Liturgy Committee Meeting

April 1, 2023

Attending: Fr. Leo, Dan and Mary Ann Bradley, Connie Gibson, Deacon Tim, Therese Hebding, Deacon Roger, Joanne Donovan, Phyllis Macie, Ann McMullen

Following prayer and approval of the revised March meeting minutes, the following issues were discussed and approved:

1. Lenten Series Review
   1. Positive reviews from attendees
   2. Size of groups was small but active and committed.
2. Timing and methods for returning Mass components:
   1. Greeting by the congregation before Mass: all agreed important and should be returned. For now, cantor will begin the greeting.
   2. Announcements – move from end of Mass to beginning. For now, will hold on this change and move this forward after Easter Sunday.
   3. Restart Stewardship prayer at the beginning of Mass. Will need to orient Lectors to lead this prayer and probably to also make the announcements. This will require some preparation and will be started AFTER Easter Sunday.
   4. Use of Servers: will begin by using a family for Holy Thursday as presenters of the oils. However, overall, will begin to train adults and older children to carry the cross in and out of Mass. Will use a sign-up sheet to determine interest in being trained for this important ministry.
3. Holy Week schedule reviewed.
   1. Holy Thursday: Discussed use of servers, the washing of feet, incense use, and management of chairs used for those having their feet washed.
   2. Good Friday: Deacon’s responsibilities noted and include the use of the large wooden cross
   3. Easter Vigil: At St Patrick’s. Rehearsal at 10 a.m.; problem solving regarding lighting the outdoor fire (use of wind barriers, wick soaking in candle oil, waiting to light individual candles until well inside and not at the church door, music with Patrick and Dan as per last year. Easter Baskets will be blessed at St Patrick’s at 9:45 a.m. before the 10 a.m. rehearsal.
   4. Easter Sunday mass schedule: Deacon Roger will cover the end of 9:30 Mass at St Michaels so that Fr Leo can make the 11 a.m. Mass at St Januarius.; Per faithful support of Phyllis Macieg, Easter flowers will arrive per Thursday delivery. Fr asked for two plants at the Repository.
4. Remainder of Easter season reviewed:
   1. Earth Day: clean up of areas around the church, parish center , school, and cemetery that is being coordinated by the Stewardship committee
   2. Reconciliation services as scheduled were noted.

Respectfully submitted: Ann McMullen