

ST. JEROME LITURGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES February 6, 2006

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

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Pat.

Lent

We decided to publish the Lenten booklet as we have in recent years. Dan kindly offered to update last year's with the current readings.

Fr. David described the Mission, "Spirituality for the 21st Millennium," which will be presented by a team of Dominicans (2 priests and a nun.) They will preach at all weekend masses on April 1-2 and celebrate mass and hold talks each morning and evening Monday-Thursday. A communal penance service and communal anointing of the sick will be Tuesday and Thursday respectively. We have been asked to assign greeters and a refreshment hosts for each mass. The Parish Council will procure those for the evening masses and Jeanne will cover the morning masses with her morning Scripture Group. The Liturgy Committee needs to secure three Eucharistic Ministers and two lectors for each mass.

We will be doing the Lenten Cross project once again. There are many tags left from last year, so we will start with them and see how long they last. Dan and Florence will let us know if we need to organize a "tag-making" workshop. Fr. David will begin advertising the Lenten Cross with a pulpit announcement on the weekend of Feb 25-26.

Liturgy Survey

Joe was unable to attend tonight. He will get the survey to Natalie for typing and distribution to all of us via email by Feb. 17th. We will solicit the survey-takers February 18-19 and the survey will take place the weekends of February 25-26 (last Sunday of Ordinary Time) and March 4-5 (First Sunday of Lent.) Up to 10 people for each mass will be asked to fill out the survey. The following committee members have agreed to be in charge of the masses listed below.

Jeanne 5:00

Greg 8:00

Joe 9:15

Domenica 11:00

Florence and Dan 10:30

Pat 6:00

In addition, Father David has asked Fr. Brian Gray, who is the chaplain at Danbury Hospital, to visit some of our masses and provide us with helpful suggestions.

It was noted that we are short of lectors. Fr. David will put out a request for members of the congregation to consider taking on this ministry. A new lector workshop may be combined with a "refresher" for existing lectors. The survey may indicate the need for continued training for EMs and altar servers.

Other

Dan needed clarification that the EMs come up **AFTER** the Lamb of God. They are reluctant to change to this procedure and it has not been consistently followed.

Passion Sunday/Triduum

Passion Sunday is April 9. The principle celebration is 9:15 which will be combined with the 10:30. Tony will help coordinate and Suzanne will take care of assigning lectors. (It was noted lectors and EMs were inadvertently scheduled for the April 8-9th weekend and Easter weekend.)

Holy Thursday is April 13. Andrea, Pat, and Florence will work on it and Helen will be asked to also help.

Good Friday will be coordinated by Jeanne.

The Vigil will be coordinated by Fr. David, Tony, and Dean. There is no Baptism this year.

Each group will coordinate environment with Sister Agnes and music with Don Nelson or others as necessary. We will ask a cellist to play at all masses on Easter Sunday.

There will be EM sign-up for each mass for Easter (8:00, 9:15, 11:00, 12:30). Suzanne will call the assigned lectors to see if they are available and get others, especially teens, to fill the needs.

Rehearsals were determined as follows:

Passion Sunday- Sat. April 8 beginning at 9:30

Good Friday- Sat. April 8 t 11:30 (lectors to be rehearsed by Fr. David)

Holy Thursday- TBD

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 7 at 7:30 in the Resource Room. Dean will preside over the opening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Calnon