

Summary of Liturgy Committee Meeting – June 15, 2017

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

Preliminary Notes:

1. The Liturgy Committee is currently in “transition.” Committee chairperson Shawn Cefalu relocated to a different state with his family, so the committee took up the task of selecting a new chairperson(s). Prior to the selection, the committee decided to review and update the “St. Paul Liturgy Committee Charter” and the “Job Description for the Liturgy Committee Chairperson(s).” Both of these are now updated and copies are available for parishioners to see on the parish website, www.stpaulchurch.org.
2. The current members of the Liturgy Committee are: Marian Bermudez, Erin Bohne, Chris Ceccoli, Jerry Hettel, Denise Missler, Msgr. Ken Morman, Mark Niese, Marcia Roth, Fr. Paul Schreiner, John Schumm, Betty Smith, Jim Walker, and Anna Weisenberger.

Meeting Agenda Items:

A. Opening Prayer – Summer Warmth

B. Development – Finish At the Supper of the Lamb, pp. 139-160

The Liturgy Committee engages in ongoing education/formation in different areas of liturgy to ensure that all members are current in their understanding of liturgical topics. For the past two years, members have been reading and discussing, At the Supper of the Lamb: A Pastoral and Theological Commentary on the Mass, by Fr. Paul Turner. This book helped us understand and appreciate the depth of our Eucharistic liturgy, prepare better liturgies, and evaluate our faith community’s celebration of the Mass.

C. Proposed Development Study for 2017-2018

After some discussion, the members chose their next area of study: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Members will read and discuss this liturgical document to better understand the purpose and process of Christian initiation of adults for our parish. “The people of God, as represented by the local church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized.” (RCIA # 9) This means all of us must help the candidates and catechumens throughout the entire process! How do we do this? The committee members will explore this further throughout the year and keep you posted!

D. Review of Revised Charter for Liturgy Committee and discuss Job Description for Liturgy Committee Chairperson(s)

Marian Bermudez and Mark Niese were elected co-chairpersons by the committee members and will co-chair the Liturgy Committee beginning in August, 2017. (See Preliminary Notes, # 1, above for other details).

E. Calendar of Events for 2017- 2018

1. Members discussed a few upcoming dates. Some are still pending, but several are already set.
2. “Back to Church Sunday” – September 2-3; “Mass of Celebration & Gratitude” – Wednesday, September 27; “Eucharistic Devotions” – October 15, 16, 17

F. Liturgical Ministry Reports – none given at this meeting

Ministry Reports are usually given at each meeting. The nine current areas of liturgical ministry reported on are:

Eucharistic Ministry (at Mass and to the Sick/Homebound); Lectors; Hospitality Team (comprised of Ushers and Hosts); Altar Servers (both youth and adult); Musicians (choirs, cantors, instrumentalists); Mass Coordinators; Art and Environment Ministers; Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults; Liturgy of the Word with Children

G. Other

Marian gave an update about the Chairperson’s Meeting held on June 6, 2017, and facilitated by Pat Krause and Lisa Hedrick. Liturgical ministries were well represented at the meeting. The topic of “Evangelization” was discussed. All of us are called to the work of evangelization, not just “those people over there”! Evangelization is “paying attention to people.” It is proclaiming the Gospel with my life! St. Francis of Assisi said, “Preach the Gospel at all times; use words, if necessary.”

Submitted by: Marian Bermudez and Mark Niese