Liturgy Commission Meeting - December 5th, 2017

Attendance:
- Amy Doherty
- Berta Alvarado
- Carol Russo
- Joe Costantino
- Mary Elizabeth Hooker
- Matthew Anderson
- Michael Burgo
- Strad Engler

Eucharistic Bread Baking
- Guidelines and recipe for baked bread are complete
- Information has been disseminated to the bakers
- Meat tenderizers are being distributed to bakers as they arrive
- Spanish mass bread baking training will take place in January
- Trying to achieve clarity to know when bread is unacceptable
  - Unacceptable bread requires immediate intervention
- Easter Day, and Christmas masses with the exception of Midnight will utilize hosts

New Minister Training
- Need to create a procedure of knowing who has been trained and ready to serve
  - We need to follow be sure to schedule new ministers once they are trained
- Perhaps a system of “shadowing” current ministers would help train to ministers

Minister Scheduling
- A centralized program would give an overview of gaps in scheduling
  - e.g. Ministry Scheduler Pro, a commercial product
    - Money could be allocated in the parish budget
  - Desire to include a bread baking schedule

Review of Liturgical Handbooks
- To potentially include a reflection of the meaning and purpose of the various ministries:
  - What is a eucharistic minister? What is a lector?
  - Such information could be included on the parish website
- The handbooks should be practical: get here and do this...
To be translated in Spanish

Inventory of Liturgical Vessels
- Ongoing inventory to help address the recurring statements: “We don’t have this,” “We don’t have that”
- Strad expressed an interest in evaluation our current inventory

Past and Upcoming Liturgies
- Thanksgiving Day Liturgy: small but respectable crowd
- Advent, First Sunday: 12.3
  - Desire to encourage Eric to explain his design choices - perhaps in parish bulletin, parish website
- Taizé Prayer Evening: 12.4, 12.11, 12.18
  - Positive reaction with recent visual redesign
  - Candles were better
  - Icon was visible
- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 12.8
  - How do we communicate to the regular downstairs ministers that we’re upstairs that day?
- Our Lady of Guadalupe 12.12
  - Bilingual Mass featuring the Rite of Acceptance at 12pm Mass
  - Jackie Reagan will be shepherding the RCIA people
  - Printed programs will be available
  - Prayers of the Faithful to alternate Spanish and English
  - Desire to have a bilingual speaker: perhaps Elena
  - Targeting the families of the Rite of Acceptance to bring forward the gifts
  - Reception to follow the mass

Christmas Ministry Scheduling
- Christmas Eve Masses - Sunday
  - Morning Upper: 8:00am, 10:00am Lower: 12:00pm (Spanish)
  - Evening Upper: 4:00pm, 6:00pm, Midnight
- Christmas Day Masses - Monday
  - Upper: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Future Planning
- Mary, Mother of God 1.1
- Epiphany 1.7
- Lent Ash Wednesday 2.14
- Lenten Reflection and Prayer Event - in process

- A desire to rename the Book of the Dead: “Book of Resurrection and Life”