

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting Minutes
12 May 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Fr. Vern, Judy Dudek, Gayle Tyler, Beth Buczko, Donna Grady, Pam Letendre, Pat Antonovich, Kathy Wood and Therese Rakouskas

MEMBERS ABSENT: Deacon Brawner

1. Fr. Vern opened the meeting with prayer.

2. OLD BUSINESS:

a. **Lenten Mission Update 2010:** Fr. Vern will contact Fr. Roach to see if he has secured the Haiti Missionaries of the Poor for our 2010 mission. If that does not work, then Fr. Vern said he would contact Bob Jouerger, a Passionist out of NY, to see if he would be able to do it. Monsignor Leclerc was also suggested as a possibility. We would like to have 2011 secured as well.

b. **Adoration Update:** Pam briefed that a couple new to the Parish has signed up for an hour, however we lost a current adorer, so it has balanced out. She plans to do another appeal once First Communion, etc are over. After the next appeal, she will do a set schedule for holiday closures. For some reason a lot of Mondays were closed this past year that should not have been, i.e. Patriots Day. Fr. Vern suggested she do a calendar and post it in the entrance to chapel.

c. **Shawl Ministry:** Pat stated that all was going well with this.

d. **Lector/Eucharistic Ministers:** Fr. Vern asked Pat if we had enough of each of these. She felt that at present we do. He has asked Deacon Bill to coordinate with each group and do a training session to ensure all are on the same page. This will probably not occur until the fall sometime. This invoked a discussion, once again, regarding the Eucharistic Ministers and “washing their hands” after giving communion. There is still a lot of confusion with this. It was decided, for now, to use a finger bowl (which Fr. Vern gave to Beth) to be placed on the credence table with a separate towel for the EMs to use. This will be independent of the altar server’s involvement. Pam stated she would contact all the EMs to explain this new procedure. This should resolve the issue until Deacon Bill has a chance to coordinate training. It was also mentioned that those making their First Communion will be offered the cup and EMs need to know this. Deacon Bill plus one EM should be able to handle this part.

e. **Deacon:** Fr. mentioned that the Deacon has the right to carry in the book and do the Prayers of the Faithful. He is not entirely sure what Deacon Bill will want to do, so for now we will keep it business as usual.

f. **Vocation weekend:** There is no intention to do this; however we will have a Seminarian (Peter Naranjo) with us for most of the summer – 30 May – 2 Aug who will be staying at the Rectory as Fr. Mark did.

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Transitus Ceremony:** Since the Feast of St. Francis is on 4 October (Sunday), this leaves us with a predicament of how we would celebrate his death, which we usually do the night before. With 4:00 pm mass, we agreed that a potluck would not be feasible. We decided to have the ceremony service at 7:00 pm that night (3 October) and have cider and donuts after the Sunday masses (8:00 am and 10:30 am).

b. **Ministry Mass:** This will be celebrated on Tuesday, 6 October at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served afterward. Although it is usually well advertised, it was felt that we need to start advertising in September and have it stated from the altar and in Fr.'s column and posters of some sort to encourage good attendance.

c. **Bereavement Mass:** This will need to be discussed for November. It will be added to the August agenda. We also need to consider doing something with the Anointing of the Sick possibly at the same time as it was a big hit last year mainly due to the fact that it was a G of F event.

d. **Healing Mass:** This is scheduled for 17 November 09 with Fr. McAlear.

e. **Living Rosary:** This is being done on 27 May 09 at the statue in front of the church at 6:30 pm.

f. **Altar Server Training:** Therese may be doing training this summer depending on how many new altar servers sign up after the meeting in June.

4. **RECAP OF YEAR:**

We discussed the year and what went well and what could be improved on.

- Easter Mass: Having the choir at 1030 mass was wonderful.
- Christmas Midnight Mass: the violins, although costly, were well received.
- Lenten Booklets: Fr. asked Gayle if she was going to order the Magnificat Lenten Companion for adults for next year. She had planned on it. He also wanted her to look into the Advent version of these for this year.

5. **The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 18 August 2009, 6:30 pm in the Rectory. No meetings in June or July. Have a great summer!**

Fr. ended with a prayer.