

**PEACE OF CHRIST PARISH
LITURGY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

October 7, 2014

Attendance:, 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, Suzanne Stack, Grace Zanche

Peace and Justice Committee: Sue Bach, Karen Costello, Dick Kurz, Wally Ruehle,

Absent: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Melissa Mang, Sister Marlene Vigna

We began the meeting with a prayer led by Terry.

Peace and Justice Committee

Wally Ruehle spoke on behalf of the Peace and Justice Committee. First he apologized for not running by the Liturgy Committee the special September 11 liturgy that they had sponsored. He stated that their committee would like to make this an annual liturgy with our blessing. Father Bob said he thought that the annual 200 Club dinner was already scheduled for that evening. Sally checked the parish scheduling book and confirmed this. Wally said that next year they would begin planning sooner and be sure to work with the Liturgy Committee. There was some discussion as to whether to have the liturgy on the 10th (a Thursday) or the 12th (a Saturday). Also proposed was having it at 12:15 and including the SJN students. Father Tim pointed out that this year they actually had Mass on the 11th but it had been an opening of school Mass, focusing on school rather than the events of September 11. Wally will take some of these ideas back to the full Peace and Justice Committee for discussion.

Wally also noted that October is Respect Life Month and that they would like to focus on the weekend of the 18th and 19th which is Children's Sabbath weekend. They will be using the same theme as last year since there is still a great need for increased child care subsidies. This year the focus will be on money from the state rather than the county. Letters to the state will be available to sign at all sites. They would also like to present a *Minutes for Ministry* talk given by Karen Costello following Communion. Karen has considerable experience working in the local early childhood community. Also in the bulletin prior to this weekend will be a request for children of the parish and SJN school to create drawings saying/showing: *I'm helping my family, school and community*

when I . . . The children will be part of the offertory procession, placing their drawings in a basket in the sanctuary.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved with the correction on page 3, under Lessons and Carols, changing *over* to *offer* and on page 4, deleting the *s* from *October 7, 2014*.

Review of Recent Events

- *Peace Mass, 9/11* – Beautiful. It was fairly well attended. The possibility was mentioned of including the SJN school students.
- *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. James, 9/17* – Father Tim reported that there was a good turnout. Sally encouraged the continuation of making announcements on the prior Sunday, as well as at the daily Masses. It was noted that people do show up, but don't necessarily sign up ahead of time. Father Bob also noted that there seemed to be a good number who remained following the 7:45 am liturgy.
- *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Ambrose, 10/3* – Also a good number in attendance for this.
- *Pet Blessing, 10/4* – Drew reported that 20 cats and dogs and various other pets were in attendance. Laurie Maier spoke on military and service dogs. Father Bob reported that there were 3 representatives from the Episcopal community to help with the blessing of the animals. Drew said, "It was fun."
- *100th Anniversary Mass, St. John, 10/5* – Augie reported that there were about 255 in attendance for the Mass. More attended the reception following. There was a sustained attendance until the end. The historic display was wonderful and enjoyed by those present.

Upcoming Events

October

- 12th – Anointing Service, 2:00 pm, St. James. Sister Marlene was not present but it was assumed that she has everything well in hand.

November

- 1st – *All Saints Day*, since it falls on a Saturday, it will not be a Holyday of Obligation. However, Father Bob said that the holyday Mass will be celebrated at the 4:30 pm Mass.
- 2nd – *All Souls Day*. Sally noted that this is a unique occurrence on the liturgical calendar because the Commemoration of All Souls outranks other feasts and takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time liturgy.

Since permanent books are recommended for the Book of Remembrance, special ones will be purchased and used in a prominent location in each sanctuary throughout the month of November.

- 8th – *Mass of Remembrance, 10:30 am*. Vicki is currently compiling the letters to be mailed to those whose loved ones have died during the past year. As is the custom, they will be invited to attend this special liturgy.
- *Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service*, Father Bob reported that a breakfast meeting has been scheduled with our ecumenical brethren for the 29th. A date and site will be decided upon at that time.
- *Thanksgiving, 11/27* – The POC Thanksgiving liturgy will be at St. John this year. There will be the usual collection of food to be contributed to the parish Christmas basket project.
- *Christmas* – Father Bob reported that due to the low attendance at the 5:30 Christmas Eve liturgy last year, we will return to having three 4:00 pm Masses on Christmas Eve. Father Tom Rosica has again agreed to help as presider. He will offer the 4:00 pm at St. Ambrose and the midnight at St. John. The additional times are 11:00 pm at St. Ambrose, 8:30 am at St. James, and 10:30 am at St. John.
- *New Year's* – the New Year's Eve Mass will be at 5:30 pm at St. Ambrose and the New Year's Day Mass is still TBD.

Other Business

Hymnals

Terry reported that the new *Gather 3* hymnals have been ordered and are expected to be delivered within the next couple of weeks. He and Janet still need to make a plan for the removal of the old hymnals and placing the new ones in the pews. The hope is to have this done by the beginning of Advent, if not sooner, to enable parishioners to become accustomed to the new hymnals.

List – Liturgical Schedules by Service

Sally reported that Colleen has printed out this list of all Eucharistic Ministers, excluding music ministry. Augie noted that it is far from accurate. It was agreed that it does need to be updated but is a good starting place. Father Bob reminded us that the new sacramental guidelines will need to be followed for installing any new ministers.

Drew reported on the new regulations for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and distributed copies of the new Biographical Information

sheets, the Profession of Faith forms that need to be signed, and a letter about the exchange of the sign of peace at Mass. An exact number of current Extraordinary Ministers of Communion must be provided to the diocese. Two training sessions will be required, although it is not clear who will provide these sessions: the diocese, the parish or the region. Qualifying ministers will receive cards of authorization from the diocese for 3-year terms which will be renewable. Some of the new qualifications include: ministers must be 16 years or older, have been confirmed and if married, have a valid Church marriage. All will need to be reinstated. It is not clear how the grandfathered ministers fit in these regulations. Homebound ministers are included. Father Bob urged all committee members to read the new directives from the diocese. He will have Colleen forward the link.

Advent theme?

We will discuss this at our November meeting. Sally mentioned that the new *Sourcebook* discusses the idea of “one loaf” on page viii.

Gloria Marlett was elected our new chairperson.

The meeting was ended with the *Hail Mary*.

Next Meeting : November 4, 2014

Prayer: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco

Future Meetings & Prayer

December 2, 2014	Wendy O'Keefe
January 6, 2015	Jeanne Picone
February 3, 2015	Anne Ross
March 3, 2015	Gloria Marlett
April 7, 2015	Drew Desmarais
May 5, 2015	Dave O'Keefe