

ST. JEROME LITURGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES for January 24, 2005

Present: Fr. David, Deacon Dean Finch, Tony Petraia, Pat Olson, Florence Loch, Jeanne Tarrant, Domenica Gioiella, Dan Loch, Greg Kryspin, and Suzanne Calnon

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Suzanne.

Christmas

Suzanne pointed out that there were empty seats at the 4 PM mass on Christmas Eve even with many people standing. Discussion followed as to why the ushers find it difficult to direct people to seats. The suggestion was made to have a training session for ushers to help them understand the process and there will also be a pulpit announcement stating anyone with an empty seat next to him/her to raise a hand. This should help ushers get cooperation. (This was not specified at the meeting, but Jeanne would be the likely person to set this meeting up.)

Schedule

Dan offered the new EM and lector schedule through May. Lectors will receive a letter at the beginning of March sent out by Suzanne to ask for their availability for Passion Sunday through Easter Sunday (including rehearsals.) She will then assign lectors based on their availability. Fr. David requested as many teen lectors as possible. EMs will sign up in the sacristy. Fr. David will put that announcement in the bulletin.

Passion Sunday

Dean and Greg will coordinate stripping of palms and distribution. Dean will also make sure the lectors receive a copy of the Passion before the rehearsal.

Holy Thursday

Helen was ill and could not attend this meeting. Pat and Florence reported no planning meeting has yet taken place. The plan will remain the same as previous years.

Good Friday

Jeanne has begun preparations. This service will also remain unchanged.

Vigil

Dean reports no Baptisms this year, but two candidates will receive Eucharist and Confirmation. We will do all 7 readings. Dean will work with Don Nelson on the music and will write the script.

Lenten Cross

Dan had all the tags copied. All present readied the tags to be hung on the Cross. Dan will also produce the Lenten flyer. He will write a bulletin/pulpit announcement for the weekend before Lent to explain the Cross project.

Holy Week Rehearsals

They are set as follows:

Passion Sunday 11:00 Saturday, March 19

Holy Thursday (pending Helen's approval) 6:30 Tuesday, March 15

Good Friday 1:00 Saturday, March 19

Other

Kathy Coyne invited anyone interested to attend informational meetings on a parish program, "Generations of Faith." The program focuses on faith formation in a multi-generational format. They will be held 2/10 and 4/29 in Hartford.

Ash Wednesday

Father David gave out samples of the pocket cross, key ring tags, and holy cards that will be distributed to the parish on Ash Wednesday.

The next meeting will be held on Monday March 7 at 7:30 in the Resource Room.

Dean will preside over the opening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Calnon
Chairperson