

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

Meeting opened with prayer led by Grace at 7:03 PM.

January meeting minutes accepted with correction of spelling of "Krowl." Also noted: announcement during previous meeting that Evening Prayer on Jan. 18 was to be held at StJ was incorrect. That event was held at StA in chapel.

### **Review of events**

First Friday - Planned change of venue from StA chapel to Church for Adoration/Mass with SJN students attending did not take place because a snow day was called. Ecumenical Church Unity Octave Service - Jan. 24 was well-attended. It was announced that Laurelton Presbyterian Church building has been sold to an evangelical congregation. Last day for the congregation in that church will be Easter Sunday.

### **Updates**

Christlife/Lenten Retreat Day – Sat., Feb. 24, with theme of Holy Spirit: schedule allows 20 minutes for "Prayer and worship" at 1:30 PM after lunch, before second video presentation. Need to plan for this prayer time. Janet will work with Melissa.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – shortage at 5 PM Mass: announcement in bulletin seems so far effective; Drew said several ministers have come forward on recent Sundays. Gloria suggested the announcement might be repeated periodically.

Event publicity – Notices about Lenten Evening Prayer were sent to neighboring parishes, churches of NE Cluster and Catholic Radio.

Lenten activities – there will be an added opportunity for Stations, using a new version of the devotion ("Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis"), at 6:30 PM Tuesdays at SJE. A copy of this booklet and other Lenten materials assembled by Rob to be available at all sites were circulated to members.

### **Reports**

Faith formation: 30 children are preparing for First Eucharist; there are 5 adult candidates for Confirmation on Easter Vigil. A retreat day for youth from around the Diocese who will be confirmed this spring will be held at StJ on Sat., Feb. 10.

Music ministry: simple chant settings are planned for Mass parts during Lent, with a common communion refrain repeated throughout the season. Combined choir is preparing for Tenebrae and the Triduum liturgies. Choirs are rehearsing the Litany of the Saints, to accompany an entrance procession, suggested for First Sunday of Lent only.

### **Coming events**

Feb. 10/11: First Eucharist blessing 4:30 and 9:45; GRCC Memorial Service 2 PM, StA

Feb. 15: (also Feb. 22 and Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22) Evening Prayer 7 PM, StA

Feb. 17/18: First Sunday Lent; First Eucharist blessing 9 AM, SJE

Feb. 20: (also Feb. 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20) Stations 6:30 PM SJE

Mar. 2: First Friday and Stations, StA

Mar. 14: Diocesan-wide Day of Penance 12:30-7:30 PM, StA

Mar. 24/25: Palm Sunday

Mar. 26: Ecumenical Tenebrae 7 PM, StA

Mar. 28: Easter Vigil overview 6:30 PM

Mar. 29: Morning Prayer 9 AM and Mass of Lord's Supper 7 PM, SJE

Mar. 30: Morning Prayer 9 AM, SJE; Stations 1 PM, Solemn Liturgy 2 PM, Seven Last Words 7 PM, StJ

Mar. 31: Morning Prayer 9 AM, SJE and Easter Vigil Solemn Liturgy 8 PM, StA

Apr. 1: Easter Sunday 8 and 11:30 AM, StJ; 9 and 11 AM, SJE; 9:45, StA

**Looking ahead/discussion items**

Holy Week overview: considerations include Fr. Sanchez' schedule, staff meeting, Diocesan Day of Penance. Tentative date proposed—Mar. 7, morning. Easter Sunday schedule: this perennial issue to be tabled—parish Lent/Easter mailing already printed

Anointing service: Tentative dates proposed: Apr. 8 or 15 at SJE. Liturgical ministry program: renewal/reflection for all ministries is a responsibility of this committee; lector workshop was 3 years ago. SBI mentioned as a resource. April committee meeting: regular first Tuesday time (2 days after Easter) was canceled. Members suggested trying an afternoon meeting time. Tentative date proposed: Apr. 10, 1:30 PM.

*NOTE: Tentative dates to be reviewed at staff meeting.*

Meeting closed with prayer; adjournment at 8:04 PM.

Next scheduled meeting: Mar. 6; prayer: Dave