

WORSHIP & SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Thursday, December 1, 2016

PRAYER – by Mary Kelley

ATTENDANCE - Mary Kelley, Marty Sokol, Fran Zuber, Janet Steenlage, Paul Bobay, Judy Duncan, Donna Jondle, Mike Kelley, Kathy Donnelly

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MINUTES - approved with changes

PAST EVENTS

- November 12/13 - Dedication Anniversary Mass - format of previous years followed. Need a hostess for the 5:15 Mass refreshments. Perhaps serve cookies rather than cake at that time.
- November 19/20 - Lower level open house - good parish interest at all Masses in the finished lower level.
- November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent
 - Blessing of the wreath is at the prayers of the faithful and only at the first Mass of the weekend
 - Placement of the wreath on the tall stands in front of the Ambo hides the lectors. Consider an alternative location or shorter stand.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 3/4 - extra collection for Christmas flowers. Sacristans should start the ushers distributing the collection baskets immediately after communion and the Priest is seated.
- December 8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary
Ministry sign-up through "Sign-up Genius" for 9:00 am and 6:00 pm Mass.
- December 10/11 - Baptisms
- December 12 - Advent Reconciliation Liturgy at 7:00 pm
Supper will be provided for the priests. (Kathy Donnelly – hostess, Kelleys – chili, Fran Zuber– cornbread, Donna Jondle – relish tray and Janet Steenlage – dessert tray).
Ask building management to set up a table for service in the Multipurpose room.
- December 18 - RCIA Rite of Acceptance at 11:00 am Mass
- December 18: Cantata at 7:00 pm
- December 24/25: Christmas
 - Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm (overflow will be downstairs) and 8:00 pm (no overflow planned)
 - Christmas Day Mass at 9:00 am.
 - Ministries for the 4:00 pm will require 2 sacristans as well as 8 additional bread/wine and 4 extra ushers for lower level.
 - Ministries at 8:00 pm on Christmas Eve and 9:00 am on Christmas Day will use the regular number of ministers
 - Judy will have sign-up sheets for Eucharistic Ministers and ushers through "Sign-up Genius".
- December 31, January 1 - Father Wally will preside at Masses.
- January 7/8 Overnight Confirmation retreat. -Sacristan should reserve 50 seats for Confirmation at the 11:00 Mass only.
- January 8, 2017 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
 - It is a Parish tradition that chalk & prayer cards be distributed by EMs after Mass for blessing of the homes. From last year – we need to prepare more than 400 as we ran out.
 - EM will distribute prayer cards with chalk after each Mass.
- February 11/12 - Anointing of the Sick - Knitting ministry has been notified.

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- Advent wreath is elevated (see easier comment about obstruction of Lectors) Narthex wall hangings changed this year
- Decorating for Christmas December, 22 at 2:00 pm. All parishioners invited to help through announcement at Mass on previous weekend
- Flowers are to be delivered on December 23 and will be placed starting at 3:00 pm
- Will extend flower display to lower level for 4:00 pm Mass, moving it upstairs to replace the cradle after that Mass

OTHER BUSINESS

- Noise in the Nave prior to Mass - Parishioner suggestion to decrease noise in the Nave prior to Mass. Discussed in detail options including closing the doors between the Narthex and Nave prior to Mass. We believe the opening and closing would be noisy and distracting. Recommendation: Invite those wishing a quiet prayer time to come earlier as there is little noise until about 10 minutes before Mass.
- Message boards or TVs with announcements in the Narthex. Discussed at length the options we currently have for communications. With Bulletins, Mass announcements, website, posters for special notices, kiosk for announcements, we believe communication is well covered and a TV or other electronic means is not needed and would provide more visual and space clutter.
- Basement discussion - lower level is complete and training of Ems and ushers will be held this weekend. Mary Kelley will communicate overflow Mass seating to Kent.
- Kathy Duethman will assume training of acolytes.
- Holy Day Mass times.
 - Discussion of moving 6:00 pm Mass time on Holy Days to 7:00 pm. This would allow more time between work and time of Mass and would fulfill a time not currently offered in the Deanery.
 - Propose offering Ash Wednesday evening Mass at 7:00 pm to test efficacy.
 - Consider offering evening Mass during Lent at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays. This would allow RE classes and their parents to also participate in this ritual.
- Liturgical Ministry Weekend - Suggest recognition of all Ministers on Christ the King weekend in February. Will discuss and set the date at the January meeting.
- ITEMS FROM FATHER PAGE
- Brown Deer Cross - should it be placed in the lower level or in the Reservation Chapel. If it is in the Reservation Chapel, it should not have a corpus, if in the lower level, a corpus would be appropriate.
- NEXT MEETING: Thursday, January 5, 2017

Submitted by Kathy Donnelly