OLOL Liturgy Committee Meeting

August 17, 2024

Attending: Fr. Leo, Deacon Roger, Deacon Tim, Theresa Lyn, Shelley Maciejewski, Anna Hurley, Ann McMullen

Fr. Leo opened the meeting with a prayer for the repose of the soul of our dear Liturgy Committee member, Joanne Donovan. She was the faithful representative from St Patrick’s to this committee for many years and will be sorely missed.

Following acceptance of the May meeting minutes, the committee discussed the following issues:

1. Little Book orders for the coming year:

Advent: 225 (220 in English; 5 in Spanish)

Lent: 265 (260 in English; 5 in Spanish) plus 90 children’s books (Signs and Symbols)

Easter: 160 (155 in English; 5 in Spanish)

1. Remembrance Masses November 2nd and 3rd, 2024

We reviewed the schedule and procedures for these Masses and will use the same procedures and invitations to family members of our deceased parishioners as used in 2023. We will add a space on the form used to provide information on the loved one’s death for a contact email address.

1. Discussion of the Feast of All Saints and The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass schedules reviewed and discussed. We will finalize these schedules at our next meeting in September.
2. The annual OLOL Parish Report is in process and the Liturgy Committee is asked to contribute items and accompanying photographs that depict the liturgical highlights of the last year. We agreed that these will include our Jesse tree during Advent, Easter Vigil, RCIA, and Stations of the Cross. Committee members who have photos of any of these will be submitting them to Connie Murphy for consideration of including them in the report.
3. Jubilee prayer and the Year of the Jubilee 2025: We will introduce the prayer “Teach Us To Pray” at the beginning of Mass during Advent.
4. Pastoral Council Goals: Fr. Leo shared that Stewardship, Education, and Community were the goals being considered with Education identified as an area of concentration. This committee will begin to consider how this goal might be best addressed in the Liturgy. Thoughts identified included our outreach of Eucharistic ministry to the Manor and Homestead, recruitment of lectors and cantors, and the recruitment and training of altar servers.
5. Brief discussion of the daily Mass time and whether moving both masses to noon would be preferable. No decision regarding a time change was made.
6. Times of Eucharistic Adoration and the sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent were discussed. No change was made but committee members were asked to mull over possible changes for next meeting’s discussion.
7. Reconciliation Services and times during Advent were discussed. The following change was agreed upon: The Sacrament of Reconciliation with individual absolution will be offered at St Michaels on Monday Dec 23rd from 7-8 p.m. as well as Tuesday, December 24th from 11-12 noon.
8. The continuation of using the Jesse Tree during Advent was discussed. All agreed that this addition to Mass was well received and will be continued. We will review the person/symbols used at our next meeting and will hopefully be adding several new ones this year.
9. The Christmas Mass schedule was briefly discussed and no changes will be made this year.
10. Lector books to be ordered: 20; Source Books to be ordered: 4 Home with the Word books will be ordered for interested individuals. Signs and Symbols for children at St Michaels School will also be ordered. The current student and teacher count is 42.
11. Deacon Tim brought an inspirational Banner for review and discussion. Decision made to investigate cost of producing it for use in all three worship sites.

Next meeting: September 14th at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann McMullen