

Peace of Christ Parish Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes April 5, 2016

Attendance: J. Andrychuk-Tedesco, E. Becker, Fr. T. Brown, D. Desmarais, T. Keach, S. Krowl, M. Mang, G. Marlett, A. Misiurwicz, D. O'Keefe, J. Picone, A. Ross, Fr. C. Sanchez, Fr. R. Schrader, G. Zanche.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Gloria. Opening prayer was led by Grace.

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved. It was noted that the Bethlehem Wood Carvers sold religious items after the Palm Sunday Masses.

Old Business/ Review of Holy Week Events

It was recommended that the congregation have more information about the catechumens and candidates during their preparation period so that we could better welcome, pray and acknowledge them and it was recommended that a poster board with their pictures be placed on an easel in each church.

The **Women of the Well** presentation ("Women of the Passion") was well received and attended. It was suggested that communication with parish staff could have helped the group with electronic matters. We will suggest to Sr. Marlene to remind GRCC about this for the future.

Recommendations for the **Palm Sunday** procession were:

- clarify the processional order to all participants;
- designate a "door-person" to hold doors open for the procession;
- instruct ushers to enter the church at Waldo Avenue with blessed palms and to distribute them to people in church so that when the procession reaches the center aisle the congregation will be holding palms.

Regarding **Tenebrae**, there was a discussion about having parishioner participation using hymnals to make the sound of "thunder" instead of the drum.

The **Holy Thursday** transfer of the Blessed Sacrament was much improved. The Knights greeted Fr. Sanchez at St. James and the repository added greatly to the atmosphere for the adoration. Next year we need to address a way to maintain reverence after the Mass and after the Blessed Sacrament has left the church. Dimming the lights was recommended. Fr. Sanchez also recommended that the Blessed Sacrament be placed in a more suitable place at St. James after night prayer. There are several available tabernacles.

The **Good Friday** collection should be after the intentions, not after the homily.

Fr. Schrader suggested that at the **Easter Vigil** Mass, the name of each catechumen be announced before their Baptism.

Old Business/ Updates

- New speakers have been installed at St. Ambrose.
- First Eucharist celebrations will be on April 17 at St. Ambrose and April 24 at St John's; also on May 1 at the 9 and 9:45 AM Masses.

- Lector Workshop is ready for April 9 from 9-12.
- Need to schedule a “make up” training for new extraordinary ministers and for those who were not able to attend the training in January 2015.
- A prayer service for peace will take place at 6 PM on Ascension Thursday, May 5, (also the National Day of Prayer) in St. John Church Hall before the 7 PM Mass.
- Grace will meet with a parishioner at Nativity Parish in Brockport regarding a pattern for new altar server albs.
- House of Mercy Choir: Janet will invite the choir to sing with the POC choir at St. Ambrose on a Sunday when Fr. Brown, who is known at the House of Mercy, is the presider.

New Business

- The Liturgy Committee is invited to the Family Faith Meeting May 25 at St. James when Fr. George Heyman will give an overview of the Mass. There will also be an opportunity for families to learn about how to become involved in some of the parish ministries.
- Regarding parishioner inquiries regarding a Divine Mercy Novena and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, it was noted that basically these are private devotions and that individuals may engage in any number of these practices on their own.

Meeting was closed with a Hail Mary and adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Ross

Next meeting: May 3. Prayer: Drew