4-24-17 IC Worship Commission Meeting

Present- Jim Viola, Mary Pat Tyson, Paul Taviani, Peg Cello, Maria Wilbert, Mary Lou Rafferty, Lisa Grisolia, Joyce Callahan

Meeting started with Faith Sharing from the upcoming Sunday Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

There was no Parish Council meeting this month, so no PC update.

We discussed Easter Week Masses, all were well attended. Saturday’s Easter Vigil was a little lighter but still well attended. People loved the harp at the Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration.

We agreed the 9:30am Easter Sunday Mass time worked well logistically. Also, visitors praised the appearance of the Church!

Regarding the Easter Vigil Procession, we discussed having an Usher or 2 available to keep people off the street and out of the way of the procession.

We raised the question, should we continue to have 1 Ministry Sunday? Or have 5 Ministry Sundays, one for each Commission?

Ministry Sunday is scheduled for May 20/21.

This Sunday there will be announcements and people available in the Narthex to answer questions about the new Parish App for smartphones.

This Sunday will also be Hospitality Sunday with donuts and coffee in Plunkett Hall after the 7:30am and 9:00am Masses. Worship Commission will have a table in Plunkett Hall after the 2 Masses to answer questions and promote the different Ministries. Maria will print an information page to provide to Parishioners. Steve Hillsman, Mary Pat, Joyce, and Darlene Cozzi will man the tables.

Maria had the idea of having a permanent banner for the Worship Commission to put on tables for events where we can promote the Ministries of the Worship Commission.

We also discussed having each of the 5 Commissions sponsor and run a Hospitality Sunday to promote their Ministries and try to increase membership. Mary Pat and Paul will bring this up at Parish Council for approval and ideas.

Regarding Hour of Prayer, we talked about simplifying it to include Adoration, Prayer, maybe a Rosary, and Reconciliation. We also discussed 2 different options for frequency of Hour of Prayer. Idea 1- Have 2 Hour of Prayer events during a year and 2 Taize events in the year and alternate quarter to quarter.

Idea 2- Have 4 Hour of Prayer events and 2 Taize events in a year. We decided to further discuss this at the next WC Meeting. Lisa said that October and February are best for her for Taize.

Maria already started recruiting 8th graders for Liturgical Ministries! She sent a letter to all 8th graders in ICGE and ICRE a couple days ago and we are all hoping for good response. We should need a training in June to accommodate new Ministers.

For training new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Peg offered the dates of Tuesday 6/13 and Saturday 6/17. She will check with Tom Kaiser and Fr. Chris.

We will follow up with Fr. Chris about progress with the Altar Server Coordinator position.

Maria said that new to the Altar Server Ministry, all 6th Graders in GS and RE will be trained to be Altar Servers. This will help keep a large number of servers through 8th grade. Their parents are also sent a letter encouraging them to serve in a Liturgical Ministry during the same Mass as their child.

Next Worship Commission Meeting is Monday May 15.

Next Leadership Night is Monday June 5.