

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.

Meeting opened with prayer led by Terry at 7:07 PM.
December meeting minutes accepted as presented.

Review of events: Christmas Day Mass at StA short of ministers during Communion. Also, overall re-evaluation of extraordinary ministers for 5 PM Mass is needed.

Coming events

Preview of videos for Christlife Program/Lenten Retreat on Feb. 24 is scheduled for Jan. 11. Preview should begin at 6:30, rather than 7 to allow sufficient time. Fr. Schrader noted that on day of retreat, confession time needs to be finished before 3:45. Other discussion of retreat schedule deferred; all committee members invited to attend Jan. 11 preview.

A safety program regarding emergency/active shooter response preparation was offered by the sheriff's department. Fr. Schrader will explore how and when to schedule this for the parish.

Jan. 5 is feast of St. John Neumann and First Friday. Blessed Sacrament Exposition, Adoration and Benediction as well as Mass with SJN students attending will be held in Church.

Jan. 7—Feast of Epiphany. Sung Epiphany Proclamation is an option on this day: when included, it is chanted by the cantor from the ambo following Gospel and before homily. This option needs to be planned ahead of time so cantor can prepare.

Jan. 9—Ordinary time begins.

Jan. 18—Evening Prayer, 7 PM at StJ.

Jan. 21—Confirmation class blessing at 9 AM Mass.

Jan. 23—Church Unity Octave Ecumenical Service at Laurelton Presbyterian, 7 PM.

Feb. 2—Feast of Presentation and First Friday, with blessing of candles.

Feb. 10/11—First Eucharist class blessing at 4:30 PM & 9:45 AM Masses; GRCC Memorial Service Sunday at 2 PM at StA.

Feb. 18—First Sunday Lent: First Eucharist blessing and RCIA Rite of Sending, 9 AM.

Lenten environment: Customary practice of silence before Mass to be encouraged with signage; no entrance procession; subdued lighting until Liturgy of the Word. Response to petitions of Universal Prayer to be determined and forwarded to Pastoral Associates within the week.

Other

Diocesan Day of Penance: Mar. 14 with Reconciliation available 12:30-7:30 PM at StA.

Question: When will Diocesan 150th Anniversary Mass be celebrated? Fr. Schrader will research.

Publicity for events: eg. First Friday—Gloria sent notices to neighboring parishes; lead time for radio is 3 weeks; releases for diocesan *Update* must be sent from “.dor” address.

Readers for Easter Vigil: Terry suggested that personally asking lectors is most effective.

March for Life: on Jan. 18-19; petitions for life will be included in weekend Universal Prayer.

Adjournment at 7:55 with prayer.

Next meeting: Feb. 6, 2018. Prayer: Grace

Future meetings: Mar. 6—Dave; April 3—postponed; May 1—Melissa.