



PEACE of CHRIST PARISH

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

December 3, 2013

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

Absent: Drew Desmarais, Anne Ross

We began the meeting with a meditation read by Wendy.

Minutes from the October 1 meeting were approved with the clarification by Sister Marlene regarding the Fund Raiser section on page 3. She noted that although the memorial is a traveling memorial, its size and weight are such that it will only be moved for special events.

Review of Recent Events

All Saints Day

Sally thought it went well and it was nice with the Neumann students portraying the various saints. Dave noted that it would have been nice if all the "saints" could have identified themselves as it was not always easy to determine whom the students were representing.

Mass of Remembrance

This Liturgy was also very nice. There were questions about whether the All Souls Day collection should have been taken up, as there were possibly visitors in attendance. Father Bob said that he has been in parishes where the envelope company included a card instead of an envelope on which attendees could write in the name(s) of their loved ones they wished to be remembered. Father will look into this.

Sister Marlene posed the question of whether there might be some way to encourage parishioners to attend this service since it is such a beautiful one. Janet suggested that perhaps we could publicize it more, explaining better exactly what it is all about.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Juan noted that the music provided by the combined choirs was very beautiful. Attendance was very good in spite of the snowy weather. It was remarked that it might be nice

if there were more congregational participation rather than the present form where it is primarily ministers reading from the program. Sister pointed out that there had been several instances provided for congregational response, eg. The Litany.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

The bell choir did a good job for their first time out.

First Sunday of Advent

There was some confusion as to the timing of the lighting of the Advent candle. It hadn't been clear that the candle would only be lit prior to Mass for the second liturgy at each site. The first liturgy it would be lit following the blessing of the wreath. There was also some confusion at the St. Ambrose site regarding the dismissal of the children for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Some parents missed the fact that due to the subdued opening of our Advent liturgies, the children were to meet Drew in the narthex for their dismissal. It was decided that it would be better to dismiss the children in the normal way and not bring the lights up until after the children have been dismissed.

Advent Program at St. John, 7:00 pm, December 1

Father Bob deemed it very "Adventish" and prayerful. It is hoped that the second presentation will be as well.

Upcoming Events for December/January

December 4

50th Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy

December 6

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, First Friday

December 7

Memorial of St. Ambrose – 90 years

St. Lucy Mass and dinner – 4:00 pm. St. Ambrose; Father Bob noted that Father Tom Rosica, presider, will bring his own Italian Sacramentary but that perhaps we should look into purchasing our own copy for the future. He also noted that he plans to ask our new Bishop to preside at this celebration next year.

December 9

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, patronal feast day of the United States

December 14

Combined First Penance Service at St. Margaret Mary, 11:00 am

4:30 Liturgy at St. James will see the installation of the Knights of Columbus

December 15

Advent Program, St. Ambrose, 2:00 pm
Bell choir will be at the 5:00 pm liturgy at St. Ambrose

December 16

~~First Penance Service, St. Cecilia, 7:00 pm~~
Combined

December 19

Janet invited any who could to attend the singing of Christmas Carols at the Brighton Manor (formerly Blossom Nursing Home)

December 21

~~First Penance Service, St. Ambrose~~ *11³⁰ am*
Combined

December 24

Christmas Eve Masses

December 25

Christmas Day Masses

December 27

Feast of St. John the Evangelist

December 29

Feast of the Holy Family

December 31

New Year's Eve Mass, St. Ambrose, 5:30 pm

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Holyday of Obligation, St. John 10:00 am

January 3

First Friday, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Installation of the new bishop at the Cathedral, invitation only

January 5

Epiphany of the Lord
Faith Formation Nativity Pageant at St. Ambrose, 9:45 Liturgy ?

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January 6

Confirmation at the Cathedral, 7:00 pm

Other Business

Comments on Schema 2014

Father Bob shared an updated and abbreviated copy of the schema which will appear in Sunday's bulletin.

Hymnals

Janet reported that they are still waiting for a couple of books to arrive. Hopefully by next meeting there will be more to report.

Entrance Processions

This seems to be working better. Altar servers are moving right up into the sanctuary. The recessional was also discussed since Father Bob noted that on occasion the procession has proceeded out without him. It was decided that the new directive will be for the cross bearer to go part way down the aisle, turn to face the altar and then wait until the presider bows and turns to walk out.

Catechesis Corner

Sally noted that the Book of the Gospels should not be carried over the lector's head but at chest level.

Veneration of the tabernacle and/or the altar is only to take place if a lector must walk in front of the altar. However, it is preferable for lectors to sit on the ambo side when possible.

Brighton Manor

Augie brought up the issue of recruiting Communion Ministers to serve each Sunday at Brighton Manor. This service has been provided for many years by St. John and the number of ministers is dwindling and new volunteers are needed. It was decided that one of these ministers should speak for a minute or two during announcement time at the end of Mass explaining this ministry and requesting new volunteers.

Next Meeting : January 7, 2013

Prayer: Janet

Future Meetings:

February 4

March 4 (Mardi Gras)

April 1

May 6

June 3 (picnic)