

Liturgy Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2023

Attending: Father Ongen, Sandy Nance, Julie Francis, Andrew Graf, Tammy Simons, Elizabeth Anderson

Julie opened the meeting with prayer at 6:30.

**Old Business**

**Exposition /Adoration / Benediction** - Julie compiled a pamphlet to consolidate the prayers, hymns, litanies, etc. being used. Attendance has gone up. Nighttime hours have been covered the last few times.

**Our Team**

**Altar Servers** - Elizabeth will be sending out a schedule soon and plans to send it for two months at a time. There is a large family that has joined which will give us a few more servers. Experienced servers will be needed for the picnic. Servers will be needed for the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption at 7:00 pm. Elizabeth suggested adding a third server so that less experienced servers can join the others and learn. Father was in agreement. September 16th (Saturday) has been scheduled for training EMs, altar servers, lectors, etc. Father reminded the group that only adult altar servers should be taking the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle. The EMs can do it if no adult servers are present but need to be prepared to do so.

**Flowers** - Flowers are planned for this weekend so there will be flowers for the Feast of the Assumption.

**Lectors** - Julie reported on behalf of Chris that there needs to be a schedule in the sacristy.

**Music** - The mass setting will probably will be changed soon. Practice for Lessons and Carols will be starting soon. Julie will be shown where the power button is for the amplifier because often it is not turned on before mass on Saturdays.

**Rosary** is going fine.

**Sacristans** - Reception of the Precious Blood is going fine and participation is increasing.

**New Business**

**New mass time** - September 24th will be the first day for 8:00 am mass on Sundays. Julie will begin announcing it this weekend. The Arochos are willing to serve and Drew and Elizabeth can serve as well. Father prefers two lectors but we don't know how many people to expect. Andrew is planning to be the EM until attendance grows and we see who is coming. Julie informed Father that the Latin mass setting will be used. It is in the hymnal. Andrew asked if people can receive the Eucharist twice in one day. Father said 'yes'. They are technically not supposed to but they can.

The **6:30 weekday mass** will begin on Tuesdays and Thursdays on August 22nd. This will be in addition to the 10:00 am mass. Julie is planning to be the Sacristan for the 6:30 mass and the Arochos have agreed to lector.

**Committee Fair** - September 9/10. Liturgy needs more people. Team leaders were encouraged to make boards and advertise for their ministry also. We would like Father to announce that

training will take place September 16th and to encourage people to help with the various liturgy ministries.

**Parish Picnic** - September 17th. The Vigil mass is the 16th like normal at church.

**Pew Cards** - Andrea Garrett purchased pew cards and is willing to buy more for all the pews. These are helpful for those who are new to Catholicism or those who just need a simple aid. Father liked the idea.

**Families with young children** - It was requested that we remind people that the mass is being live-streamed in the social hall. This may be an issue depending on where Christian Formation will take place and when. It was discussed and decided to make a blanket announcement to remind parishioners that live-streaming is happening in the hall if they need to step out with small children. However, no one wants to offend parents by announcing this. After much discussion it was decided to add to the weekly announcements "This mass is being live-streamed, not only to people at home but also into the Social Hall for those who need to excuse themselves from mass. If you have questions or need assistance, ushers are standing in the back to assist."

**Open Forum** - Announcements by ministries done after mass should only be about events. A request for a Women's Club recruitment speech was denied.

**Year of the Eucharist** - Julie would like to see us do something special for this year. Father would like to see us push some national events. Adult formation could be contacted about possibly doing a book study.

Father closed the meeting at 7:25 pm with prayer.

Submitted by T. Simons