

Our Lady of the Valley
Liturgy Committee Meeting
October 10, 2019

Our Lady of the Valley Liturgy Committee met on Thursday October 10, 2019 at St. Ann Parish Center meeting room. The following members were present: John Bartell, Fr. Stan, Beth Ann Jacobs, Noreen Mahoney, Bill Bishop, Margie Terry, Barb Banko, Patty Peisher, Peg Griswold, and Deb Brinkhus.

1. Acting Chairperson John Bartell led the group in the OLV parish prayer @ 7:00 p.m.
2. Approval of April 4, 2019 minutes by Barb Banko 2nd by Peg Griswold, motion carried.
3. Review of the calendar meeting dates and feasts for 2019-2020 that were provided.
4. Goals from last year reviewed:
 - a. Guidelines for Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers: more ushers are needed at the 7:00 AM mass; Beth Ann J. also shared that there is a need for more lectors at this mass—she was able to get one 4:30 mass lector to help out. Fr. Stan will speak with ushers at 7:00 AM mass to try to ask for one “head usher” to be appointed.
 - b. Recognizing anniversaries/birthdays once each month at Masses. Discussion of this could be addressed this year as a goal for our committee.
 - c. Altar servers—Fr. Stan has held training for Youth Altar Servers; one more adult has been trained for Funeral Altar Servers.
 - d. Triduum of St. Ann—discussion it would be better to celebrate ALL patron saints for our parish, perhaps in May. Healing or Anointing of Sick Masses—Fr. Stan is open to trying it once—to take place after masses. Will begin in November and end in February—he will stagger among the various masses, doing ONE anointing after a mass each month.
 - e. Focus more on youth—21 youth ministry members are signed up at St. Mary’s. Youth Group seems to be going well at St. Ann’s; also, with the Youth on Tap for the young adults.
 - f. Sound System—the microphone on the pulpit has been fixed. Fr. Stan and John B. made the adjustments to the charging system as needed.
 - g. Website—Fr. Stan showed the new site, still being updated. Asked the members for our input and insight on what needs to be added for the Liturgy Committee page.

- h. Booklets & flyers—do we want to “clutter up the pews” with too many? Discussion followed.
 - i. Angelus bells are now ringing 20 minutes before Mass on Sundays. John B. to reset with the time change on Nov. 3.
5. New Goals for this year:
- a. Anointing Mass
 - b. Birthdays/Anniversaries announced at mass
 - c. Patron Saints Celebration
 - d. Parish Website
6. Memorial Mass scheduled for Sunday, 11/3/19 at the 10:30 am mass. Peg G. already ordered candles as needed. Bill B. to contact Evie at parish office for the notice in the bulletin and to verify names for the list to be included in the bulletin. Beth Ann J. and Peg G. to light the candles; Bill B. to be the leader and read the names.
7. Hunter’s Mass scheduled for Nov. 16 at 6:30 pm, St. Mary’s in Rexville.
8. Bereavement Committee—Fr. Stan shared that the “Through Death to Life” booklets and a worksheet have been given to area funeral directors to give to families; this helps in the planning of the funeral mass when the Bereavement volunteer member contacts and meets with the family. Bill B. asked if there are any other books that could be used; Fr. Stan shared not really...we will continue using the present book. Beth Ann J. shared there are currently 6 active members, with one more person interested in joining the Bereavement Committee.
9. Fr. Stan shared the following:
- a. Weekday Masses—he has been approached to schedule one daily mass at 5:15, on Thursday for example. This may mean a change to the confessions for Thursday; changing time to 4:30-5:00. During the week of Oct. 21, Fr. Stan will announce this at the daily masses. He will also announce this at the Oct. 26 & 27 weekend masses.
 - b. Book of Gospels—due to a memorial donation made to the parish, Fr. Stan has purchased the Book of Gospels for our parish. This gives more reference to the Gospel and more visible presence to The Word. The Gospel Book will be part of the processions and then placed on the stand (graciously made by Mark VanDurme) in

front of the pulpit. When the Deacon comes to read the Gospel, he will take it from the stand, read the Gospel, and then place the Book of Gospels back on the stand.

- c. Funeral Vestments—need to be replaced. Bishop & Johnson funeral home will pay the costs. Discussion followed that the last time vestments were replaced was when Fr. Patrick VanDurme was pastor—and Bishop & Johnson Funeral Home also paid then for the replacement costs. Beth Ann J. asked about the parish having “reserved jackets” to be placed on the pew backs for funerals—to reserve seating for family members. Bill B. graciously offered to have Bishop & Johnson Funeral Home also pay the cost of this purchase.

10. Closing Prayer: led by Fr. Stan, Our Father prayer

11. Next Meeting November 14, 2019

12. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

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