

Minutes, March 2021

Worship Commission

St. Veronica Church

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 – 6:30-8:00PM

Zoom Meeting

Start: 6:32pm

In Attendance: Fr. Del Staigers, Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho, Paul Bresciani, Janet Bresciani, Dottie Buerger, Tom Baker, Peggy Hager, Steve Gerwe, Marge Bengal

Absent: Mindy Dannemiller, Dave Heilmann, Nick Robben, Ingrid York

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Business:

- January Minutes Approved at 6:43.
- Member Reports
 - **No Mass Monday after Easter – reg sched rest of week**
- Introduction of New Members: Marge Bengal & Ingrid York (Parish Council Liaisons)
- Evaluation of January-March Liturgies
 - Ash Wednesday, **all good, large crowds, no complaints**
 - Rite of Election (Feb. 21, 9:30am), **nice to have it in the parish, very well done.**
 - Stations of the Cross (Wed., 6:30pm), **20+ people, improvement over Fridays and people stay for Mass.**
 - Streaming in General. **Parishioners love it, they can attend as a family at home, and then be able to do there “things.” People appreciate the streaming and also the high quality. People are watching from outside the parish.**
- Preparations for March and April liturgical celebrations

- Increasing Numbers in General, discussion, will be 3 feet social distance soon, Peggy will take down ropes when needed.
 - Question: Wed. Night Mass, Mar. 31? Yes
 - Palm Sunday (Mar. 28) all set, 4 scenes for Passion, all in church, no procession.
 - Holy Thursday (Apr. 1, 7pm) No oils, No Mandatum, will process a little bit at end. No incense.
 - Good Friday (Apr. 2, 1pm) No procession for Adoration. Bill coming in for cross bearing. Check with Bill on cross. Possibly, leave cross in stand at beginning.
 - Easter Vigil (Apr. 3, 8:30pm) No one outside but Elect and ministers, no lighting candles, only 3OT readings, no procession to the font.
 - Easter Sunday (Apr. 4) – Ticketing System? Yes, bump to 180, everyone form enter front door. Questionnaire? No.
 - First Communions (Apr. 25, May 1), Look into family lectors.
- Continuing formation for adult liturgical ministers – discussion. Pass on this until after Covid.
 - Other: Fr. Del: Holy water allowed now – do we want to do this? Must be changed very often. No, we'll wait, we're sprinkling during Easter anyway.
 - Next Worship Meeting: Tuesday, May 18, 6:30pm

Upcoming Liturgical Dates

Stations of the Cross	--	Wednesdays of Lent, 6:30 p.m.
Third Scrutiny (RCIA)	--	March 21, 9:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday	--	March 28
Triduum: Holy Thursday	--	April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	--	April 2, 1:00 p.m. (Stations at Noon)
Easter Vigil	--	April 3, 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday	--	April 4, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
First Communion Celebrations	--	Reg. Sun. Masses: April 25, May 1
Confirmation	--	May 3, 5 & 6, 7pm

Prayer: O Lord, support us all the day long,
Until the shadows lengthen,
And the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
And the fever of life is over,
And our work is done.
Then in your mercy,
Grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest,
And peace at the last.
Amen.

Meeting adjourned: 7:46pm

Art and Environment (Peggy Hager):

- Lent, 2021
 - Purple banners for Lent are up.
 - Easter flowers are ordered, including replacement of lilies half-way through Easter Season.
- Looking forward to Holy Week, purple banners will come down on Spy Wednesday and White/Gold banners will go up for Holy Thursday. After Holy Thursday mass, White/Gold banners will come down and placed on 2 pews at the end of the row closest to the credence table to be put back up on Holy Saturday when we get flowers delivered.
 - Replacement lilies are due Saturday May 1.
- Questions:
 - Should I order an arrangement for Confirmation (1st week in May)?
Red spray for the Week starting May 2.
 - Should I order an arrangement for Pentecost (May 22/23)? **No Flowers**

At-large (Tom Baker):

- No report.
- Tom Questions:
 - Mass Intentions – **No, Masses are said for all the living and all the dead, not individuals. Not to be read aloud.**
 - Monday Noon Mass – **xx**

Baptism (Mindy Dannemiller):

- Baptisms are still being held at 12:30pm on Sundays, and once COVID restrictions are lifted, I hope that baptisms can resume during mass. Couples attending the baptismal prep classes recently seem much devoted to raising their children with a Catholic upbringing. Yay!

Bereavement (Dottie Buerger):

- We've had 3 funerals since our last meeting. God willing, there won't be any more before our meeting on the 16th. But, I won't be there to help if there are. One of the funerals we had was for Bert Farwick who was 93 and a very long time member of our parish. There will be a Memorial Service on March 20th for Earl Huff.

Eucharistic Ministers (Steve Gerwe):

- I do see some positive activity from former EMs volunteering to minister, although slots are reduced by 2/3rds so not enough space to accommodate a regular week for all.
- Vaccinations and generally better perception of virus are leading to people coming out to Mass.
- I do have one person wanting to train, so I'll get that done in the coming weeks.
- Using older larger hosts, breaking into pieces to deplete
- Will send out a message to Sacristans to use snuffer to extinguish candles, as wax is tough to remove from alter cloths.

Lectors (Janet Bresciani):

- I am happy to report that our Wednesday evening Stations of the Cross have been fairly well attended, with about 20 people participating all 3 weeks of Lent. (In past years, Friday evening Stations were typically attended by about 10-12 people.) I think advertising on our sign has helped, plus a number of people have been staying for the 7pm Mass, with attendance for Wednesday evening Mass at about 30 people since the beginning of Lent. I had enough lector volunteers that we have a different reader assigned to read Stations for each week of Lent and Good Friday.
- I am currently working on filling the lector positions for Holy Week and Easter.
- Since our last Worship meeting, I have had 2 lectors return to our ministry.

Music (Paul Bresciani):

- We've added 2 young student cantors to our weekend Cantor Roster.
- During Lent, we are doing weekly Taizé Prayer services on Mondays at 1:30pm for the School.
- We're trying to find a cost effective way of balancing what we hear in church with what we hear on our live-stream.
- We've resumed weekly choir rehearsals in preparation for the Triduum, with a choir of no more than 8 or 9. We're rehearsing socially distant while wearing masks, and only singing for 35 min.

Parochial Vicar (Fr. Alex Biryomumeisho):

- No report

Servers (Nick Robben):

- No report

Ushers (Dave Heilmann):

- No report