

MAY 25, 2017 WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES

INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- Meeting called to order at 1:35 pm.
- Prayer
- Minutes from March 30, 2017 were discussed briefly. Connie Brandt moved to approve the minutes, Michelle Piatek seconded the motion.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY UPDATES

Father Dave brought up and we discussed several possible changes to the number of ministers needed at a few places.

1. At Egg Harbor for the winter & early spring Sunday Masses (late January – early May), Father Dave only needs 1 host distributor (Presider) and 2 chalices.
 2. He would like to add 2 more chalices at Fish Creek. We will look into the logistics and come up with a plan. It was also mentioned that some people were having difficulties using their key to open the north wing doors. Jimmy will be contacted.
 3. We discussed the possible need for another host distributor and chalice at Jacksonport for the outside and choir loft people on busy summer weekends. The problem with Jacksonport is that we seldom have enough ministers to begin with.
 4. In order to recruit last minute needed ministers, especially at Baileys Harbor and Jacksonport, Mary will write up a short announcement that can be made 5 minutes prior to the start of Mass. Sacristans can fill in the needs for that Sunday and either the sacristan or Father Dave can make the announcement.
 5. Father Dave will make an appeal for ministers at Baileys Harbor and Mary Gomoll will do the same at Jacksonport on May 28th. Seasonal parishioners and visitors will be encouraged to volunteer.
- **Ministry Training** – Training is done on an as-needed basis when a new minister volunteers.
 - **Ministry Scheduling Update** - There was discussion regarding being notified about subbing opportunities at other Masses. Michelle stated that only those who had designated a Mass as a preferred time would be contacted. She said that she could add additional options to list preferences for subbing.
 - **Ministry Description Update** – Michelle noted that a few of the ministers complained about the length and detail of the carefully done ministry descriptions. They didn't want to have to read all the information through. So Michelle made one page summaries of several of the ministry descriptions for those parishioners.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Policy for Parish Entryways and Bulletin Boards** – We discussed the suggestions from our April 18th tour of church entryways. It is important to keep our entryways neat and offer a welcoming space where parishioners and visitors transition from the secular world into our liturgical spaces. We talked about ways to communicate with parishioners other than tacking flyers on a bulletin board, which gets very messy, or putting them up on the windows and doors. People from other churches or organizations come and put flyers up on our doors without permission. Connie and Mary will work to revamp their original proposal to encompass all we discussed.

- **Late Lent / Triduum 2017 Evaluation**

- **Parish Lenten Reconciliation service** was held at Sister Bay at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 30th. There were about 35 people in attendance. It was a lovely service, however Father Dave again expressed concern as to how he can encourage more folks to receive the sacrament.

- **Holy Week**

1. **PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND**

2. **TRIDUUM REHEARSAL** was held on April 12 at Fish Creek and went very well. It really helps having the servers show up for practice!

3. **TRIDUUM MINISTERS** – We discussed if there is anything else we can do to help Sylvia Kostiuk, who fell during the Easter Vigil and is recovering in a nursing home in Green Bay. Sylvia's dog is being walked each evening by parishioners and people are bringing over food for Ray. Kathy had a get-well card for us to sign. Sylvia has a doctor appointment on May 30th and will find out if she's healed enough to do weight-bearing activities in rehab. We continue to keep Sylvia in our prayers for swift healing.

4. **Comments regarding the Triduum:**

- The music was wonderful throughout the Triduum with great participation from the seasonal choir.
- Place worship guides on the servers' chairs for all services.
- We ran out of worship guides on Holy Thursday. This may have been because there was bad weather on Holy Thursday in 2016, which really cut down on attendance. Try to run more next year.
- Ushers must be posted at all doors to greet people and hand out worship guides (and candles on Holy Saturday).
- At the Easter Vigil, Father needs to give direction to light the vigil candles from the Paschal candle or one of the ushers. People started lighting their candles from the sacred fire and passing the flame, entering church with their candles already lit.

5. **EASTER BANNER** created by Ryan Miller was beautiful and was positively received.
6. **EASTER SUNDAY** – 8:00 AM at EH was comfortably full, 9:00 AM at BH was overflowing, 10:00 AM at SB was full, and 11:30 AM at BH was not full. Father Dave plans to offer the 11:30 Mass at BH again in 2018.
9. **The Easter Sunday handout** that Kathy created was very well done.

- **Inviting new members to join the Worship Commission** – Several people have been approached, but no one chose to join at this time. It was suggested that perhaps cantors and sacristans may be approached and contacted via MSP.
- **Earth Week** – From the hymns to the universal prayer to Father's homily which wove the Scriptures in with the message of care for our common home, we tried to support care of our Earth.
- **Parish Group Discipleship Evaluation Questions** – We looked through the draft of our answers and edited and added a few things. Mary will get it sent into the Parish Leadership Team. Worship Commission members were invited to attend the meeting on Thursday, July 1st. Mary will send out information on time and place.
- **First Holy Communion** was held on Sunday, May 7th, 10:00 AM Mass in SB. All went well.
- **Confirmation** was held on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 PM Mass in BH. There was a 12-voice choir led by Kathy. Bishop Ricken presided and it was a very nice service.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Mary, Mother of Mercy** – We looked at pamphlets from Our Sunday Visitor regarding Mary. We may do something on October 13 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Mary's apparitions at Fatima.
- **Ascension Sunday** – May 27/28 + **Summer Mass Schedule begins:**
Sat. 4 pm FC, 5 pm SB, 6 pm EH
Sun. 7 am EH, 8 am BH, 9 am FC, 10 am SB, 11 am JP & 1 pm WI
- **Pentecost Sunday** – June 3/4 – Liturgical color is red. We'll use the Pentecost readings for the Vigil at the Saturday Masses. The Pentecost Sequence is sung at Sunday Masses only. This is the official end of the Easter season. The Easter decorations should be taken down after this weekend.

- **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** – June 10/11. Liturgical color is white.
- **Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ** - June 17/18. Liturgical color is white.
- **Memorial Service for Father Mauthe** will be held on Wednesday, June 28, Father Mauthe's birthday, at Fish Creek from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. This will be a service where people can share stories and memories of all the time Father Mauthe spent at our parish.
- **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - Masses are scheduled for Tues., Aug. 15 at 8 am in SB, 12 Noon in EH (Father Art), 3 pm on WI, and 7 pm in FC.
- **Docks-ology 2017** – Our parish is scheduled to lead the Docks-ology service on Wednesday, August 16th, 7:30 PM, Anderson Dock in Ephraim. Father Dave has chosen a theme of welcoming, including, and loving all people. The Scriptures he has chosen are the end of the Book of Genesis, 1 Corinthians 12, and the gospel of the Good Samaritan. Marian, Marilyn, Michelle, and Mary will help plan and set up the service.
- **The next two Worship Commission meeting** dates chosen are Thursday, August 31st and Thursday, October 26th. Both meetings will be held at Egg Harbor at 1:30 pm. We will look forward to setting a permanent meeting date and time taking into account any new members that may join us in the fall.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - August** – Volunteer Opportunities:
 1. Marian, Marilyn, Michelle, and Mary will help with the Docks-ology service on August 16th.
 2. Mary, Connie, and Marian will meet with Father Dave and Kathy on Tuesday, August 29th at 1:30 pm to begin planning Advent 2017.

CLOSING PRAYER

Next Worship Commission meeting is Thursday, August 31 at 1:30 in Egg Harbor!

Respectfully submitted by Mary Gomoll