Liturgy Committee Meeting

January 6, 2024

Attending: Fr Leo, Dan Bradley, Deacon Tim, Joanne Donovan, Shelly Maciejewski, Anna Hurley, Ann McMullen

Following an Epiphany prayer offered by all committee members, the following issues were discussed and recommended for implementation.

1. Teaching Mass: Rescheduled for January 20th. Fr Leo will preside with Deacon Roger providing the commentary and Dan Bradley the music.
2. Advent and Christmas liturgy was reviewed. Positives noted were the use of a white candle in the center of the Advent wreath on Christmas day, the positives of adding a cantor for the Saturday evening masses and the music during Advent, the Jesse tree, a strong showing for the Exposition and Reconciliation services, and positive feedback for the Christmas Mass schedule. 230 Blue Books were ordered in English, none in Spanish. Distributed 30 to St Patricks (9 left), 40 to St Januarius (6 left) and 160 to St Michaels (22 left). This number seems to meet current needs. 270 books will be ordered for Lent and 160 for Easter.
3. Blessing of throats on Feb 3rd after Masses at St Michaels and St Januarius. At St Januarius blessing will be before Mass.
4. Renewal of Marriage Vows will be Feb 10-11.
5. Discussion of Ash Wednesday and Lenten Projects and Programs. Reviewed and approved use of laminated cards with The Cross surrounded by a Heart. During Lent, Soup and Stations will be offered Friday evenings: 6 pm Soup, 7 pm Stations. Schedule will cover the 5 Fridays in March and early April with the three parishes, the school, Catholic Daughters, and the Knights coverage TBD. School will also have Stations every Friday at 1 p.m. during Lent. Small group Programs were reviewed and decision made to use the diocesan suggestion of “Journey through Lent-Repent and Believe in the Gospel”. Dates and times for Reconciliation Services and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Reconciliation programs were also reviewed and approved. The extensive schedule listing of Ash Wednesday and all Lenten Masses, Reconciliation Services, and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Reconciliation will be available in the Parish bulletins during this holy season.

Deacon Tim led a prayer to close the meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be February 3, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMullen