

# **Liturgy Team Report**

## **Meeting of January 11, 2010**

**Attendees: Jeff Blice, Jean Herlihy, Chris Lunsford, Deacon Larry Matheny, Mary Ellen Woehrman**

### **Notes/ Minutes:**

- **Deacon Larry opened the meeting with a prayer. Father Mike is to lead us in the opening prayer for the March Liturgy Team Meeting which is scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 in the Rev. Thomas T. Polk Social Hall. Please note the date as this meeting has been moved to the second Tuesday in March to facilitate Father Mike attending without encroaching on his day off.**
- **Bill will not be available to represent the Liturgy Team at the Parish Council meetings on the third Tuesday in January, February or March. We did not get volunteers to attend the meeting in those months. Chris will be out of town for the January meeting. If any member of the Liturgy Team would like to attend the Parish Council meeting in any of those months noted above, please let Bill know via e-mail.'**
- **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 discussion:**
  1. **February 17<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday. There should be a 7:30 Mass listed on Ash Wednesday in the Ijamsville Church.**
  2. **Knights of Columbus Fish Fries commence on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall. There will be five Fish Fires this year in lieu of six.**
  3. **There should be a Listing for Stations of the Cross on the 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in the Ijamsville Church and every Friday thereafter up to and including Good Friday.**
  4. **The Liturgy Team meeting scheduled for Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> will be switched to Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> in the Social Hall. This is to facilitate Father Mike attending the meeting with encroaching on his day off.**
  5. **On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a New Parishioner Welcome Dinner in the Social Hall.**

### **Old Business**

- **Ambry- Joyce and Father Mike were not present at the meeting so it was decided to defer further discussion on this subject until the March meeting.**

- Location and method for better storing the processional cross - Joyce was not present at the meeting so it was decided to defer further discussion on this subject until the March meeting.
- Church Etiquette and re-publish of the tri-fold – Chris indicated that nothing had been done with this since the last Liturgy Team meeting. Deacon Larry will pursue with Father Mike prior to the March Liturgy Team meeting.
- In Pew Ministry recruitment – We discussed the results from the in-pew recruitment. A suggestion was made that all of the ministry heads put together a list of potential new recruits for submission to Father Mike with the possibility that Father Mike can use his very persuasive personality in a one on one situation to improve recruitment. Deacon Larry to discuss with Father Mike.
- Fire Drill – No discussion took place in regard to this subject. Subject may need further discussion in the future.
- Father Polk picture – No additional information was available on this since the November Liturgy Team meeting.
- Emergency procedures for ushers – Chris forwarded the procedure developed by Jeff Blice to Father Mike. Chris will pursue the issue with Father Mike for the March Liturgy Team meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- Attendance at the Christmas Masses was discussed. It was agreed upon that the 4:00 PM Mass was overcrowded and difficult. Chris made the suggestion to explore going back to having two Masses at 4:00 PM and the difficulties involved in having two Masses. It was discussed how to go about securing an additional priest for the second mass in the social hall. Every attempt should be made to line up a priest as early as possible. It was suggested that a student from Mount Saint Mary's or possibly from the National Shrine could serve. Chris will investigate the possibility.
- Actions for "Year of the Priest" – Deacon Larry distributed a prayer card that we received on this subject. Mary Ellen and Jean graciously volunteered to stay after the 12:00 PM Mass to insert the prayer cards in the missoletes.
- Evangelization – We discussed the subject in regard to the responsibility of the Liturgy Team. It was agreed upon that the only requirement was for the Liturgy heads to review and revise their individual ministry description currently on the parish website. The main responsibility for Evangelization would fall under the umbrella of the Parish Council. It was also discussed that there should be an effort to find someone in the parish with good computer skills to facilitate updating either the parish website or increasing the use of social networking sites in an effort to become more current and less dependent on the current site as it is. Deacon Larry will discuss with Father Mike.
- Lent/Easter plans – We discussed and it was agreed upon that the Lenten Flyer provided by Jeff Blice and approved by the team should go out to the parish during the first week of February . It was also discussed briefly that the difficulties

encountered during the Christmas Masses would also be a consideration during Easter. No actions were suggested at this meeting for the Easter Masses. Review of schedule and EM instructions will be a topic of discussion at the March Liturgy Team meeting. The layout of the fire pit and baptismal pool was discussed also. This subject will be re-visited at the March Liturgy Team meeting.

**Ministry Reports:**

- **EM's – Jeff indicated that out of the three EM's who signed up during the in-pew recruitment, only one appears to be a real possibility for future service. This seems to be a typical situation throughout other ministries as well. Jeff also inquired as to if we will be trying to recruit a full time sacristan. Nothing was agreed upon in that regard.**
- **Deacon Larry – Larry indicated that we will have several candidates for baptism at the Vigil Mass and one candidate for Full Communion of Catholic Faith at a Mass prior to the vigil Mass.**

**Closing prayer:**

- **Deacon Larry led us in saying the Our Father as our closing prayer. It was decided not to appoint a person to be responsible for the closing prayer for the March meeting.**

**Next meeting:**

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