

TO: FR. FELIX AND PARISH COUNCIL

RE: UPDATE FROM NEWLY ORGANIZED LITURGY & WORSHIP COMMISSION HELD 11.12.2021

Attendance included: Fr. Felix, Bridgett Ereaux, Mary LaFond, Cathy Salsbery, Lana Ulrich, Anne Boothe and Joy Depuydt. Fr. Felix opened the meeting with a prayer and later in the meeting shared the importance of commissions and how they are integral part of the parish and only work well if all the parts work together.

Anne shared an introduction to Commission Ministry (see attached) and that she had been asked by the Parish Council to initially lead this group. There was good discussion of how various elements work together and everyone left excited about moving forward together.

Consensus was that each ministry committee would have at least one leader with responsibilities to include general leadership, inviting new members, training and communication. Per this meeting and previous conversation, the following assignments were made:

- Lay Leader of Prayer – Dianne Salsbery and Mary LaFond
- Hospitality – Mary Lundstrom and Cheryl Moore
- Lectors – Mary LaFond and Jill Hould
- Alter Servers – Fr. Felix, Lana Fortin + parent
- Musicians – Cathy Salsbery and “teams”
- Environment (altar décor per liturgy guidelines) – Bridget Ereaux
- Sacristans – Julie Howell, Gina Webb and Diane Liebel
- Eucharistic Ministers (includes during mass and ministry to homebound) – Mary LaFond with Sharon Emond doing Friendship Cups.
- Funeral Service Planning – Maynard LaFond (tentative). Lana Fortin and others to be determined.

Any parish member interested in sharing their talents in any of the above ministries is asked to contact the leader noted above. We will follow the parish and diocese guidelines and create step by step instructions for most ministries. In person training for Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans ASAP (watch for announcements) with a formal Commissioning Ceremony and blessing of all ministers during weekend Masses on February 13th and 14th.

New ideas/needs include:

Create written guidelines for each ministry and compile into a binder for general use and post all on our website as resource. Conduct training workshops ASAP.

- Having Hospitality Ministers identify and help schedule families to take up the gifts (as allowed after COVID); distribute bulletin as people enter Mass to help people better understand or follow Fr. Homily (must include notation that it is reference only, not word for word), fill donated welcome gift bags (new parishioner form, water, snack, other materials) for new and visitors to church. Please contact Mary or Cheryl to assist with hospitality or be a gift bearer. We also need someone to fill and manage the welcome bags.

- Lent – conduct an outdoor Reenactment of Jesus’s walk to His crucifixion, traditional Washing of Feet on Holy Thursday. We need several leaders for these activities - please contact Fr. Felix or Anne to help.
- Environment – this committee should have several members as planning and doing need is great. Creative, crafty, sewing capable, physically strong and others should contact Bridgett ASAP. A planning meeting will be held soon to organize for Lent and Easter.
- Altar Servers – open to adults, girls and boys who have received their first sacraments. Lana is reviewing simple training books that will be used and given to each youth server and will work with Fr. Felix to schedule initial and ongoing training for all. We REALLY would like one or two parents to help with this effort – please contact Lana or Fr. Felix.
- Coordinate a workshop on Catholic Funeral Planning for parish members – use a video, have a form for participants to complete, invite the Wilderness Funeral Home business owners/managers so they understand Catholic protocols. Let Lana know if you can help or are interested in attending (it will be later this spring or early summer.) It has also been suggested we host a workshop for those grieving.
- Revise the order of procession for each Mass as follows: (note – we are researching candle vessel/bowl for safe transport by Altar Servers.)

Cross Bearer (Altar Server)	
Candle Bearer (Altar Server)	Candle Bearer (Altar Server)
Eucharistic Minister	
Lector 1	Lector 2
Pastor/Priest	

- **January 24th is WELCOME SUNDAY** – 10:30 Mass will have Youth Ministers and Choir and PCCW January band will serve free brunch. Please join in and invite others who may want to come back to Mass.
- **Next Liturgy & Worship Commission meeting is 5PM on Tuesday, February 9th.** All committees, members and others interested are invited. Please share your talent – we are stronger together.
- Commission Weekend with Minister Blessing will be in each community during regularly scheduled Mass on Saturday, February 13th and Sunday February 14th. All ministers, altar server please plan to participate.
- FYI – Bible Study with Mary LaFond **“Walking Toward Eternity – Daring to Walk the Walk”** will be held each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 9:30am. Please let Mary know if you would like to participate. Cost is \$17 for book. We will be advertising this in local news and announce start date soon. If you are in Saco, contact Joy Depuydt as she would help coordinate the first Walking Toward Eternity – Making Choices for Today if there is enough interest.



