

Liturgy Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2022

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

Julie opened with a prayer at 6:30.

**Old Business**

- Andrew will set up the Advent wreath on Saturday morning the weekend of November 26th.
- Christmas decor set up will be December 18th after mass. Christmas decorations will be up the last week of daily masses. (One live tree, two artificial trees, creche, poinsettias) Father would like all the wreaths put out during Advent. Andrew will pull them out and make sure they are in good shape. Jerry will meet with him on the 26th to check them. The sconces will not go out until Christmas decorations are done. The Advent wreath should be taken away after the fourth Sunday of Advent.
- Sandy will get out order forms for poinsettias and the deadline will be December 18th. Julie will announce poinsettia donations on the weekend of November 19th/20th. We will charge \$15 for each.
- Mass times for Christmas are 5:00 and 8:00 pm on the Eve and 10:00 on Christmas morning.
- Chant music before mass has been generally well-received. Julie will set it up the next couple of Sundays and will train someone to take it from there. It was suggested to turn down the volume a bit.

**Team Reports**

- Altar servers - Altar servers wear black and white during Advent and red only on Christmas Vigil and Day. Two new volunteers have come forward. Andrew clarified that servers should wait until the priest kisses the altar before proceeding to the altar.
- Lectors - Andrew will set up lector training before the Advent season and next year will give four dates in advance. Father would like Andrew to convey to lectors that they should not read, but rather "proclaim" the readings. Andrew would like to purchase a few books that help with pronunciation. It was suggested that a book be purchased for each lector and that the Liturgy Committee would cover the cost.
- Music - Tammy reported that the choir now has a young violinist. It was confirmed to sing the Kyrie during Advent. The mass setting will change with Advent.
- Sacristans - Jerry needs help. He had a difficult time this past Sunday getting people to serve. Andrew will begin creating a schedule for lectors. A schedule for Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers will be made also.

**New Business**

- Installation Mass - The bishop is no longer coming on December 3rd. They are going to reschedule for January 15th. We have more time so planning is tabled until another meeting.
- The Ministry Fair is this weekend. Julie will have sign up sheets for all the liturgy ministries. JoAnn will make sure to have the sandwich board out to advertise the event.

- Advent Reconciliation service is Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00 pm. Entrance song, psalm and alleluia are needed by the choir. There will be one reading, the psalm and then the Gospel. Father Tony will be here. Father Emmanuel has not responded yet but we can manage with two priests if necessary.
- Liturgy Committee Calendar - Julie created a calendar for the year to turn in to the Council. She will add that selling flowers should be started six weeks before needed, Easter and Christmas. The Lenten reconciliation service was changed to the second Tuesday of Lent instead of the third. A Lenten Mission could be done in conjunction with the penance service. The Tuesday reconciliation service would be the last night of the mission. The mission would be Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

### **Open Forum**

November 21st is the parish Feast Day. Father wanted to know what we used to do. It's on a Monday and a little late to plan anything so we will not do anything this year.

December 8th is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. December 7th will be the vigil at 7:00 pm and mass on the 8th at 10:00 am.

Lessons and Carols - The Women's Club is planning the refreshments and Julie will work with Ann to make sure we have all the lectors we need. We hope to have enough youth to read but will tap into the lectors pool if necessary.

The meeting closed at 7:45 with a prayer from Father Ongen.