

LITURGY TEAM REPORT

4 January 2004

Attendees: Fr. John, Paul Szczerowski, Gloria Przybocki, Janice Dec, Mary Galuardi, Pat James, Teresa Killar, Ruth Fox, Stan Mordensky, Therese Ivanisin, Holly Looney

Minutes:

- Liturgy Ordo for January and February
 - January 10-11 (Baptism of the Lord) – Lectors will be asked to prepare both sets of readings and ask the presider which he will be using as the basis for his homily.
 - January 10-11 (Baptism of the Lord) will include a Sprinkling Rite in lieu of the Penitential Rite and there will be the Rite of Enrollment at all masses for Primary Grade Sacraments. This will occur after communion in case these children participate in CLOW. At the noon mass there will be a “poinsettia give-away”.
 - January 17-18 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) will have a commissioning of all new liturgical ministers as well as a renewal of all liturgical ministers at all masses. Fr. John will write the commissioning prayer. The Disciples In Mission Prayer Card will be inserted in the back of the Gather hymnals this week. Fr. Vitali needs to be reminded that we say this prayer each week at the end of mass.
 - January 31-February 1 will have blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise at the end of mass. There will be an opportunity for blessing of individual throats at the end of mass. Those who do not wish to have their throats blessed may leave. An explanation of this will be in the bulletin. Holly will write this explanation. The Disciples In Mission registration cards will be pulled from the pews after this weekend.
 - Ash Wednesday (February 25): Mass and service schedule will be as follows:
 - 8:45 Mass (Country Church) – Fr. John will find 1 EM to help with the distribution of ashes.
 - 12:00 noon (Country Church) – Prayer Service. One EM will be assigned to help with the distribution of ashes.
 - 5:00 pm (Ijamsville Church) – Prayer Service. Three EMs will be assigned to help with the distribution of ashes.
 - 7:30 pm (Ijamsville Church) – Mass with music and 3 EMs to help with the distribution of ashes.
 - Stations of the Cross
 - These will be held each week during Lent at 7:30 pm in the Country Church.

- There will also be Stations done by Religious Education and Youth Ministry groups each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm at the Ijamsville Church.
 - Announcements about the purpose of the second collection will now be done by the cantor.
- Evaluation of Advent
 - The signs with the mass times need to be on the corner of Rt. 80 and Prices Distillery Rd.
 - The service music (to the tune of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel) was hard to follow. People were getting used to it, though, by the 4th Sunday of Advent.
 - Having families new to the parish light the Advent wreath did not work as well this year as last year. Perhaps sending a reminder postcard to them would help.
 - A larger Advent wreath would have been nice.
 - Liked the simplicity of the altar and the bare trees.
 - Liked the setting of the Magnificat
 - Thought we communicated the Magnificat theme well.
 - Liked the Introductory Rite.
 - Liked the consistency of the theme throughout Advent.
 - CLOW – Wasn't sure if they incorporated the Advent Wreath.
 - Perhaps it is possible to have families sign up at Parish Registration to light the Advent wreath and bring up the gifts.
 - We want to investigate the possibility of having new families bring up the gifts throughout the year. (Ruth Fox is willing to call the families.)
- Evaluation of Christmas
 - 4 pm Mass in the Social Hall was nice.
 - People seemed pleased with 4 pm children's mass in the church. No one left unhappy.
 - 11 pm – Light were not able to be dimmed. Felix Killar needs to look into this.
 - Attendance:
 - 4 pm – Church – 800
 - 4 pm – Hall – 400
 - 8 pm – 525
 - 11 pm – 252
 - 8 am (Country Church) – 200
 - 11 am – 487
 - We need to investigate the possibility of Mass at the High School at 4 pm on Christmas Eve or adding a 6 pm mass at the Ijamsville church or at the Country Church
 - Music was great. A variety was offered.
 - The talent of our youth was noted. Effort will be made to use them at other liturgies through out the year.
- Evaluation of Lessons and Carols

- Some music ministers didn't know that the lights would be dimmed and didn't practice that way.
- More of an effort should be made to open it up to the community.
- Positive feedback was received regarding the carols sung and the format of the readings.
- Assembly should be standing while singing and also during the prayers.
- Evaluation of Communion Procedures
 - "Minister Needed" in the ministry book is not working.
 - Time for Communion is shorter now.
 - We need to recruit more Eucharistic Ministers and assign them to serve at more than one mass a month.
 - We need to recruit more ushers. We also need to instruct the ushers as to the timing of beginning the Eucharistic processions (particularly from the back wing sections).
- Mass for those who have lost children
 - Mention was made of a non-Catholic church doing a candlelight service. This would serve the purpose of healing.
 - Discussion followed about the possibility of doing something in the Country Church. Janice will contact and investigate the possibilities for this type of memorial mass.
 - No date was set for the mass. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.
- Parish Mission (March 28, 29, 30)
 - Therese expects to receive information from Fr. Joe Breighner this week. The following people volunteered to help with the designated areas:
 - Pat James – Publicity
 - Ruth Fox – Format of the evenings in church
 - Gloria Przybocki – Hospitality
 - Paul Kane is also willing to help.
 - Paul asked Therese to pass along the music requests as soon as she receives them.
 - Therese asked if child care would be provided.
- Possibility of adding a 4 pm Saturday mass
 - Fr. John explained that this will not be done at the present time. There was not enough interest expressed in this during the liturgy survey. The topic will be revisited when the Senior Complex is built at Rt. 80 and 75.
- Fr. John will be meeting with Stan and other interested parishioners over concerns with the mass at some time in February.
- Handholding during the Our Father
 - There was discussion regarding this. We do this in spite of guidelines from the new General Instruction of the Roman Missal and from the Archdiocese of Baltimore that states we are not to do it. It was suggested that we encourage people to adopt the "orans

posture”, which is the posture the priest uses frequently while praying at mass (with hands open and uplifted). It was felt that catechesis of postures and procedures needs to be done prior to this. Ruth Fox, Paul Szczerowski, Fr. John, Janice Dec and Holly Looney will form a subcommittee to come up with appropriate catechesis.

- Readings for Lent
 - We will be using Cycle C instead of Cycle C for the first two weeks of Lent and Cycle A for the last three weeks of Lent. (Cycle A is normally used when there will be a baptism at the Easter Vigil.) If we have a baptism every year, the assembly would never hear Cycles B and C.
 - Lectors need to be notified that we are using the Cycle C readings.
- We will review the readings for Lent at the beginning of the Lenten Celebration Team meeting next Sunday at 6 pm in the Bride’s room.

Next Meeting: February 1 in the Bride’s Room