



Liturgy Commission Summary Notes
Queen of Angels Parish – St. Benedict Room 10-15-2014

Liturgy Commission Members

- Fr. Dennis Robb, *Pastor*
 - Cathy Wiswell, *Liturgy Coordinator*
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- Ron Andris, SJ
 - Kim Bennett, SJ
 - Linda Gavin, SJ
 - Denise McClain, QA *Music Liaison*
 - Jackie Middaugh, SJ
 - Jan Morgan, QA
 - Suzanne Ryan, QA
 - Vern Smith, SJ
 - Lorenz Sollmann, QA
 - Marci Thomsen, QA
 - Donna Wiese, QA

Members Absent

- Ann Marie Henninger, QA

The meeting was started by Fr. Robb at 6:30pm. There was 1 guest in attendance.

I. Introductions

- a. Each member gave a short personal bio, home parish and general comments.

II. Function of the Liturgy Commission

- a. To give ideas for various liturgical seasons, including Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time.
- b. To assist with planning and implementation of special liturgical/devotional events that are decided upon by the Commission.
- c. To review ideas put forth in the parish Listening Sessions that pertain to liturgy.
- d. To review ministry guidelines.

III. Advent

- a. Sundays of Advent
 - i. Entrance procession in both parishes to include Advent Candle bearers who will proceed to wreath and put lit candle in holder.
 - ii. Each week additional Advent Candle bearers walk in procession so that by the 4th Sunday, all 4 candles are in procession.
 - iii. Processional music to be instrumental. First sung thing is the Responsorial Ps.
 - iv. **Blessing of the Wreath** takes place at Saturday Vigil Mass 1st Sunday of Advent (11/29/14). Takes place after procession is complete and priest does welcome.
 - v. **Action item:** Families to be recruited for each Mass for the 4 Sundays.
 - **Donna Wiese** to procure families for QA – List to Cathy by 11/21
 - **Kim Bennett (?)** working to procure families for SJ – List to Cathy by 11/21
- b. Special Blessings
 - i. Provide a variety of special blessings for families to use throughout the Advent season.
 - ii. Put blessings on the back of the Advent Schedule in the bulletin.
 - iii. **Action item:** Denise & Kim will compile the blessings and provide to office.

- c. Advent Darkness – Coordinator: Lorenz Sollmann
 - i. Continue at QA as we’ve done in previous years.
 - ii. Commission members from SJ to be involved in planning/implementing at QA this year so can plan/implement at SJ next year.
 - iii. Consider a single afternoon of ‘scaled down’ Advent Darkness at SJ this year, perhaps on Gaudete Sunday.
 - iv. Better promotion to parishes – bulletin, posters, etc.
 - v. Possible invitation/instruction to parishioners – consider brief presentation at all the weekend Masses on Christ the King Sunday (11/23).

IV. Christmas

- a. Readings for all Masses will be for *Midnight Mass*.
- b. Christmas Eve late Masses (9:00pm both parishes)
 - i. Christmas carols end 5 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
 - ii. **Action item:** Denise McClain - worship aid for this Mass (both parishes)
 - iii. We begin in darkness: church lights are turned off at the start time of Mass.
 - Ushers with flashlights.
 - Sacristan/usher poised at light switches: 1) Xmas tree lights; 2) for the nave.
 - Servers poised to light altar candles and candelabra.
 - iv. Lector at ambo with pen-light starts Mass by reading the Prologue of St. John’s Gospel. (*There are no Mass announcements at this Mass.*)
 - 2 altar servers light the altar candles when lector proclaims “*the light shines in the darkness....*” Lector pauses as lighting begins.
 - Lector continues Prologue and servers make way to light candelabra at side altars.
 - Once all candles in sanctuary are lit, Xmas tree lights go on.
 - Ending of Prologue should coincide with tree lights going on.
 - v. Cantor from the choir loft sings the Entrance Antiphon. Candle bearers in procession now light their candles.
 - vi. At the completion of the Antiphon, the processional hymn begins.
 - vii. As procession proceeds toward sanctuary, the lights of the nave are turned on slowly, one bank at a time from back to front. Church is fully lit up when presider gets to his chair.

V. Photography

- a. Recruit a parishioner in each parish to take photos of set-up for special liturgies: for archives but also as a record of how we set things up so we can refer to it each year.

VI. Ideas for next year

- a. “Candles & Carols” – at Epiphany have all the choirs come together for caroling; sanctuary lit up with candles.

VII. Music Subcommittee

- a. Meeting will take place within the next month.
- b. Goal – go through the Mass parts (i.e. service music) with musicians.
- c. Goal – use a common repertoire.

VIII. Resource Manual – *Sourcebook 2015* will be purchased for all members.

IX. **Closing Prayer & Blessing** led by Father Dennis Robb.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 20th 6:30pm St. Joseph Parish – Classroom 2

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Wiswell.