Liturgy Commission Meeting - April 10th, 2018

Attendance
Carol Abel
Berta Alvarado
Matthew Anderson
Michael Burgo
Joe Costantino
Strad Engler
Mary Lou von Euw
Robert Hsiung
Jackie Regan
Rita Rodriguez
Carol Russo

Earth Day: Sunday, April 22nd
- Collaboration with Climate Change Subcommittee of the Peace, Justice and Reconciliation Commission
  - Their subcommittee met today, April 10th
- Petition drive with letter to be published in the bulletin and, potentially, as a Constant Contact
  - To be distributed to students at the School of Theology and Ministry
- Outline for an Eco-retreat with suggestions for the Sunday Liturgy
- Ways to include the Earth Day theme
  - Prayers of the Faithful, Kyrie, Announcement, Music, Decor
  - Suggestions are offered by the USCCB
- Create themes to celebrate creation in the liturgies and engaging in practical ways to answer Pope Francis’ call in Laudato Si to Care for Creation.
- Ecological Examen developed by the Ignatian Solidarity Network.
- Sign-up sheet with a letter urging the Archdiocese to devote resources to build on Cardinal O’Malley’s initiative to make the Laudato Si Pledge a reality in all parishes.

Review of Lent through Easter Sunday
Taizé Services
- Eric was great about doing the decor and setup
- Attendance was a bit lessened compared to the Advent Taize services

Reconciliation Service
- Important to do one during Advent and Lent
- Different peoples attended each
- Could use even more priests but lack additional space for hearing more confessions
- STM and BC Campus Ministry used to offer reconciliation services - they were happy to send students to the parish reconciliation service

Holy Thursday
- In future, would be good to sing Penitential Rite
- In future, sing the Gospel Acclamation after the Gospel is proclaimed while book is being moved
- Need new towels - too big for Washing of the Feet
- Set up for Holy Thursday - should have cups and falgons for Good Friday ready to go
- At the rehearsal, make sure to take photos of how the altar is to be set up
  - Would be helpful for Priests/Deacons
- Would need to communicate what will be in Spanish vs. English so that the printed programs can facilitate understanding
- When scheduling Eucharistic ministers, make sure they’re comfortable working with bread
- Make sure the ministers are aware they’re to double as hospitality ministers: make sure that people receive programs

Good Friday
- A large number of excess bread was consecrated on Thursday - too much to be consumed
  - Too many Eucharistic ministers scheduled for the numbers of celebrants
- Currently three Stations of the Cross services
  - Desire to include a Seven Last Words service
  - At a Jesuit University with theologians, this would offer an opportunity for others to preach - Ecumenical bent - people from other denominations
Proposed Schedule
- Children’s Stations - 11:30am
- Seven Last Words - 1 to 3pm
  - At its core, a service of reflection and reading - no music
  - Big tradition in Latin America
- Stations of the Cross - 3pm
- Tabernacle behind the Altar: should always be covered since it doesn’t function as a tabernacle
- Feedback: a Jesuit missed hearing “Jesus, Remember Me” following the Passion Reading

Easter Vigil
- Could the blessing of the food take place earlier in the day? Perhaps 10am - would help facilitate setup
- Decorating went well - had gotten new people who were enthusiastic and very willing to help as needed - people took responsibility and pride in their work
- When the fire is lit and the Easter Vigil candle is lit, and the fire goes out and “Light of Christ” is sung, make a point that that light is the only light in the church
  - People had tapers lit and the fire was still going when the “Light of Christ” acclamation was sung
  - The Easter candle should be the source and only light in the church
- Joe will use the Roman Missal as opposed to a binder - would be more user-friendly for Joe
- In future, sing the Alleluia after the Gospel is read
- Ask people to stand during the Litany of the Saints - include a note in the program for people to stand
- Reserved seating was not necessarily observed
- Exploring the idea of doing an open-ended confirmation to take place for baptized Christians from other denominations, as people are ready, as various Sunday liturgies - as opposed at the Easter Vigil
- Longer descriptions of the candidates
  - potentially takes away from their new identity in Christ
  - Interesting to learn about their faith journeys
  - To capture, in a couple of sentences, why they want to become part of the community
- The reception was very well done
  - Needed help with trash at the end of the evening

Easter Sunday
- The schedule is good - the additional masses are needed
- How do we deal with people saving seats especially after mass has started
- Explore live streaming on the television screens in the choir/media room in order to provide more overflow seating

Liturgical Retreat: Saturday, April 14th

Upcoming Liturgies
- Choral Evening Prayer - Wednesday, May 9th - Upper Church
- Ascension - Thursday, May 10th
  - In the Lower Church
  - STM is not meeting for mass that day
- Pentecost Sunday, Sunday, May 20th - Bilingual Mass
  - Joe and Victor will be celebrating jointly
- Looking ahead to Triduum rehearsal dates - would prefer not to be held on Sundays

Parish Scheduling Software
- Would prefer not to include the bread bakers in that schedule
- Will be looking at alternative minister scheduling software

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 8th