

**PEACE OF CHRIST PARISH
LITURGY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

December 2, 2014

Attendance: Janet C, Elaine Becker, Father Tim Brown, Drew Desmarais, Terry Keach, 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: Melissa Mang, Suzanne Stack

We began the meeting with an Advent Prayer led by Wendy.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Review of Recent Events

- *11/7 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Ambrose* – More were in attendance this month.
- *11/8 Mass of Remembrance* – Sally reported that the parish had 99 funerals this past year. This liturgy was well attended but was not representative of the number of funerals. She noted that we may need to better identify who the candle lighters are beforehand since there seemed to be some confusion. Drew said that they had been notified ahead of time but that others whose loved ones had passed away during the month called also came forward. It was also noted that more greeters would help in the future.
- *11/18 Confirmation* – Father Schrader reported that 20 were confirmed. Also in attendance were confirmands from St. Stanislaus, St. Mary's Canandaigua and St. Marianne Cope. He said that the Bishop moved things right along so the liturgy was not overly long. He also noted that many of the confirmands had never been in the cathedral before. The music was beautiful, and Janet noted that the music had been selected for them.
- *11/20 School Mass* – Wendy reported that the Mass had gone well and that Father Bob Kennedy had been presider. He did an excellent job of tying in the readings with Thanksgiving, making it meaningful for the students. Sally mentioned that the music was difficult for the congregation to join in with. Janet said that both she and Terry are more than willing to help Mary Beth Sullivan with this if she wished.

- *11/23 Solemnity of Christ the King* – This was the first week that the new hymnals were used. It was noted that the book racks at both St. James and St. John may need to be reinforced to accommodate the added weight of the new hymnals.
- *11/25 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Laurelton Presbyterian* – Dave reported that the service was very well attended, best attendance ever. He noted that the new pastor, Reverend Steven Allman did a nice job preaching on Revelation in the context of Thanksgiving which was a different approach. The combined Peace of Christ choirs, the bell choir and 2 soloists from the Laurelton Church provided the music which was excellent.
- *11/27 Thanksgiving Day Mass* – Father Schrader reported that the Mass was well attended and a good amount of food was donated.
- *11/29 & 11/30 First Sunday of Advent* – Anne reported that the Advent subcommittee met and had agreed to again have the subdued lighting at the start of Sunday liturgies. The Blessing of the Advent wreath took place on the First Sunday following the Prayers of Intercession. All sites are to use the response “*Come, Lord Jesus*” to the intercessions; it was noted that the lectors need to be informed of a change from the usual response so they can announce it to the congregation prior to the Prayers. The committee also recommended that the bulletin have short articles about the meaning of Advent with suggested activities each week. This did not happen the first week. Janet suggested that the parish move toward all sites using the same intercessions throughout the year. Terry noted that the Entrance Hymn each week during Advent will be “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” and that the hymn will be sung *a cappella* with the playing of bells to signal the start. Each week more bells will be added and different verses sung. The entrance procession should begin with the sound of the first bell.

Upcoming Events

December

- *12/5 Exposition/Benediction—St. Ambrose, 9 am - Noon*
- *12/6 First Reconciliation* –Father Schrader reported that 32 will be receiving First Reconciliation at St. Ambrose. Janet noted that Ruth will be leading the singing.

- *12/8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*—Regular holyday schedule, with the SJN students attending the 12:10 liturgy.
- *12/13 St. Lucy Celebration—St. Ambrose at 4 pm.* Bishop Matano will preside. Father Schrader added that our two priests plus the two seminarians and adult altar servers will be available for assisting the Bishop.
- *12/14 Lessons and Carols—St. Ambrose, 2 pm.* Father Bob as presider will lead the opening and closing prayers. The Combined Choir, the individual site Choirs, the Bell Choir and the Children's Choir will all be performing pieces. The combined choir will be seated in the sanctuary.
- *12/17 Exposition/Benediction at St. James, 8:15-11:30 am.* Father Tim pointed out that it seems that most of those sitting with the Blessed Sacrament are there more with a feeling of obligation than because they want to be. The person originally requesting this service has never attended. Father Bob suggested that we give it another month and see what happens.
- *Christmas—12/24, all sites at 4 pm; St. Ambrose, 11 pm; 12/25 St. John, midnight; St. James, 8:30 am; St. John, 10:30 am*
- *12/31 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, St. Ambrose, 5:30 pm*

January

- *1/1/15 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, St. John, 10:30 am*
- *1/3 & 4 Solemnity of the Epiphany*—The Proclamation of dates of moveable feasts will be sung by the cantors.
- *1/5 Memorial of St. John Neumann*
- *1/22 Ecumenical Service for Week of Christian Unity, Good Shepherd Lutheran* – Representatives will meet on December 17 to plan this service.

Updates

Training of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion—Drew reported that the schedule has been set up as follows:

Sunday, 1/11, 1:30 pm at St. Ambrose
 Wednesday, 1/14, 7:00 pm at St. James
 Saturday, 1/17, 10:00 am at St. John

We will be able to “grandfather in” all present ministers although they are welcome to sign the Profession of Faith form. Colleen is in the process of importing each person’s data into the forms as much as possible. Letters to the ministers are being written. Training still needs to be planned. What needs to be announced is also being decided. Drew has requested diocesan guidance from Mary Dundas as to what the training should include, in addition to the specifics for each of our sites.

5:00 pm Sunday Masses with Youth Participation—Drew reported that currently two Masses have been scheduled for 1/18 and 3/15. He and Melissa are still working on an April date. The youth will act as lectors, ministers of communion and ushers.

Other Business

Sally noted that there has been much confusion/activity around the credence table following the distribution of Holy Communion. It was decided that we should resume the former practice of placing all the ciboria on the altar where the presider will move all the hosts into a single ciborium before placing it in the tabernacle. It was also suggested that the ministers take their crosses directly to the sacristy.

The meeting was ended with the conclusion of an Advent Prayer, lead by Wendy.

Next Meeting : January 6, 2015

Prayer: Jeanne Picone

Future Meetings & Prayers

February 3	Anne Ross
March 3	Gloria Marlett
April 7	Drew Desmarais
May 5	Dave O'Keefe