

September 3, 2013

Attendance: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Juan Benitez, Father Tim Brown, Gloria Chartell, Laura Gleeson, Terry Keach, Sally Krowl, Augie Misiurewicz, Dave O’Keefe, Wendy O’Keefe, Jeanne Picone, Anne Ross, Father Bob Schrader, Grace Zanche

We began the meeting with a prayer led by Sally.

The Peace and Justice Committee was in attendance to discuss plans for October, which is Respect Life Month. They outlined plans for each weekend as follows:

- ▲ Prayers of the Faithful will be the same at all sites
- ▲ October 5/6 – a P & J committee member will establish the month's theme of Respect Life briefly following Communion
- ▲ October 12/13 – our traditional Crib of Life collection will be taken
- ▲ October 19/20 – a speaker will address the issue of government monies slotted for child care subsidies are not being used for this cause; a petition will be available both in church and on the website
- ▲ October 2/27 – Bridget Schumway, a parishioner, will address national awareness of violence against women; we will also celebrate Children's Interfaith Weekend/Children's Sabbath with a focus on children as ministers where appropriate

It was noted that Respect Life Month overlaps Hispanic Heritage Month which is being celebrated September 13 – October 19. The hope is to encourage solidarity among the Hispanic communities and learn to appreciate all the diverse cultures among American Catholics and create unity from diversity. At POC we will begin this through music. Juan, Janet and Terry will be working together on this.

Minutes from the March 7th meeting were corrected as follows and approved.

- ▲ Page 1 – Pascal => Paschal
- ▲ page 2 – Penanace => Penance

Liturgical Calendar

Sally verified several items before finalizing this year's calendar for distribution to the committee.

- ▲ September 15 – Catechetical Sunday: Catechists and Parents, as primary catechists, will be blessed at each liturgy
- ▲ Pet Blessing – will take place on Friday, October 4th at 6:00 pm in Dailey Hall
- ▲ All Saints Day, November 1 – exposition will still be held but in the main church instead of the chapel with Benediction following Mass, Father Brown noting that it would be good if the school children will be able to attend Benediction
- ▲ All Souls Day, November 2 – Mass of Remembrance will be at 10:30 am at St. John
- ▲ November 26 – Ecumenical Thanksgiving service, location TBD once the group meets
- ▲ Penance Service in December? – Father Bob will discuss with area priests
- ▲ December 7 – St. Lucy celebration, Liturgy will be 4:00 pm at St. Ambrose
- ▲ Christmas Eve Liturgies will remain the same as last year: 4:00 pm at St. Ambrose and St. John; 5:30 at St. James; 11:00 pm at St. Ambrose; midnight at St. John; 8:30 am at St. James; 10:30 am at St. Ambrose
- ▲ New Year's Liturgies – 5:30 pm New Year's Eve at St. Ambrose and only one on New Year's Day at 10:00 am at St. John, to now rotate
- ▲ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18 – 24, Liturgy site TBD

Sunday Liturgies

1 Procession

2 Inconsistencies have been noted and these recommendations made:

- ▲ keep the procession moving but spread out
- ▲ don't stop at the foot of the altar and wait for all to bow with the celebrant but step up one step and then bow individually and only if not carrying something, eg. Cross, Book of the Gospels and then proceed

3 Collection – again for consistency, the collection basket should be placed in the rear of the church where the ushers will place the collection monies and brought up when ready, not necessarily in the Offertory Procession. This will be discussed further at the next staff meeting.

4 Announcements before Mass

- ▲ folks don't remember to sign-up, attend functions etc. by the time Mass is over
- ▲ some arrive late and miss them or are distracted by greeting others and are settling down
- ▲ GIRM directs that they should occur following Communion
- ▲ PAs will discuss further when all PAs are present

Hispanic Heritage

As noted our musicians will select hymns reflecting Hispanic heritage for this month.

The recommendations have been made to include

▲ music

▲ customs – we will have three separate coffee hours, one at each site at which Latino pastries will be served

▲ saints – Juan is preparing a poster showing various Latino saints: Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Pedro Claver, Sta. Aura Vicurá, Beata Maria de San José and San Felipe de Jesús.

New Hymnals

Janet noted that our subscription for We Celebrate expires in 2014 (month not known),

so a decision regarding new permanent hymnals should be made. She will bring samples that she and Terry are considering to the next meeting. Note was made that there is not a big difference in content and cost. Does consideration need to be made about including the weekly readings in the hymnals?

Other

- ^ dress for ministers – should be appropriate
- ^ theme for Advent – think about it for next meeting

Next Meeting : October 1, 2013

Future Meetings:

October 29	March 4 (Mardi Gras)
December 3	April 1
January 7	May 6
February 4	June 3 (picnic)