

***Peace of Christ Parish
Liturgy Committee
Minutes
May 4, 2010***

Attendance:, Janet Andrychuk-Tedesco, Elaine Becker, Judy Brawley, Father Brian Carpenter, Sally Krowl, Laurie Maier, Angela Minacapelli, Dane Noble-Rosema, Dave O’Keefe, Wendy O’Keefe, Anne Ross, Father Bob Schrader, Father Bob Werth

The meeting was opened with a prayer lead by Father Brian.

The meeting was begun with the Irish Litany of Mary, led by Janet.

Minutes of the February meeting were corrected as follows:

Page 2 – under Easter Vigil: Ken Klem => Klamm
under Scout Sunday: Ad Altare Dei

New Business

New Roman Missal

The booklet *Understanding the Revised Mass Texts* that was mailed to all committee members, was discussed. Dave remarked that he found it to be presented with a condescending and snotty attitude. He felt it treated English-speaking people as being uninformed and lacking insight into the Church’s history and processes. He did not feel it to be a good source for presenting these changes to the congregation. Elaine thought that it was trying to be understated and non-threatening in its presentation of so many changes.

Father Brian referred to the webinar that he and Janet had participated in, adding that CDs are available to anyone interested in reviewing the material. He said that it was good to know why we’re doing this (making the changes to the New Roman Missal). Most of these changes have already taken place in other locations so we’re just catching up.

Father Schrader added that this particular booklet is just a beginning, as the new translation was just approved on April 30. New publications are still being written and have to go to press. He mentioned an additional pamphlet entitled *The New Roman Missal Part I*, which addresses preparing parishes for the changes. Part II has yet to be written. We’ve time to look at these issues and plan how we will handle these changes. A definitive start date has yet to be chosen, although Advent of 2011 looks promising.

We will need to look at what we’re doing in education today, taking a look at the cultural impact on our language. Catechesis should talk in terms of our language and culture and it’s

beauty and the faith that it has brought to us. The changes should be viewed as an aid to further development of our faith. Janet added that it is an attempt to bring unity to our ritual. Father Brian commented that we will explain that the changes affect all English-speaking people, not just Americans who will be using this new translation.

Anne added that long before we address what the changes are, we need to educate our congregations as to what the rationale behind the changes is. Father Werth joined with the fact that it is a further development of the Church rather than a change. It will give a new understanding of what is being said.

We as a committee need to continue to educate ourselves and keep abreast of the progression in the missal.

Evening of Reflection June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Discussion as to the flow of the evening was discussed. It was determined that to have a general presentation *and* a breaking into individual ministry groups would be too much for one session. It was decided that there should be a presentation by Father Bob Kennedy and Joan Workmaster regarding the theology of the Eucharist, perhaps a liturgy of blessing, followed by refreshments. Rather than sending out individual invitations, there should be several general announcements inviting anyone interested to attend the evening workshop.

Father Schrader suggested that ministers could submit any questions that they might like to have address prior to the evening. Then Father Bob and Joan could incorporate these concerns into their talk. It was agreed that this was a good idea.

Mother's Day May 9

There will be a special blessing of mothers as part of the Sunday liturgy.

Ascension Thursday May 13

Sally noted that the *Sourcebook* recommends additional festive decorations. It was noted that the St. John Neumann school children will be attending the 12:10 liturgy and probably serving in various capacities.

Laurie shared some ideas regarding Rogation Days and submitted a request from the Garden Club to do some blessing of the garden and seeds. That afternoon following the liturgy seemed like a good time for this. She will take care of the arrangements.

Pentecost Sunday May 23

Parishioners will again be asked to wear red. The baptismal candle will be moved to the baptismal fonts following the final blessing at the final liturgy at each site.

The diocese is celebrating the close of Spirit Alive at the cathedral that day. Five parish representatives have been requested to attend and Father Werth shared the details with a handout. He suggested several names from our 3 sites, all of which were ratified. He and Father Brian will contact these individuals.

Laurie also noted that the American Legion has once again requested the 9:45 liturgy at St. Ambrose be used for their recognition Mass.

Trinity Sunday May 30

The previously mentioned parish representatives will be called forward following the final blessing, to explain that they, acting as the bishop's representatives, will be leading the community in making an ongoing commitment to their life of discipleship. This will conclude with the calling forward of the liturgy's ministers and then the congregation to reverence the Book of Gospels. This will conclude the liturgy.

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 6

Refer to page 209 in the *Sourcebook* for ideas.

Return to Ordinary Time June 13

Refer to page 196 in the *Sourcebook* for the liturgical environment. Sally noted that the green used should be a lighter green than the one used in the fall. She also suggested that since this is such a patriotic time of year, the flag could be moved to the narthex and flowers and perhaps a book noting the names of veterans, added to draw attention to this fact and honor those who serve(d).

Old Business

General remarks regarding Lenten and Easter time liturgies:

- We need to address the congestion of the Ministers of Communion during the Transferal of the Eucharist during the Holy Thursday liturgy. This would also include the confusion involved in the procession itself. Also noted was that remarks had been received regarding the length and confusion during the entrance process for the same liturgy.
- Catechesis is needed regarding Holy Week rituals.

The meeting ended with an Irish Closing prayer lead by Sally.

Next Meeting: June 1