

St. Paul Prayer & Worship Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 25, 2016

Members Present: Fr. Chuck Wrobel, Fr. Ralph Gross, Peggy Kolonko, Rita Borowski, Marcy Dunlap, Dave Gergen, Anne Schultz, Mark Sanderson, Linda Varner and Michele Varick.

Rita Borowski opened the meeting with a prayer.

The committee shared positive feedback regarding Christmas celebrations. There were plenty of ministers at all masses, decorations were well received and choirs were outstanding. The 4:00pm Mass was well attended with approximately 1250 in attendance.

Lent: Ash Wednesday Masses will take place at 7:00 pm at both St. Paul's and St. Bruno's on February 10th. St. Paul's will have an appropriate compliment of ushers, sacristans, servers, Eucharistic and ash ministers.

There are many opportunities Parish-wide for spiritual growth throughout the Lenten Season. Mary Kral has organized the distribution of the book, *Rediscover Jesus*, by Matthew Kelly. Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday at 6:30pm at St. Paul's and 7:00pm at St. Bruno's.

Dave Gergen will be organizing a 24 hour Adoration to begin on Wednesday, February 24th at 9:00am. Dave will obtain volunteers and also contact John Shanahan to involve the school children.

Communal Reconciliation will take place on Tuesday, March 01, 7:00pm at St. Bruno's.

Strategic Initiative: No new report

Ministry Updates

- **Servers** – Masses are being consistently filled with two servers. SignUpGenius is still the best way of scheduling, will continue to encourage more children to participate.
- **Lectors** – The schedule is set through March 20th, 2016. Anne has received volunteers for Holy week and will confer with Peggy before scheduling. Anne also complimented Rose Mary McCarthy for her commitment to the youth lectors for 5:00pm Mass.
- **Eucharistic Ministers** – Going well. Nancy will email volunteers to clarify whether or not they are still interested in being part of the ministry (many are still on the list and do not reply to emails or volunteer).
- **Sacristans** – Edna Stephens has retired but is still helping as needed. One new sacristan has been added and is available for any mass.
- **Music Ministry** – Choirs are all going well.
- **Art & Environment** – Jean Lindemeyer was not present but did request the use of the purple cloth to cover all the windows in the Church during Lent. Fr. Chuck suggested possibly using the cloth on some of the windows and will discuss further with Jean.
- **Greeters & Ushers** – No reports

Open Topic: Peggy shared with the committee, *A Vision of the Future: Evangelization and the Sunday Mass*. It is part of the Synod initiative with key principles of Sunday is our day of worship, Hospitality and Companionship. Peggy will obtain copies for all committee members to read in further detail.

Mark led the committee with a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 29th, 6:30pm at St. Paul's.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Varick

