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!