

LITURGY TEAM REPORT

June 22, 2003

Attendees: Fr. John, Janice Dec-Bienkowski, Teresa Killar, Sally, Suzanne Fink, Pat James, Claudia Helta, Holly Looney

Minutes:

- Evaluation of the Easter season
 - Liked the red in the church for Pentecost
 - First Communion at masses went well during the Easter season
 - Could coordinate some things better so that so many things weren't taking place on the same weekend at masses
 - Liked Sprinkling Rite
 - Liked outside cross and the coordination of the colored fabric with the inside colors
 - All in all, the season went well.
- Copper fire pit for Easter fire
 - Fr. John thought the fire was too hot and too far from the door of the church
 - He's located a copper container for a fire. He's ordering it and we'll evaluate it for use next year at the Vigil.
- Environment and Art Committee Report
 - Additional plantings have been done courtesy of several cluster groups
 - The liturgy Team discussed and approved the idea (from the subcommittee) to work towards making the outside wood cross permanent with plantings. This is contingent upon the Master Plan.
 - The subcommittee has met with Fr. John and will be meeting in July and again in the fall to plan seasonal environment for the fall and winter months.
- Liturgy Resource Network
 - March 13 is the next Formation Day at Mt. St. Mary's. The liturgy track will focus on music. Bobby Fisher will be doing it and will give a concert Friday night at St. Timothy's.
 - Cindy Kindl from St. Joseph's is in charge of the music for Formation Day.
- Liturgies with Children Report
 - Lynn Johnson is now in charge of these.
 - Liturgies were well received.
 - Masses will be September – May.
 - Paul Szczerowski will work with Ken Lenta regarding music for these liturgies.
 - The committee will try to work more closely with the First Communion during the Easter season and any possible conflicts.
- Hymn boards

- There will be two hymn boards hung on the side walls. In the meantime, Felix Killar is going to try to repair the hymn board so that it can be raised.
 - More information is coming on these.
- Rite of Baptism at Mass
 - This is being offered as an option at the 5:30 and noon masses on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
 - The rite is woven throughout the liturgy (for example, the greeting of the parents, godparents and child will be part of the entrance rite) with the actual baptism taking place after the homily.
 - The Baptismal Font will be in the sanctuary for the baptism.
- Feast of St. Ignatius
 - The feast is on Thursday, July 31, but it will be moved to the weekend of July 26 and 27. By doing this, the parish can celebrate it. We will have Community Sunday, featuring recipes used by his order.
 - The readings from the feast will replace the Sunday readings. Music will also pertain to this feast.
- Ministry fair for September
 - There was discussion about ministers not showing although this has been better with the sign-in book.
 - It was decided to host a ministry fair (with all ministries represented) on the weekend of September 6 and 7 after all masses.
 - It was also noted that some ministries are not represented at the Liturgy Team meetings. Fr. John and Holly will talk to those ministry heads who do not regularly attend the meetings. If the ministry chair can't attend, a representative should be there.
 - There was discussion of using 2 lectors at each mass. This idea will be revisited when we reach 1000 families. (We're at 877 now.)
 - At those masses with no greeters, we will encourage the lectors to greet people entering the church.
 - CLOW people will be included in the Entrance Procession to make sure we have two people before the children are dismissed for their Liturgy of the Word.
- Meeting schedule for next year
 - This was distributed and will be posted online.
 - Everyone on the Liturgy Team is asked to serve on ONE of the two Celebration Teams which plan Advent and Christmas and Lent and Easter. Sign-ups will be at the August meeting.
- Study of the new GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal)
 - Holly will distribute information to all to study. This will be the main topic of the August meeting.
- Educational piece for the bulletin
 - Pat and Holly will put together a list of topics for bulletin inserts regarding what we do at mass and why we are doing what we do. Hopefully, this will help the people see what the bishops are asking us to do and better

understand how this is being implemented in our parish. These will be pulled from a variety of sources. The list will also be presented at the August meeting.

- There will be something put in the bulletin now concerning appropriate attire for mass during the summer. This also would apply to ministers.
- There will be a 1-2 page insert on church etiquette in the fall.
- Liturgical Survey
 - Three basic likes were noted: sense of community, music, family environment
 - Two dislikes: noise, announcements
 - Some comments pointed to the need to educate the assembly about liturgy.
 - The mass schedule will remain the same for the winter months: 5:30 pm, 8 am, 10 am, and noon.
 - There was a discussion about "progressive solemnity". There was a recommendation to recite the Penitential Rite during Ordinary Time even though the bishops ask that this normally be sung.
 - Holly and Janice will consolidate the comments. The survey will then be mailed to the Parish Council. It was felt that this could not wait until August or September. The survey results will then be presented to the parish and posted online.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2003 at 5 pm at the Ijamsville Conference Room