

JANUARY LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2012

ATTENDED: Kitty Keller, Celeste Dynski-Trumble, Judy Leone, Deacon Tom, Fr. Bob, Patty McGill, Fred LeWalter, Dee Milner, Joanne Popeck, and Mary Lionetti

PRAYER

ADVENT /CHRISTMAS REVIEW: The committee agreed to continue with the lighting of the Advent wreath next year.

The consensus was that all that was planned for the Christmas went well. The music was beautiful, the congregation was respectful, and each Mass was well attended. The following was noted:

- The Proclamation was well done. However, Celeste suggested that an explanation of what is being done and why be given to the congregation before the proclamation.
- The position of the crib was more visual for everyone this year. Joanne suggested that a backdrop be placed behind the crèche so as to highlight it more. One thought was to drape the ambo and position the crib in front of it. The drape would serve as the backdrop
- It was also suggested that Fr. Bob invite the congregation to kneel before the crib for the benefit of anyone who may not be familiar with this custom.
- While there were some problems with the Jack Frost character, it was agreed that the children were very attentive and received the message.
- It was decided that we have a technical dress rehearsal before Christmas services to minimize any potential problems with feedback, mics, etc.

CHANGES IN THE NEW LITURGY: The consensus among the committee was that people are adjusting to the changes rather well. Several members of the committee have heard parishioners say they like the educational bulletin inserts that have been provided.

It was also suggested that Fr. Bob address the congregation about bowing at the appropriate time during the Creed.

There are some practices that we have always followed but that some are still not doing. For example, one should cup his hands to receive Communion; not take it from the person distributing it. Therefore, Kitty suggested that a “Did You Know” flyer be given to the congregation with these types of reminders.

LENT: The theme will stem from the story Fr. Bob read for his homily on the feast of the Epiphany. Its theme is *HEAVEN HAS A PLAN*.

- **The Penance Service:** This has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 27 at 7:30.
ACTION: Celeste will give Marilyn the date. She will also contact Jean to see if she is available to play the music for the service.
- **FIVE SAINTS WEST LENTEN PROGRAM:** Fr. David Reed is the speaker.

The schedule is as follows:

March 4	St. Christopher's
March 5	St. Mary of the Assumption
March 6	St. Columba's
March 7	St. Vincent's

Our parish is responsible for the opening ceremony. This is on the agenda for this committee's next meeting.

ENVIRONMENT: Palms, Paschal Candles, and Advent Candles need to be ordered for next year. Dee is researching these online. Fr. Bob will check the catalogs.

MORE IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

- January 14-15--It was decided that we would honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by singing *We Shall Overcome*. The song will be sung after the announcements and Fr. Bob will introduce it.
- February 4-5—We will have the Blessing of the Throats to celebrate the feast of St. Blasé. Two people are needed to bless throats with Fr. Bob and Deacon Tom at the 4:30 Mass. One person is still needed to bless throats with Fr. Bob, Deacon Tom, and Chris McCabe at the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.
ACTION: Dee will prepare a sign-up sheet for this.
- February 26—The RCIA candidates will have the Rite of Sending at the 9:00 Mass. Also, they will be at the Cathedral on this date at 2:00.
- May 16—Our students will receive Confirmation.
- May 20—There will be a Disney Concert that is being directed by Eric.
- The committee's next meetings have been scheduled for February 6 and March 26 at 7:15.

ACTION: Celeste will give the meeting dates to Marilyn.

OTHER: The committee decided to continue with the blessing of vets on Veteran's Day Weekend next year.

ADJOURNED: 8:50 PM

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 6, 2012 AT 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lionetti