

LITURGY TEAM REPORT

Meeting of May 3, 2004

Attendees: Bill Crosthwait, Suzanne Fink, Mary Galuardi, Sally Huber, Therese Ivanisin, John Jaffee, Pat James, Fr. John Jicha, Teresa Killar, Holly Looney, Stan Mordensky, Gloria Przybocki, Jacqueline Scaletti, Joyce Seng, Paul Szczerowski

Minutes:

- Joyce Seng opened the meeting with a prayer. John Jaffee volunteered to prepare the opening prayer for the June meeting.
- Holly presented the May/June Liturgical Ordo for review. It was noted that:
 - The 5:30 Mass on May 15th will be a LWC with special readings and a Crowning of Mary. Mary will send email to Holly identifying the readings for the LWC.
 - Lectors are not required for the Group First Communion celebration on the 8th of May as catechists will be doing the readings. Altar Servers are assigned for the First Communion celebration. The festive banners will be used for the First Communion celebration.
 - Mothers Day blessings will be at Masses on the 8th and 9th of May.
 - There was discussion of having a "Diversity Mass" (music, readings, and other parts of the liturgy in different languages) on the Feast of Pentecost. Paul, Holly, and Bill will determine if there are sufficient people to plan, support, and execute such for the 5:30 and 10:00 Mass on the 29th and 30th of May.
 - There will not be a procession at the Masses celebrating the feast of Corpus Christi.
 - Holly will make the required updates to the Ordo which is posted on the Liturgy Team website.
- Old Business:
 - Liturgy Team Bylaws – Bill and Holly have updated the bylaws (those updates agreed to in the March meeting) and the revised document will be posted on the Liturgy Team website, for review, this week.
 - Therese to report if additional help is required from ministry coordinators related to required STAND training/documentation.
 - April Parish Council meeting:
 - Feedback on Easter was very positive.
 - A second Mass at 12:00 may be required next year as over 700 attended the 12:00 Mass this year.
 - Consideration for a parish Novena was suggested. Fr. John indicated that quite often a Novena is scheduled to complete on the feast for the patron saint of the parish. Sally will bring this up at a Sodality meeting to determine if there is interest in planning and organizing a Novena.
 - As a side point Fr. John indicated that the Sodality would like to be involved with the May crowning.

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- GIRM Review
 - No report.
 - Bill will contact the team members, Ruth Fox and Janice Dec, to determine status of this effort.
- Future Meeting Dates
 - Holly presented the 2004-2005 meeting dates.
 - It was agreed that there would be no Liturgy Team meeting in July.
 - The August Liturgy Team meeting will be informal with a date established at our June meeting.
 - 2005 Holy Week rehearsal dates were discussed and are tentatively scheduled.
 - Pat, who chairs the Advent/Christmas Celebration Team, would like to start meetings for that team in September rather than October. Holly will revise the schedule to reflect September meetings.
 - An updated meeting schedule will be on the web site.
- Easter Evaluation
 - Holly suggested that next year we consider having both ashes and palms taken to those who are homebound in the parish.
 - There was discussion of Friday Stations during Lent in both the Country Church and the Ijamsville Church.
 - Pat suggested that next year there be a Holy Week celebration team, with all ministries represented, that is separate from the Lent/Easter team.
 - A list of recommendations/suggestions for the Triduum services, prepared by Janice Dec, was reviewed.
 - Fr. John and Janice will update the Triduum scripts which were used this year.
 - Pat will provide script updates to Fr. John and Janice for the Vigil script.
 - Holly indicated that the microphone used by the Cantor at the Masses in the Social Hall did not work. This should be addressed prior to the next time Mass is held in the Social Hall.
 - Stan indicated that the parts of the Passion read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, which are assigned to "ALL" should be recited by the congregation and not Lectors. This will be considered for next year.
 - For Good Friday, the use of the music microphone for three of those who read the Passion, was not effective. Use of additional wireless microphones should be considered.
 - Stan pointed out that, at the 6:00AM Mass on Easter, the music/singing under the tree at the Country Church was very nice. The suggestion was made that the congregation may need to be reminded to bring song books from the church prior to leaving for singing outside if the songs are not familiar.
 - There was discussion on the use of handbells at the Easter Masses. It was concluded that if there was a time for a joyous celebration, and music/instruments reflecting such, it is Easter.

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- Holly summarized an email received concerning the timing and flow of music at the Vigil.
- Mary requested information on the number of children at the Easter Masses if that data is available. Bill will follow up on the request.
- Pat provided information sent through the mail by some of the non-Catholic communities in our area as a suggestion for the advertising of Easter services our parish might consider in the future.
- John Jaffee suggested that a picture of our parish facility be included in newspaper advertising of future services.
- Church Etiquette
 - Joyce and Mary presented a status report from the committee considering Church etiquette.
 - The committee has defined the following areas for focus:
 - Preparation for Mass
 - Arrival at Mass
 - During Mass
 - Dismissal
 - Suggestions for appropriate preparation for Mass were reviewed and determined to be suitable.
 - The committee will continue and complete work on each of the focus areas.
 - Subjects to be addressed to the Parish will need to be prioritized and the method for presentation (Liturgy Corner, pulpit message, mailings, web site posting, parish registration information) determined to reflect that prioritization, when the above work is completed.
- Ministry Reports
 - Lectors – One new Lector has been trained and one Lector is moving out of the parish.
 - RCIA – Currently has four preparing to come into the Church next year.
 - Other ministry coordinators had nothing significant to report.

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, JUNE 6th AT 1:15PM IN THE IJAMSVILLE SOCIAL HALL.