

Attendance: J. Andrychuk-Tedesco, E. Becker, Fr. T. Brown, D. Desmarais, T. Keach, S. Krowl, R. Layer, M. Mang, G. Marlett, D. O'Keefe, W. O'Keefe, J. Picone, A. Ross, Fr. R. Schrader, Sr. M Vigna.

OPENING prayer at 1:35 PM. **MINUTES** of Mar. meeting accepted as submitted.

REVIEW of events—

General Lenten environment on Sundays of Lent—beginning with subdued lighting and simple (no procession) entry, ie: presider seated at front—seemed to contribute to more silence during gathering, although the effect seemed to diminish in later weeks.

Evening Prayer attendance increased during Lent—20 or more each week; to be extended weekly on Thursdays at 7 PM through Easter season.

Palm Sunday processions went well; remote sound from Dailey Hall improved, although Dave noted some enhancements to be used next time for better transmission of music. There was no shortage of palms this year.

Tenebrae was moving as always; inexpensive candles purchased by Dale and Mary Ann Phelps were dripless, unlike costly variety used previously.

TRIDUUM—Morning prayers at SJJ went well; Terry's lead with the singing was much appreciated.

Mass of Lord's Supper: excellent attendance; presentation of oils was well executed—Rob held a practice with participants. Terry noted that distribution of oils at Chrism Mass was improved; also invited others to attend in future. It seemed that more than in previous years were present at night adoration and Compline.

Good Friday events, all at StJ, drew good attendance. Many came during the silent hour; for Stations, the cantor (Jessamyn) intoned extra verses of *Stabat Mater*. Seven Last Words in the evening focused on Jesus' crucifixion and burial with meditative reflections, impressive new figures and exceptional music.

Easter Vigil—Decision to ignite fire indoors, avoiding high winds, was wise. Timing was premature for lighting candles held by the congregation; also we need to revisit next year the procedure for handling the Pascal candles to be used at our other worship sites. The 9 readings of the Liturgy of Word flowed together well; music throughout was outstanding: Exsultet, cantors, choir, instrumentalists and bells all beautifully performed and uplifting. Fr. Carlos made first Eucharist special for the newly confirmed. Melissa was thanked for reception following Mass.

Easter season—Question of using the sprinkling rite in place of the penitential rite at Sunday Masses is at the discretion of presider, as in previous years.

First Friday adoration will continue 9 AM-Noon; followed by Benediction and regular 12:15 Mass in the chapel.

Anointing of the Sick, held Apr. 8 was, as always, touching and clearly meaningful for all attending.

DICUSSION topic—

Liturgical Ministries program: first proposed at Feb. meeting, an event comprising reflection, renewal and preparation for all those who serve in any ministry related to liturgy was discussed.

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Fr. Schrader did learn that Fr. Bob Kennedy is available in the fall; a Saturday morning offers the most time for the topics/presentations. Proposed dates: Sep. 22, 29 and Oct. 6. Including breakout sessions, to offer a practicum for each ministry was mentioned. A work group is needed: Anne, Dave, Gloria, Jeanne and Sally will meet to discuss preliminary details.

ANNOUNCEMENT—

Longtime member Elaine Becker is retiring from the committee; members acknowledged and thanked her for her faithful service, which she continues as a member of the choir. Best wishes, Elaine!

Meeting closed with prayer at 2:37 PM.

NEXT meeting: May 1; prayer—Melissa.