

Liturgy Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 2, 2009; 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Dan Morris, Mary Lou Caldwell, Mary Ellen Hennig, Mabel Hoffman, Ed Johnson, Janice LaMotte, Cynthia Rohrs-Carter, Totsie Taylor

Absent: Cecilia Chang, Tom Kemnitz, Dick Sherman

Prayer: Dan had prepared a prayer to the Holy Trinity for everyone to say together. (Feast of the Most Holy Trinity was that coming weekend, June 7.)

Review of Past Events:

Ministry Faire on May 31st was well done, but not many people came to visit it.

Dick Sherman will be contacting all people who signed up for a ministry.

Suggestion: to do an initial assessment (possibly online) to help direct people to a ministry.

Suggestion: try to do continual signups for ministries.

Suggestion: tell all adult members of the parish that they should do at least one thing to help the parish, in one of the ministries.

Suggestion: for people in ministries to wear nametags with their name and ministry, and for them to make a point to talk to others before/after Mass. (Several people decided to deliberately find someone they didn't know to talk to at the coffee time after Masses, and strike up a conversation - ask them about themselves, etc. The personal contact seems to be most effective.)

June 7, Trinity Sunday:

For the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, incense could be used at the Masses.

The members of the liturgy committee thought it would be appropriate to have a baptism on some liturgical feasts (such as Trinity Sunday). Someone could make a list of the days throughout the year when a baptism could be done. Father Chady would like to have consistency with the baptisms. He will discuss this with Father Greg. The people who are doing baptism preparation need to know of any changes or alternatives in baptism scheduling.

June 14, Corpus Christi - Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ:

Possibility - that newly ordained Father Allen (who is celebrating the 11 a.m. Mass) could have a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. That is his Mass of Thanksgiving, and there will be several concelebrants. The procession could be at the end of Mass, and could proceed around the inside of the church, or outside. The appropriate posture of the congregation as the Blessed Sacrament passes by is to kneel. (Since the meeting, Dan discovered that the procession as we had planned it was not allowed because of official church rulings, so it did not take place.) Following the Mass, there will be a reception for Father Allen in the community center (organized by Mabel Hoffman). A flyer about the Mass and reception will be in the bulletin.

June 21, Father's Day and Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

There will be a special blessing for fathers at the end of each Mass.

June 28, End of the Year of St. Paul and Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

June 29th (Monday) is the feast of Saints Peter and Paul. We could put the picture of Saint Paul in the sanctuary, as we had done at the beginning of the Year of Saint Paul.

July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

This is Fourth of July weekend. It is preferable to have just one patriotic song - as a recessional. "America the Beautiful" would be an appropriate recessional.

August 15, (Saturday) Feast of the Assumption of Mary:

August 15 (Saturday) is not a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. Mary Ellen volunteered to take care of the music (but has since discovered that she will be out of town). The 10 a.m. Mass will be the only Mass celebrating this feast day, as the 5:00 Saturday evening Mass will be the regular liturgy for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

September 8, (Tuesday) Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Perhaps something special can be done at the morning 8:30 Mass.

September 18, Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino:

It will be celebrated on **Sunday, September 13.**

At the 11:00 Mass, the liturgy of the feast day of St. Joseph of Cupertino can be used.

Possibility: have a procession of the small statue of St. Joseph of Cupertino and put on a table in the sanctuary with flowers, etc. (Totsie would like to carry the statue.)

Need: special prayer/feast day blessing for the parish.

Need: special petitions at the prayers of the faithful.

Sing "Prayer of St. Francis" since St. Joseph of Cupertino was a Franciscan.

There is need for a food committee, probably dividing it up into ethnic groups.

Possibility: have a parade over to the statue of St. Joseph of Cupertino outside after Mass. Decorate that area around the statue.

Possibility: have a special parish song (?)

Possibility: have a parish talent show (during the reception).

September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Catechetical Sunday.

October:

First weekend of October is the SJC carnival.

October is the month to take the head-count during all Masses. The numbers are sent to the diocese.

Miscellaneous:

1. **Pentecost:** Suggestion that the procession which was done at the 9:30 Mass this year (with pole/ribbons, etc.) be done at all the Masses.
2. **Bulletin:** suggestion - to have a "pastor's corner".
Revitalizing the bulletin can be a project for the communications committee.
3. **Funerals:** how to best inform the parish about an upcoming funeral.
Ed can put it on the parish calendar online. (Any announcements about those who are sick, who have died, funerals, etc., must come from Father Greg, as he must have the permission of the family.)
4. **Coffee and Donuts:** Janice reported that donations to cover the costs of the coffee and donuts are inadequate. Also, she is considering asking each of the ministries to sponsor a hospitality (coffee and donut) time, including covering the costs of the food and drink, and putting out displays advertising their ministry.
5. **Sharing our faith:** Everyone agreed that it is important to share our faith in a personal way with others - need to brainstorm ways and times we can do this. Several people at the meeting spoke about how personal conversations or hearing/giving testimonials made a big impact on their lives.
6. **Coming late and leaving early:** Perhaps something can be said by presiders (at a time when everybody is there - not at the beginning or end of Mass!) Rather than a "scolding," it could emphasize the importance and beauty of each part of Mass - not just an "obligation" to get over with, or attendance at only the minimum required (the fallacy of the old notion of the "3 essential parts of the Mass").
7. **Sound system:** John Niedermaier has offered to pay for a new sound system for the church, as our present microphone system, especially for the musicians, is inadequate. Dan has some suggestions. Also, the people who wire up the cemetery (Guitar Showcase) have a lot of expertise in this area.
8. **Young Adults:** The young adults are being incorporated into all the ministries: Dick Sherman is scheduling them as lectors, they are participating in the music at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, and Father Chady is training two to be Communion ministers. (ushering too?) Also, the young adult group participated in the Ministry Faire.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11 at 7:00 in the rectory

Please let Dan know of any items you would like on the agenda.
Please bring your Sourcebook, and look over the chapters on August and September. Thank you.