

ST. JEROME LITURGY COMMITTEE
Minutes for October 28, 2009

Present: Fr. David, Fr. Mike, Jeanne Tarrant, Helen Eidt, Florence and Dan Loch, Lorraine Larkin, and Suzanne Calnon

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Suzanne. New member, Lorraine Larkin, was welcomed!

Liturgy Committee Organization

The organizational framework for the committee that had been established years ago was reviewed. There had been someone to chair the various liturgy coordinators for each Mass, someone to oversee liturgy support (environment, music, and ministers of hospitality) and someone in charge of the ministry team (acolyte formation and scheduling, lector formation, Eucharistic minister formation, and ministers of hospitality formation). It was determined that the committee no longer needs this device as each group and sub-committee works well without an overseeing framework. Sub-group leaders were updated as follows:

- Liturgy Coordinators
 - * Saturday Evening Vigil Mass - Nilda Canaveri, Lois Saviano
 - * Sunday 8:00 am Mass - Len Mecca
 - * 9:15 - Kathy Rohr, Dean Finch
 - * 10:30 - Dan and Florence Loch
 - * 11:00 - Bob Mulligan
 - * 6:00 - Pat Olson
- Environment - Sr. Agnes
- Music - Joan McFarland, Jeanne Tarrant, Don Nelson
- Acolyte Formation - Joe O'Callaghan, Jr.
- Acolyte, Lector, Eucharistic minister scheduling - Dan Loch
- Lector Formation - Suzanne Calnon
- Eucharistic Minister Formation – Fr. David

All Souls' Mass

Letters have been sent to the families of those who have been buried from St. Jerome during this past year to invite them to this special mass. Everyone who has lost a loved one not buried from St. Jerome has been invited to place his/her name on a list to be included in the reading the names of departed loved ones who have died during the last year. The Book of Remembrance will be in a place of honor. The All Souls Mass will take place on Monday November 2, at 7:00 PM.

Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving Eve Mass will take place on Wednesday November 25 at 7:00. We are continuing with the earlier time begun last year. Those who will be on the committee to plan the liturgy are: Andrea Licek, Helen Eidt, Florence Loch, and Lorraine and Tom Larkin. Discussion of various updates and

changes to the communion meditation took place. We will use the readings of the day for Thanksgiving and use the same responsorial psalm. A college freshman and an adult will be asked to be lectors.

Advent

- November 29th is the first Sunday of Advent. Confirmation is December 13th so gifts must be placed under the Giving Tree and removed for distribution by December 12 because of the large crowd for Confirmation.
- Prayer pamphlets for private devotion have been ordered.
- There will be a simple exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every day from 4-5 PM beginning after Christmas. The Liturgy of the Hours and prayer books will be available.
- Dan will revise, update, and “publish” an Advent 2009 pamphlet.
- We will again light the Advent wreath at each Mass using volunteers secured by the Ministers of Hospitality before the mass. Jeanne will direct the Ministers about what needs to be done. Fr. Mike will coordinate the 9:15 Mass and Suzanne will find someone to coordinate the 6:00 PM Mass.

Christmas

- At 4:00 Mass Don Nelson will play along with brass players from Norwalk High. John Craft and Jeanne will be cantors. Ryan Laney will be asked to play and Don will be asked to rehearse with the high school players.
- 6:00 Mass – Children’s Nativity Pageant as usual
- Other Masses are 10:30 PM, 8:00, 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM. We will have a cellist on Christmas day Masses.
- After brief discussion we agreed to eliminate the 12:30 Mass for Easter 2010 and consider eliminating it for Christmas 2010.
- We will send out a lector availability letter for Christmas Eve and day and have a sign-up sheet for Eucharistic ministers.

Other

- With respect to worship in general, Father David would like to balance the opportunity for community-building and a sense of reverence before the weekend masses. In some cases it can get quite chaotic. He suggested the music play about three minutes before the start of mass to signal a time for silence and centering in preparation for the liturgy. All were in agreement.
- Father Mike called our attention to the lag time toward the end of Holy Communion distribution. He suggested starting the line from the back of the church has been known to help. All were in agreement to try this new procedure. Help from the Ministers of Hospitality will be needed until the congregation learns the new method.

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 pm.
The opening prayer will be offered by Jeanne.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Calnon, Chair