

ATTENDANCE: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Fr. Tim Brown, Bob Crego, Drew Desmarais, Terry Keach, Sally Krowl, Melissa Mang, Gloria Marlett, Augie Misiurewicz, Dave O'Keefe, Wendy O'Keefe, Mary Anne Phelps, Jeanne Picone, Anne Ross, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Bob Schrader, Sr. Marlene Vigna, Grace Zanche
ABSENT: Elaine Becker

Meeting began at 7:09 PM with an opening prayer presented by Wendy.

October minutes were approved as submitted.

October Events: The Children's Sabbath (Oct. 18) was well organized and assisted by members of the Peace & Justice Committee. Youth Mass on Oct. 18 went smoothly. Anointing on Oct. 25 was well attended, with more participants than the service celebrated last spring.

Updates: Anne Ross gave the report of the Sub-committee for Year of Mercy Art and Environment. Proposed: two "ladders" installed at each site beside the main interior entrances, with Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy block printed and "framed" between the rungs. As the year progresses, illustrations will be added, such as photos of various works being performed by Peace of Christ parishioners.

During Advent, the customary Blue Books will be available at each site; holy cards listing the Corporal and Spiritual Works will be distributed on Nov. 21-22 (Solemnity of Christ the King). Sometime during the year an inventory will be taken to see how the parish is doing. Fr. Schrader prepared a schema for implementation of the works and related themes throughout the year. The expectation is that the theme of mercy will appear in homilies, Mass prayers and intercessions, hymns and other events.

The Advent Sub-committee proposed the following: an atmosphere of quiet during gathering will be encouraged, with church lighting dimmed at the start of Mass until the first reading is begun. Advent wreaths will be blessed and lit on the First Sunday only, after the Universal Prayer. Safety guidelines regarding holiday décor recently issued by the Diocese were noted (artificial trees, wreaths); other usual practices are in compliance. Response to the intercessions will be "Come, Lord Jesus."

During this season, the focus will be on the Corporal Works of Mercy; Liturgy and Adult Faith Formation Committee members are working together on bulletin articles about the Year of Mercy, the Corporal Works and the spiritual pilgrimage that will continue after Advent, through Christmas season and into Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time, on a schedule outlined in the schema distributed by Fr. Schrader.

Music Ministry Report: Janet and Terry are working on a new gathering song. Removal of pews behind choir area in St. Ambrose Church to allow space for stands to accommodate the Bell Choir was discussed.

Catechesis & Liturgy: Melissa noted that First Penance will be celebrated on Dec. 5. A nativity pageant is planned, with proposed date of Dec. 19. After discussion, since that date is within Advent, members suggested that this be held Christmas Eve at St. James before the 4 PM Mass. RCIA Program: Melissa reported that 4 persons will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

Ministry training: Server training is scheduled for Dec. 15 following the 9:45 AM Mass at St. Ambrose. Possibility of lector and other liturgical ministry training in spring will be discussed at a future meeting. Fr. Schrader suggested that Joan Workmaster be consulted about resources for this.

Calendar:

Nov. 7—Mass of Remembrance, 10:30 AM at St. James
Nov. 22—Solemnity of Christ the King will include sprinkling rite in place of penitential rite.
Nov. 24—School Mass with Thanksgiving theme; Ecumenical Service at Good Shepherd Lutheran (Winton Road) at 7 PM; food donations to be collected
Nov. 26—Thanksgiving Mass, 9 AM at St. Ambrose, with donations of food and money collected for Christmas baskets
Dec. 5—First Penance celebrated at 10 AM at St. Ambrose
Dec. 6—Lessons & Carols, 2 PM at St. Ambrose
Dec. 12—St. Lucy Mass at 4 PM at St. Ambrose, Fr. Tom Rosica presiding
Dec. 19—Advent Penance Service 11:30 AM at St. Ambrose
Dec. 24—Masses at 4 PM at all sites; 11 PM at St. Ambrose
Dec. 25—Masses at midnight at St. John with Christmas Proclamation sung; 8:30 AM at St. James; 10:30 AM at St. Ambrose
Dec. 31/Jan. 1—Solemnity of Mary 5:30 PM at St. Ambrose; 10 AM at St. John
Jan 3—Solemnity of Epiphany with sung Proclamation of Moveable Feasts before the Gospel
Jan. 10—Baptism of the Lord, Ordinary Time begins
Jan. 20—Church Unity Octave Service at St. Mark & St. John (Culver Rd.) at 7 PM
Jan. 22—Day of Prayer for the Unborn
Feb. 1-5—Catholic Schools Week/Feb. 2—School Mass
Feb. 7—First Eucharist Blessing, 9 AM at St. John
Feb. 8—Liturgy Committee, 7 PM
Feb. 10—Ash Wednesday, Holy Day schedule
Feb. 21-23—Lenten Retreat, given by Bishop Clark at Sunday Masses, afternoon and evening sessions, with soup supper and concluding Mass, details TBA
Mar. 20—Palm Sunday
Mar. 21—Ecumenical Tenebrae, 7:30 PM at St. Ambrose
Mar. 23—Easter Vigil practice
Mar. 24-26—Triduum
Apr. 3—Anointing of the Sick, 1 pm at St. James

Meeting ended at 8:45 with closing prayer led by Wendy.

Next meeting: Dec. 1; prayer by Janet