

Worship Commission Minutes

3/10/2026

Members present: Sharon Fitzgerald, Deacon Tony Abts, Connie Brandt, Kathy Wolff, Father Tom, Mike Collom, Lynn Collom, Angela Packard, Diane Kahlscheuer, Mary Gomoll

Opening Prayer: Shirley couldn't make it. We all said an Our Father, a Hail Mary, and a Glory Be.

Old business:

- **Minutes:** Connie moved to approve the Feb. minutes, Deacon Tony seconded

- **Review of Lent so far:**
 - **Mission** – We didn't have a headcount, but more than half of Baileys Harbor was filled. Mother Mary Catherine spoke the first night on the process of Lectio Divina, with younger nuns speaking the other two nights. More people seemed to attend each night. Following the mission presentation on the third evening, the St. Mary of the Lake Sodality and the Worship Commission hosted a nice fellowship reception. Overall, it was a very good experience.

 - **Stations** – Because they couldn't find enough of the Pope Francis books for the 40 people in attendance on March 6th, Deacon Tony had to use the old Station books. The old booklets have small print and were difficult to read. Barb Hinnendael played and George Freeman sang last week, and it was very nice.

Deacon Tony suggested that we need to invest in more books that are easy to read. Larger books came from Magnificat, but Tony only could find 2. The Pope Francis books also have large enough print, but we only can find 23. Tony will investigate options and place an order. Connie suggested that if Worship doesn't have the budget to buy new booklets, one of our parish organizations, such as CCW, could donate the money.

It was suggested that there was a good turnout because of the fish dinner following.

- **Envelopes for Easter flowers** – are going out on the entryway tables this weekend with announcements and a bulletin blurb for the next few weeks.

- **From February meeting: “Palm Sunday 2025”** –
 - Father Tom will choose a version of Matthew’s Passion Gospel to be used by the congregation for Palm Sunday. He will get it printed and assembled. Binders for the 3 main readers (Jesus/ Father Tom, Narrator / Deacon, Speaker / Reader One) and congregation scripts will be ready at Fish Creek and Father Tom will transport them from church to church for the weekend.
 - Connie, Kathy, and Mary will separate and count out palms to be distributed. They’ll meet at the parish office either 3/26 or 3/27, date and time to be determined.
 - Father stated that he’d like the Palm Sunday Masses to end with the congregation leaving in reverent silence.
 - Mary will make changes discussed for the rubric for the Palm Sunday blessing of palms and procession which will be available at each church for sacristans, Father Tom, and other ministers to refer to.

New business

- **Preparation for Holy Week**
 - **Publicity:** time and place of services are on flyer
 - **Music update:** Mike stated that we’re not using the previous Holy Week Worship Guide; Mike and Lynn will create a one-page Worship Guide with the Presentation of the Oils song for Holy Thursday and “Remember Me” for Good Friday. Everything else is in the hymnal.
 - **Ministry specific directions/worship notes?** Kathy reminded us to make sure to update and make copies for the various ministers for Holy Week. Deacon Tony said that he and Mary have ministry job lists for all the services on our computers. Kathy volunteered to

help Mary update and print them. They will be available in the sacristy before each of the Triduum services.

- **Easter Vigil:** Mike confirmed that the Easter Vigil starts at 8:00 pm on April 4.

Deacon Tony will sing the Exsultet this year.

Father Tom said there will be 4 Old Testament readings, the same ones we've used the past few years.

There are 3 OCIA candidates who will be confirmed at the Vigil. There are no baptisms this year. There will probably be a Renewal of Baptismal Promises and a sprinkling rite. Mike asked whether there will be a Litany of Saints. Father Tom, Deacon Tony, and Mike will meet to discuss what will be included in the liturgy for the Vigil.

- **Sprinkling Rite:** Mike asked if there will be a sprinkling rite on Easter Sunday plus a sung Sequence? Father Tom confirmed it and will continue doing the Sprinkling Rite for the two weeks following Easter as well. (Divine Mercy Sunday and the Third Sunday of Easter)

Ongoing business:

Recruiting for the different ministries – Kathy shared that Josie's younger sister joined her as a server on Thursday and how well it went. Kathy wondered if we could make this happen more and if other ministries could help new people also.

- Make sure that individuals have guidelines for their ministries – Do all ministers have the guidelines?
- Make guidelines available to Stewardship Committee as an example of support prospective ministers can count on.
- Consider asking ministers to speak about their ministry as they did last year.
- There is no info on who our next priest will be. Father has made recommendations, but it's up to the bishop.
- Mike shared that we have two new cantors – Tiffany Niemer and Mike Eith.
- There is a new keyboard ordered for Baileys Harbor. When it arrives, hopefully before Easter, the clavinoval at BH will be moved to FC, and the keyboard at FC will move back to EH.

- New microphones for Sister Bay are being ordered. Mike hopes that they will be in within 5 days of ordering.
- Father and Diane discussed votive candles for the church on the Island. The price is a bit of a problem. Father wants something nice or not at all.

April Worship Meeting Change! Because of a conflict, the next meeting has been changed to **Tuesday, April 21st at 10:30 am at Egg Harbor.**

Opening Prayer Leader – Deacon Tony