



PEACE *of* CHRIST PARISH

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

May 6, 2014

Attendance: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Father Tim Brown, Laura Gleeson, Sally Krowl, Gloria Marlett, Augie Misiurewicz, Dave O’Keefe, Wendy O’Keefe, Jeanne Picone, Anne Ross, Father Bob Schrader, Sister Marlene Vigna, Grace Zanche

Absent: Elaine Becker, Juan Benitez Hoyos, Drew Desmarais, Terry Keach

We began the meeting with the Prayer of St. Francis led by Dave.

Minutes from the April meeting were approved as submitted.

Upcoming Events, discussion as needed

We missed last Sunday's anointing because it wasn't in the “Big Book.” Father Bob tentatively rescheduled it for May 18th at St. John. He will confirm in time for this week's bulletin.

May

- Month of Our Lady, encourage Rosary
- Sunday, May 11, Mother's Day
- Easter Retreat will be Sunday, May 18 and Monday, May 19 (7:00 – 8:30 pm) with Father Bob Werth. A simple supper will be shared before in Dailey Hall (5:45 – 6:45 pm)
- Solemnity of the Ascension, holy day of obligation.
 - 6:30 am at St. John
 - 12:10 pm at St. Ambrose, with school children
 - 7:00 pm at St. James

- Feast of the Visitation of Mary, May 31. Expectant mothers/parents to be blessed at the 4:30 pm liturgy, maybe all liturgies.

June

- Liturgy Committee Picnic, June 3. A signup was circulated. Father Bob will be on retreat and not attend.
- Solemnity of Pentecost on June 8
 - There will be a recitation of the Acts of the Apostles with two readers at St. John as was done for the Genesis reading at the Easter Vigil. Father Bob will see about arranging with Gloria for this to happen at all sites.
- Solemnity of the Holy Trinity and Father's Day on June 15.

Discussion of Recent Rituals/ Liturgies

Lenten Retreat

Sister Marlene remarked that it is a disappointment that considering all the time and effort that goes into preparing such an event that more people do not attend. Father Bob suggested doing a more traditional offering of perhaps a Monday through Thursday retreat all in the same week. He will contact a good Retreat Director to see about having him next year as well as perhaps combining with St. Kateri Parish for such a retreat. The initial talks could be given at all the Sunday liturgies that weekend.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Father Tim reported that he had observed that it seemed to be well received. People did seem to stay and pray the Stations and that different people were the leaders each week. He also added that he had particularly liked the way the stations were done on Good Friday at St. James and would like to see them done this way every week next year.

Palm Sunday

Janet wondered if there had been enough palms as she had observed several times people asking for palms. This was because they just didn't know where they were located. Sister Marlene added that this was even though the number ordered had been reduced. Laura suggested using song sheets as is done for the procession at St. Ambrose at all sites. This was agreed to, especially since hopefully next year we will have the new heavier hymnals.

Passion

Father Bob said that several people had voiced a disappointment that the memorized Passion had not been offered at all sites. Other committee members remarked that some prefer the more traditional reading. It was decided that next year it should be better publicized which type reading would be done for each Mass so that worshippers could choose their preference.

Tenebrae

Beautiful!

Holy Thursday

- This liturgy also went well. There was a little confusion over the presentation of the oils. The presenters didn't seem sure of what to do when and where. They were to announce the oil being presented from the front and then carry it to Father at the font. Next year we will again have the cantor sing the presentation.
- Father Bob was asked by a parishioner why the Holy Thursday liturgy was always at St. John and didn't alternate with St. James for the Good Friday service as in the past. The parishioner missed some of their favorite St. John hymns. The answer is it had been decided that it was less confusing if the same Triduum liturgy was always at the same site.
- Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament worked much better this year. Doug was ready with Father, and Janet had enough time to prepare before his arrival with the Blessed Sacrament. More attended at St. James as well.
- Dave questioned how the new incense was working out. There were mixed feelings over it. Asthma sufferers seem to have difficulties no matter what, although Sally said she observed that there did seem to be less coughing at funerals and other liturgies when it is used.

Easter Vigil

- The Easter fire lit and burned well, as did the candle.
- The lights remained down until after the Exultet and the symbolism worked.
- The readings went smoothly as did the timing for the Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

- Sally commented that she was the only one who was there from 9:00 on and since she had to leave early, the Blessed Sacrament was left unattended (except for one other person).
- A suggestion was made to have a Holy Hour from 11:00 am until it was time for Benediction.

- Laura said that initially there had been a signup sheet which resulted in better attendance, but that the practice had been abandoned. She thought we should try this approach again before resorting to the Holy Hour solution. She will again have signup sheets available for next month.

Workshop for Eucharistic Ministers

Sally thought that a subcommittee should be formed to plan this re-training workshop. The following volunteered to serve, time TBA: Sally, Jeanne, Grace, Anne, Father Tim, Laura and Janet, as needed.

The meeting was ended with the Our Father led by Dave.

***Next Meeting : June 3, 2014
Picnic***