

ST. JEROME LITURGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES: January 18, 2006
(Happy Birthday, Father David!)

Present: Fr. David, Tony Petraia, Andrea Licek, Florence and Dan Loch, Pat Olsen, Jeanne Tarrant, Helen Eidt, Greg Kryspin, Joe O'Callaghan Jr., Kathy Coyne, Domenica Gioiella, Dean Finch, and Suzanne Calnon

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Joe.

Thanksgiving

The overall feeling was that the congregation was smaller than in past years. The same publicity was used as has been used previously. The liturgy was beautiful and all enjoyed the cellist. The committee was thanked for all their hard work.

Christmas

The 4:00 was crowded as usual. The Hall's music was very well received and Father David heard many positive comments. The 6:00 mass was larger than in recent memory. It, too, was appreciated by all present.

Liturgy Survey

Joe presented a draft of a survey that was the result of committee work with primary input from Father David and Joe himself. A few suggestions for minor changes were made. The purpose of the survey is to look critically at our liturgies in order to make each one, in its own unique way, as good as it can be. Each liturgy committee member will fill out a survey and some will ask at least ten others who normally worship at that mass to do the same. They 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.) Joe will revise the survey and have Natalie type it. It will be ready to receive by email by Feb. 18. 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.

Lent

Among other Lenten activities this year we will have a week-long mission. More details to follow.

The next meeting will be held on Monday February 6 at 7:30 in the Resource Room. Pat will preside over the opening prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Suzanne Calnon