

Liturgy Commission Meeting - November 8th, 2018

Attendance

- Berta Alvarado
- Matthew Anderson
- Joe Costantino
- Strad Engler
- Eric Haydel
- Rita Rodriguez
- Carol Russo
- Mary Lou von Euw
- Patricia Williams

Day of Liturgical Ministers

- Saturday, December 1st
 - Outline
 - Coffee: 8:30am
 - Program: 9-12, upper church (after 11:30am, program is downstairs to facilitate 12pm baptisms)
 - Lunch: 12pm
- “Celebrate Eucharist”
 - Michael to send information/sign up instructions to current ministers
 - Matthew to send information/sign up instructions to music ministers
 - Info to run in the bulletin

Liturgical Practices

- Kneeling vs. Standing during Eucharistic Prayer
 - Yet to be discussed with the Pastoral Council; will be revisited

Women's Panel and response

- Looking to the Pastoral Council to generate programming ideas with the goal that this is a parishioner-driven parish; not a pastor-driven parish
- Could we pull in the spirit from that session into our liturgical practices?
 - There's a sense of urgency that needs to be translated into our liturgy
 - “We hear and are responding to frustration”
 - “Do something, something different”
 - Where, in the liturgy, can we find ways to respond to this?
 - Is there an opportunity during the opening announcements, the Penitential Rite,, the prayers of the faithful, after the prayer after communion?
 - Very much want to hear other voices
- Preaching/Reflections
 - Not everyone is trained to preach; there's a difference between a witness talk and a homily
 - Want to work on it; want to do it right
 - There are people in the parish with the theological sensibility and training to preach
 - Can be intimidating even for our transitional deacons
 - Joe has a meeting with Stefano, STM doctoral student to discuss a group that would occasionally preach in the parish
 - Sr. Diane is gathering a weekend of women religious preaching - Sunday, November 18th

- Good Friday Liturgy - could have a lay preacher, or a lay celebrant
 - Helps break some of the mould about how people think about their leadership
 - Could use smaller steps - a powerful way to include lost voices
 - Advent: Penitential Rite
 - Christmas: reflection of parental love/Holy Family
- Sunday Eucharist: scripted celebration yet we bring to it who we are
 - We want people to have a voice; yet many don't get involved
 - Image of table as fellowship
 - For some, St. Ignatius, St. Cecilia's, and the Paulist Center are the last stop
 - For people who are addicted to anger and fear: where does their conversion take place?
 - All have a place at the table; not everything that is said has a place at the table
 - The bishops lost the voice of the Gospel and began to speak the voice of lawyers, or legality, and of fear
- For the Commission: compose your thoughts into how we can implement this in Lent
 - We need to have ways to involve, have people buy in to seasonal themes
 - Announcements, bulletin articles, etc...

Guidelines for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

- In general, allow for fluidity: in uncertain circumstances, take the lead from the mass coordinator; certain presiders will insist on certain practices
- A final draft will come out after the liturgical workshop; some changes may be suggested and implemented regarding lectors, eucharistic ministers

Liturgies

- Canonization of Blessed Oscar Romero
 - Sunday, March 24th: follow up film night featuring a documentary of Romero's life; Kathy Maher is organizing
 - Peter Gyves offered an excellent homily
- Thursday, November 22nd - Thanksgiving Day - 10am, Upper Church
 - Michael has the schedule for Thanksgiving
 - Signs are posted seeking ministers
- Sunday, December 2nd - First Sunday of Advent - Cycle C
- Saturday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception - 10am Upper Church; with music
- Sunday, December 9th - Second Sunday of Advent/Feast of Guadalupe - 12pm bilingual mass
 - Mary Elizabeth Hooker and Ann Morello are unavailable to coordinate that liturgy; subs to be determined
 - Caesar and Rodrigo are celebrating/preaching
 - Discussion of making the lunch afterward more simple
- Tuesday, December 18th - Advent Reconciliation Service
- Tuesday, December 25th - Christmas
 - 4pm Family Mass, 6pm Parish Mass
- Tuesday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - 10am, Upper Church

Parish Scheduling Software

- Family Mass is not participating the software scheduling at this time
- Thanksgiving is being scheduled as an ad-hoc event; pilot of that program
- Strad will be easing out at the end of the year; Michael will be taking that over
- Schedules to be published in three month intervals
- Exposed a lot of gaps in our minister coverage; we need more ministers!