

PEACE OF CHRIST PARISH LITURGY COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPT. 1, 2015

ATTENDANCE: Fr. Tim Brown, Drew Desmarais, Terry Keach, Sally Krowl, Gloria Marlett, Augie Misiurewicz, Dave O'Keefe, Wendy O'Keefe, Fr. Carlos Sanchez, Fr. Bob Schrader, Grace Zanche

ABSENT: Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Elaine Becker, Melissa Mang, Jeanne Picone, Anne Ross, Sr. Marlene Vigna

We began the meeting with a prayer lead by Gloria Marlett.

All of the members of the Committee introduced themselves to Fr. Sanchez.

The last meeting was our Annual Picnic and there were no minutes to approve.

UPDATE: There were 2 members of the Peace and Justice Committee present to discuss events sponsored by their committee: Wally Ruehle and Richard Kurz. On Friday, Sept. 11 at St. Ambrose Church a Peace Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated. The Peace and Justice Committee requested permission to compose the Intentions, do a reading before Mass from "Pax Christi" and have members of their committee provide the music, and serve as lector and cantor. Terry suggested that Wally consult with Janet concerning the music and cantor. Wally agreed and Fr. Brown requested information concerning the Mass (including the intentions) before that day. The Peace and Justice Committee will meet and discuss their plans for Children's Sabbath (weekend of Oct. 18) and will inform our Committee of their plans.

SCRIBE: Minutes of the meetings will be taken on a rotating basis by 3 people who volunteered at our May meeting: Jeanne Picone, Anne Ross, and Grace Zanche.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Terry reported that the parish choirs will learn 3 new hymns in celebration of "Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). There are members of each choir fluent in Spanish who can assist with speaking Spanish. We will also sing the Memorial Acclamation in Spanish and the cantors will teach the acclamation to the congregation before Mass begins. We hope to learn the remainder of the Mass in Spanish and at some time in the future, be able to celebrate an entire Mass in the Spanish language.

We will learn a new English Mass, Mass #8, "Missa Pacem" and plan to use it during the Easter Season. The Combined Choir of P.O.C. consists of volunteers from the 3 Sunday choirs and is open to any parishioners who would like to sing with us but do not want or are unable to sing with a Sunday choir. Rehearsals will be held on Saturdays from 10:30-11:30, twice a month. The Combined Choir will sing for 8 or 9 Liturgies/Services: the Mass of Remembrance, Ecumenical Thanksgiving, Lessons and Carols, Ecumenical Service of Christian Unity, Tenebrae and Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil). Terry asked for support from the Liturgy Committee because there might be some resistance to the changes in the choir.

YEAR OF MERCY: We will form subcommittees for the Advent, Lent and Easter seasons to implement our theme of the “Year of Mercy” proclaimed by Pope Francis, Dec. 8 until Nov. 20, 2016. Fr. Schrader will attend the Diocesan Priest’s Council meeting on Sept. 2 to discuss the Year of Mercy and will share the results at our next meeting on Oct. 6.

CALENDARS: Gloria passed out a list of Key Dates for the Liturgy Committee with the dates of the committee meetings for 2015-2016 and a list of liturgical celebrations from the present to the Solemnity of Pentecost on May 14-15, 2016. Gloria included calendar of the months of Sept., Oct., Nov. and Dec. on separate pages with all of the information on the Key Dates list, including the Sundays of O.T. and Advent. There were favorable comments about how much easier it is to have the calendar in this form.

There are some changes and additions to the calendar: on Sept. 19-20 there will be a Blessing of Teachers at each site (Catechetical Sunday); for Sept. 26-27, the CMA Ministry Minute will be a showing of a video; the Oct. 25 Anointing Service will begin at 1 pm; the Nov. 28 Teaching Mass will be changed to another time TBA; on Dec. 8 the Mass time (attended by SJN students) is at 12:10 because it is a Holy Day.

The Masses for Christmas Eve and Day will be: on Dec. 24, 4 pm at each site; 11 pm at St. Ambrose; Midnight at St. John; on Dec. 25, 8:30 am at St. James and 10:30 am at St. Ambrose. On Dec. 31 Mass will be 5:30 pm at St. Ambrose and on Jan. 1, 10 am at St. John. Drew suggested that we update our calendar at our May meeting to schedule dates for the remainder of the year and make adjustments next September.

UPDATES: Extraordinary Ministers of Communion—Fr. Schrader said he needs to meet with a few people to complete their paperwork prior to certification. Father will then submit the paperwork to the Diocesan Office.

Lector Training—Training is done by specific persons at each site whenever anyone is entering the ministry. Fr. Schrader will discuss this issue at the staff meeting this week. We need more lectors and servers; we should publish an appeal in the Parish Bulletin.

Funerals—We have guidelines given to all families when we meet with them prior to a funeral. One person is asked to give a few words of remembrance about the deceased, which should last no more than 5 minutes.

Catechesis—As part of the focus for the whole parish on Total Community Catechesis, each P.O.C. committee will be invited by Melissa Mang to a meeting of the Faith Formation Program to present families with information about its role in the life of the parish. Liturgy Committee is scheduled to make its presentation in May.

Opening and closing prayer for Committee meetings: Oct.—Sally; Nov.—Wendy; Dec.—Janet; Jan.—Augie; Feb.—Terry; Mar.—Dave; Apr.—Grace; May—Drew

The meeting was closed with a prayer. NEXT MEETING: Oct. 6 at 7pm