

St. John of the Cross Parish
Liturgical Committee Meeting
Held at St. Genevieve's Glebe
March 9, 2020 6:00 pm

Members Present: Theresa Young, Charlene Bonang, Jeannette Smith, Mary Colford, Joyce Crowell, Diane Nolet, Dave Riel, Kathy Connolly, Wanda Hebert-Richard, Sharon Riel, Margie Comeau, Father Vincent, Maryanne Nash, Bill Barter.

Absent: Darren Richard

Father welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out to this important meeting. Jeannette led the group in prayer and co-chaired the meeting with Father Vincent.

Establishing Leadership for Committee and Subcommittees

The purpose of the meeting was to organize the committee and request volunteers from the group to take on the various roles necessary for the smooth functioning of the committee and subcommittees.

Jeannette began by explaining the role and responsibilities of the Liturgical Committee in general and specifically those of the chair.

Wanda was nominated and accepted the position of committee chairperson.

Margie accepted the position of secretary.

Father explained that subcommittees will have their own leadership. The leaders of each subcommittee will need to identify the roles and responsibilities of their committee. Each subcommittee then would have their specific roles and these would be harmonized within the Liturgical committee as a whole. For example, the Altar Society would be responsible for altar cloths, decorating, etc.

From within the group, volunteers were requested to lead each of the subcommittees.

Liturgical Music – this (these) person(s) would co-ordinate the music for all three choirs. Sharon Riel accepted this role and will reach out to Darren Richard to share this role with her.

Altar Society – Mary Colford accepted the leadership role for this group and Marianne Nash accepted to take leadership for the Sacristan group which will fall under the Altar Society subcommittee

Theresa and Charlene indicated that there are many religious items presently in the church that need to be sorted, inventoried and organized appropriately. When asked if there was a budget

for the committee to purchase needed items, Jeannette pointed out that with the closing of many churches, any items that may be needed may be available from some of these churches.

The role of the sacristans will be to set up for Mass, clean the vessels and ensure that all is in place for the service. This could include checking that the scheduled lectors and Eucharistic ministers are present.

Lectors/Lay Readers – Diane Nolet and Bill Barter will share the leadership of this subcommittee. Bill will continue to generate the schedules for this group. They will continue to recruit and train new members as needed. Pastoral Services will be part of this subcommittee as will Greeters, Collectors and Gift Bearers.

Altar Servers- leadership of this subcommittee is still open. Father Vincent will ask Sue MacLean to take on this role.

Funeral/Bereavement Committee – Both Charlene Bonang and Diane Nolet have agreed to continue to co-ordinate this ministry with the support of the parish office.

Other Business

The first liturgy assignment is to poll parishioners as to how they feel about the number, and times for Sunday Masses, in order to reduce the number of changes that take place to accommodate special Masses.

Father received a suggestion for the Children's Liturgy. On the Sundays when there is children's Liturgy, it was suggested that the children would leave with their teachers before the first reading and return after the Homily. The reading of the day would be discussed and explained to the children during this time.

The last weekend of March is our Mission Weekend. The 4 o'clock Mass on Saturday, March 28 will be a Healing Mass and the Closing Mass will be at 10 am on Sunday, March 29

Since we should be leaving the church in silence after the service on Good Friday, the Divine Mercy Novena will begin at 2:30 prior to the 3:00 pm service.

Father called the meeting adjourned at 8:05 and Diane led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Margie Comeau

Secretary of the Liturgical Committee