Liturgy Commission Meeting - January 9th, 2018

Attendance:
- Amy Doherty
- Mary Elizabeth Hooker
- Matthew Anderson
- Strad Engler
- Mary Lou von Euw
- Carol Russo

Mass Coordinators
- In process, a list of coordinators for each weekend liturgy

Past Liturgies
- Be sure to communicate when a change takes place to the weekend mass schedule
- For example, the 12pm Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Advent
  - even though the card went out and was advertised in the bulletin, still had a fair amount of people who were unaware of the change in the schedule
  - Suggestion made to advertise on the doors of the church on that particular day

Christmas Eve Pageant Mass
- Suggestion made to have people sit during the Pageant - perhaps an announcement for the celebrant to make
- Positive reaction to moving the Pageant to the 4
  - seems like a more reasonable timing for families with young children
  - Would require discussion with the Family Mass community
- “Overflow” Mass idea positively received
  - would ideally start after 4 - say, 4:15
- Suggestion made to advertise a “Pageant Mass” and a “quieter” mass downstairs
  - “Building” up the decorating to Christmas was very appreciated
    - The decorating scheduling was appreciated

Bilingual Epiphany
- Implementation was seamless: Berta and Rita’s presence at liturgy meetings has helped facilitate such smooth bilingual liturgies

Taize Prayer
- Battery operated candles for Taize were well received
- Set up and take down were both easier

Minster Scheduling
- Given the parameters, a centralized scheduling system for coordinators, lectors, eucharistic ministers could be a good thing
  - Such a system facilitates allowing ministers to be scheduled for masses outside of their “usual” mass
  - Helps break down “silos”
  - Important for the congregation to see many different faces
• Tim is taking over scheduling for the 5:30
• Suggestion was made using Ash Wednesday a trial run for such a centralized system
  ○ If that goes well, using that system to schedule for Holy Week

*Green, laminated card in the pews that promotes “Liturgy at St. Ignatius”*
• Is that something we need to update to reflect our current practices?
• Is that something for the Liturgy Commission to review?
• Works in conjunction our charism, our sense of hospitality, especially given that we have many
  visitors celebrate with us
• An ongoing discussion

*Lectors Workbooks*
• The question was posed: are people using them still?
  ○ Many people do, many people use online resources
  ○ The workbooks are still valuable resources - in terms of explanations, background

*Liturgy Day/Evening for Ministers*
• Considering moving it post-Lent to a Saturday morning
• A good program to offer in Easter when we’re experiencing a “lull” in programming
• Target date: Saturday, April 28th

*Eucharistic Minister Training*
• Current situation: receive a handbook, read it over
  ○ Proposed improvement: “Shadowing” an established minister
    ▪ Would help solve the problem of multiple, small minister trainings - currently
      Chris Darcy, et al. offer ad hoc training sessions for small numbers of people
  ○ Could then lead to large group “refreshers”

*Liturgical Vessel Inventory*
• in process

*Liturgical Minister Reflection*
• Suggestion made for commission to facilitate preparation and reflection work for ministers on a
  weekly basis; perhaps based upon the Sunday scripture readings
• Questions for such a reflection group to consider:
  ○ How do we prepare, spiritually, to be liturgical ministers?
  ○ What are our own personal experiences in preparing to serve?
  ○ How do we facilitate those conversations and help ministers share with one another
    between liturgical ministers?
• Our role: to help facilitate a conversation amongst various ministers about their ministry and how
  they prepare

*Collecting Palms to make Ashes for Ash Wednesday*
• Requires a bulletin announcement and big baskets to be placed in the church for several weeks
  before Ash Wednesday
• Possibility of a ritual palm burning to take place after a Sunday mass? To ask Joe
Theme for Lent
- From whom does this theme (if it does) originate?
  - From studying the scriptures?
- Should it incorporate how Eric decorates the church?
  - Desire expressed that Eric talk, in the bulletin, about his decorating choices to educate the parish about how we celebrate Liturgy

Lenten Examen
- Feedback from last year: if we continue a Lenten Examen, they should be shorter than last year’s
- This is a discussion to be had with the parish clergy

Mass Announcements
- Received feedback that they’re getting too long
  - Suggestion made and accepted to omit the names of the liturgical ministers
    - Creates a hierarchy of who’s included/who’s not
  - Recommendation is made to announce only the presider and the deacon, if present
  - Recommendation that announcements should point to the bulletin, not merely duplicate what’s in the bulletin
    - More urgent announcements are for those things that are for immediate attention: collections at the end of mass, a speaker at the end of mass
    - Desire to tighten up the donation announcement after the prayers of the faithful

Easter Vigil Reception
- The past incarnation of the reception has led to a lot of work at 10pm at night
  - Is there still a hospitality committee?
    - If so, and they’re willing to do it, let them figure it out
- No desire to make a reception feel obliged because that’s happened in the past
- Is the purpose to welcome the Catechumens/Candidates?
  - If so, would simple “punch and cookies” would suffice