homily.

Ongoing Events

Year of Faith and Lenten Program

In noting that thus far we haven't much scheduled beyond Father Bob's workshops, Father suggested that we should list options from other parishes in the bulletin as a additional choices. Laura reported that the Adult Faith Formation group is offering another Women at the Well on January 17 and that Liz Webster is offering presentations on Vatican II on the following 3 Thursday evenings. They would also like it if Father Bob's series could also be offered on an evening during Lent. Liz Webster will be asked if she'd be willing to facilitate these evening sessions.

The Passion Mime has been moved to Tuesday of Holy Week. According to the New Roman Missal the Altar of Reposition will be only at St. James this year since it should be where the Good Friday services will be held. On Holy Thursday, following the Holy Thursday liturgy at St. John the Eucharist will be placed in the tabernacle with no procession or additional rites. On Good Friday the tabernacles at both St. Ambrose and St. John should be empty, the Eucharist having been moved to the sacristy areas.

The usual walk through for the Vigil will be on Wednesday. There will be no baptism this year at the Vigil. We will eliminate the 5:00 pm Easter Sunday Mass. We will publish where other evening Masses will be offered, include this information in our annual Lenten mailing and post notices on the church doors on Easter.

New Roman Missal articles

Sally shared that the cathedral had a one year anniversary article in their bulletin regarding the changes and that they had taken a positive attitude. Father Bob said that he will, as promised, eventually do a Q & A regarding New Roman Missal changes, perhaps for Lent/Easter after additional changes have taken place.

Upcoming Events

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 13)

Laurie noted that there are several options for readings available and that we should decide which we will use. This will be discussed at the staff meeting.

^ **Ordinary Time in Winter (January 14 to February 12)**

Environmental groups should refer to pages 61 and 67 in the *Sourcebook*.

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New Mass

A new Mass has been directed for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. The service is to provide memorials for those who have died without families to mourn them (primarily the homeless), including babies who have been aborted (over 300,000 this past year) and stillborn. Laurie and Sister met with Sister Beth LaValle to plan this liturgy. The Mass will be at St. Ambrose on February 10th at 2 pm. The service will be non-denominational.

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^ **John Bell at the cathedral**

A flyer regarding these workshops was distributed.

Lent

Environment committees from the three sites should work together again as they did in Advent. Is a seasonal statement needed for Lent as in Advent? Sister pointed out that we had chosen "Prepare the Way of the Lord" because it would be an ongoing goal. Committee members should consider whether we should continue with this statement for Lent or choose another.

Next Meeting : February 5, 2013

Note: this meeting is back to 7:00 pm.

Future Meetings:

March 5, 2013

May 7, 2013

June 18 (picnic)