OLOL Liturgy Committee Meeting

February 3, 2024

Attending: Fr. Leo, Deacons Tim and Roger, Dan Bradley, Joanne Donovan, Shelly Maciezewski, Anna Hurley, Ann McMullen

Fr. Leo opened the meeting by leading members in participation in the prayer: Winter in all of Our Lives

Following approval of the January meeting minutes, the following agenda items were discussed:

Review of the Teaching Mass: overall favorable reviews; comments were all positive. Specific input included positive opinions about the pauses for reflection during the Mass. Discussion and agreement to schedule these at least once a year and at different times of the year. A summer mass was thought to be a good “next step”. Gratitude expressed to Fr. and Deacons for a job well done.

This weekend’s Mass will be the Feast of St. Blaise with blessing of throats at the end of Saturday Masses.

February 10th-11th Masses will include Renewal of Marriage Vows or a Blessing for married couples to be done at the end of Mass.

Discussion of Lent schedule: A careful review of all Lenten events was made with finalization of the complete OLOL schedule for Ash Wednesday, Soup and Stations, Stations of the Cross, Reconciliation, Exposition and Reconciliation, and small group meetings. This schedule will be available both in handouts as well as in each week’s Bulletin.

Brief discussion of music during Lenten Masses: less music overall, need for review of Lenten hymns before Mass begins, and use of sung Kyrie with kneeling are important.

Holy Week discussion: Easter Vigil at St Patricks at 7 p.m. March 30th. Rehearsal for readers and RCIA at 10 a.m. that morning. Blessing of the Baskets at 9:45 a.m. will also be done.

Fr. Leo led a discussion of issues our Parishl Council is facing regarding membership and participation across the parish. Both the Council and Parish committees need rejuvenation. Ideally, each committee should designate a member to serve on the Council. A commitment to serve on committees is needed across the parish. No clear solution was found at this meeting.

Deacon Tim brought an idea for a “Kids Bulletin” available at no additional cost to us and could be distributed by the ushers as parishioners leave Mass. The committee felt this was a good program. Tim will follow up with Patty Larzelere regarding this opportunity.

The meeting ended with Fr Leo blessing each committee member’s throat. The next committee meeting is March 2nd.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMullen