

Liturgy Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2022

Attending: Andrew Graf, Jerry Byrne, Father Ongen, JoAnn Farabaugh, Julie Francis, Chris Francis, Tammy Simons

Julie led the opening prayer at 6:30. Julie welcomed JoAnn, a new member.

Old Business

Nocturnal Adoration - There may have been confusion about which door to knock at and perhaps knocking on the door is not the best option because those inside may not hear. It was suggested that everyone sit near the front in order to hear the knock. We may do something different in the future, but for now this should work. It was also suggested that to verify who is knocking, one could open the first stained glass window near the side door to take a peek.

The next weekend for Adoration is Peanut Fest weekend but we will not change the date. Julie will double check to see if information about Adoration has gotten out to other parishes.

Benediction was well attended. After Exposition and before Benediction (about 8:30) there will be confession. There will be mass on the first Saturday after Benediction and if well attended, we will promote and educate more. Parishioners need to be reminded that this does not meet the weekend obligation to attend mass.

Sunday Rosary - Julie created a team of about eight people who will rotate leading the rosary. More people volunteered when we took away the requirement to be at the ambo. Father informed everyone that to gain an indulgence, one must pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, saying the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be. Julie will let her team know about this important new procedure. We will watch attendance, which may have dropped a little due to the earlier time.

Communication - Our Instagram account was not properly set up according to diocesan procedures. It will be deleted and proper protocols followed to restart.

Liturgy Team

Altar Servers - Julie spoke with Ann and she will be visiting the Christian Formation classes to solicit volunteers. The goal is to have children trained and on the altar for Christmas, if not for Advent. It was recommended to contact the parents beforehand and let them know that someone will be asking for volunteers. Other ideas were discussed to help promote this important ministry. Julie will think about how to best accomplish this.

Flowers - No report.

Lectors - Father would like to involve some of the children in lecturing at least one Sunday of the month. Seventh grade and up would be a good age. Having tryouts was recommended.

Several people who want to return to ministry inquired about coming back after Covid. We will email a list of parishioners who were formerly involved in the ministries and also

have a sign up list in the back to find out who wants to return (lectors, EMs, and Sacristans).

Music - Lessons and Carols is scheduled for December 11th. We would like to ask the Women's Club to provide refreshments again. Jerry talked about possibly getting patio heaters. We will start advertising and promoting it more to the church and the Suffolk community.

New Business

Parishioner suggestions - The old long-handled baskets are not in good enough shape to use so we will continue to pass the gold plates for offertory.

Use of the old Holy Water fonts has already begun. They will be cleaned and refilled after mass on Sundays. Jerry volunteered to do this. The others will be taken down.

A few parishioners would like to receive Holy Communion on the tongue and it was recommended that we use a paten. Father stated that we really do not need to use a paten since the incidence of dropping a host is minimal and can happen even when receiving in the hand.

October Month of the Rosary - The raffle last year worked wonderfully. We would like to do this again but want to involve the fundraising committee this year. The Parish Picnic is October 23rd.

Open Forum - It was noted that we need to check on the bows on the Christmas wreaths. We will discuss decorating at the next meeting.

Father Ongen reminded us that we need altar servers for special feasts.

Father stated that he was attracted immediately to the icon of the Lady of Perpetual Help when he arrived and so he would like to start a novena beginning this Wednesday. Julie will get announcements ready for this weekend. This will continue every Wednesday. There are three songs for the novena that father will lead. Our congregation may not know these, but father will lead until they do. He will be getting the pamphlets / cards from his sister and they will be here soon.

Father closed the meeting with prayer at 7:35.

Submitted by T. Simons