

# LITURGY TEAM REPORT

## Meeting of January 12, 2009

Attendees: Bruce Baumgarten, Jeff Blice, Bill Crosthwait, Fr. Michael Jendrek, Deacon Larry Matheny, Joyce Seng, Carol Smith, Mary Ellen Woehrman

### Notes/Minutes:

- Bill opened the meeting with a prayer. Chris Lunsford is to lead us in the opening prayer for the March Liturgy Team meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM, in the Ijamsville, Thomas T. Polk Social Hall.
- The November Liturgy Team meeting report was distributed for review prior to the meeting and copies were available at the meeting. The November meeting report stands as documented.
- Calendars - The calendars for January, February, and March were distributed prior to the meeting and copies were available at the meeting. The calendars were reviewed with the following comments:
  - On Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30PM a Mass is scheduled with Bishop Rozanski presiding. We plan to “burn the mortgage” at the conclusion of that Mass. A “small, controlled” fire is planned to be used for burning a “ceremonial” copy of our “paid-off” mortgage document. Fr. Mike is getting a script from Sacred Heart parish in Glendon for a similar service they had recently. Bill will get “experienced” Altar Servers scheduled for that Mass. The staff is planning a reception.
  - Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. Last year we had an 8:45AM Mass in the Ijamsville Church with 75 people attending, a 5:30PM Mass in the Ijamsville Church with 519 people attending, and a 7:30PM Mass in the Ijamsville Church with 281 people attending. This year, at 8:45AM, there will be a Mass in the Country Church with distribution of ashes. At 5:30PM we will have a “Service” in the Ijamsville Church with distribution of ashes and at 7:30PM, in the Ijamsville Church, a Mass with distribution of ashes. We considered doing a very early morning distribution of ashes service, to accommodate those who commute down I-270, but decided against that this year.
  - On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be having the “Rite of Sending” and the “Rite of Election” for some of the RCIA catechumens. Larry and the RCIA group are handling that.
  - On Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Liturgy Team meeting. Jeff Blice will lead that meeting. The focus of that meeting will be completion of Lent/Easter planning.
  - We continued to discuss the Lent/Easter plan with the following conclusions:
    - Joyce and her committee will again handle the Church environment for Lent and Easter. She plans to use the purple veil hung in the back window of the Church during Lent.
    - For Palm Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Ushers carry in the large red banners (streamers). We will plan to use Ushers, Greeters, and Altar Servers to distribute palms to those arriving for Mass. The plan for Palm Sunday will be finalized at the March Liturgy Team meeting. We will not be doing the “Trip to the Grotto” and the “Bread and Soup and Vespers Service” this year on Palm Sunday.
    - Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Mass of the Lord’s Supper. Last year 240 people attended 7:30PM Mass in the Ijamsville Church. This year we plan for a 7:30PM Mass in the Ijamsville Church with a “ceremonial” stripping of the Altar. We will process to the “Altar of Repose” which will be in the Social Hall. Details for this Mass will be reviewed at the March Liturgy Team meeting. It was noted that last year the children observing the “foot washing” was well received.

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- Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> - Last year 60 people attended the “Afternoon Prayer” in the Country Church at 3:00PM. 217 people attended the Celebration of the Lords Passion at 7:30PM in the Ijamsville Church. This year we will plan for a “Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion” with Veneration of the Cross and distribution of Holy Communion in the Ijamsville Church at 3:00PM. At 7:30PM we will have the “Living Stations of the Cross” in the Ijamsville Church. Details will be finalized at the March Liturgy Team meeting.
  - Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> – It is proposed that at 3:00PM we have the Blessing of the Easter Food at the Country Church and the Easter Vigil Service will begin at 8:00PM in the Ijamsville Church. Last year 280 people attended the Vigil Mass. Again this year we will publicize the fact that the Vigil Mass counts for attendance at an Easter Mass.
  - Easter Sunday Masses – Last year 542 people attended the 8:00AM Mass, 815 attended the 10:00AM Mass, and 750 people attended the Noon Mass on Easter Sunday. This year we will have an 8:00AM Mass, a 10:00AM Mass, and a Noon Mass, similar to last year.
  - Friday Stations of the Cross will be at 7:30PM in the Ijamsville Church each Friday during Lent.
  - Jeff will produce an Easter newsletter with information on dates and times of the Lent and Easter Services.
- Old Business:
    - Host and Wine Records for EMs – To make the Host and Wine Records meaningful we need the individual Mass attendance numbers. The staff is to provide that.
    - Ambry Location - Discussion deferred to a later meeting.
  - New Business:
    - Advent/Christmas evaluation:
      - Jeff pointed out that an additional ciborium may be required for large attendance Masses where we plan to distribute Communion under one species. Fr. Mike is to look into that.
      - Lessons and Carols was very beautiful and well received. We need to advertise more to get better attendance.
      - Midnight Mass was a success and the attendance was 386. Bill will get attendance numbers for all of the Christmas Masses and publish them as part of the meeting report.
      - 2008 Christmas Mass attendance:
        - 4:00PM – 750
        - 6:00PM – 730
        - 8:00PM – 495
        - Midnight – 386
        - 8:00AM – 96
        - 11:00AM - 531
    - Carol reported on the following Religious Education Topics:
      - For Catechesis and Evangelization the following are recommended:
        - Nicaea 325AD tomorrow night at St. Ignatius
        - Formation Day at Mount St. Mary’s on March 14th
      - STAND Training is now online for those who need training.
      - On March 22<sup>nd</sup> we are going to have a Seder Meal which Fr. Mike will lead.
      - There will be “Disciples on the Journey” Scripture Study Groups during Lent
      - The youth will participate in Operation Rice Bowl during Lent

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- Ministry Reports:
  - Mary Ellen reported that she trained one young adult as a new Lector.
  - Joyce reported that a window in the growing room was left open after a Noon Mass and discovered by one of her “Holy Dust-Busters” on the following Monday. It was reiterated that, as a committee we determined that this was not a responsibility of the Liturgical Ministers. Fr. Mike agreed that he would talk with the Sacristan, who locks the Church after 5:30PM Mass on Saturday and Noon Mass on Sunday, and ask that person to be sure that windows are locked.
- Larry led the team in a closing prayer. Jacqueline is to prepare the closing prayer for the March Liturgy Team meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM, in the Ijamsville, Thomas T. Polk Social Hall.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30PM, in the Ijamsville, Thomas T. Polk Social Hall**