

COMBINED LITURGY COMMITTEE
THE PARISHES OF ST. IGNATIUS & ST. MARY
SOMERSWORTH & ROLLINSFORD

Preliminary Minutes of the April 12, 2010 meeting.
April 17, 2010

1. The Liturgy Committee of St Ignatius and St Mary parishes met on April 12th to develop the liturgical direction of the parishes. Attending were: Fr. Mike, Dcn Bill, Ron Cormier, Ann Gagne, Arlene Fall, Beatrice Lachance, Claire Menard, Elizabeth Mayo, Janet Jacobson, Lee Reublinger, Lou Michaud, Nancy Argue, Roxane Day, Sue Huff, and Wilhelmina Wiegman.
2. Fr Mike opened the meeting with prayer.
3. The **minutes** of the last meeting (March 8th) were accepted.
4. St Ignatius Parish **PC feedback**. The last meeting of the SIPC was April 7th and the next meeting is May 5th. A review of our March 8th minutes was presented. A discussion took place re. the impromptu speaker at the 10 am Easter Sunday Mass at St Martin. A protocol will be developed. Another discussion point was that it is difficult to save seats at Christmas and Easter Masses when ministry people are meeting in the Sacristy before Mass. Reserved seating was an option but it was decided to have a check-in procedure in place for those Masses so that people may return to their families more expeditiously.
5. **GIRM Instruction**. We meet next on April 19th at 7 pm at the St Mary Parish House.
6. **A & E Committee**. Fr Mike thanked all for the work and innovation exhibited during the Lenten, Triduum, and Easter seasons. The churches looked great and the costs were in budget. Some things to remember for next year were: a. the Indonesian celebrations and access to the Eucharist. b. To schedule the Divine Mercy novena more fully and with greater lead time. We should have offered more; maybe singing the chaplet. The Divine Mercy picture should still be in the sanctuary but the floral arrangements changed to provide focus. This can remain until the flowers need to be replaced. Ron will work on a replacement for the St Martin picture. c. To be more efficient during rehearsals so there is less “hang time.” d. The watering of plants was a lot better this year and the churches floral arrangements still look healthy and vibrant.
7. **Lenten/Triduum/Easter program feedback**.
 - a. The **extra Mass** at Holy Trinity at 12:15 pm on Thursdays was well received. We may change the day next year so that Fr Mike has some “down time.”
 - b. Attending the Friday **Stations of the Cross** services are ~15-20 at St Mary and 40-50 at St Ignatius.
 - c. The retreat “**Theology of the Body**” was well received and the committee did a great job providing the refreshments for the ~60 people that regularly attended.
 - d. **Palm Sunday**. We need to change the allocation of palms for next year. We'll use processional fan palms and palm trees for Sanctuary decorations. Holy Trinity

will use 4 & 10 respectively, while St Martin will use 4 & 6 and St Mary 8 & 4. Each church will have an additional 4 processional fan palms for their procession. There were no Altar Servers at the 4 and 11:30 Masses and not enough EMs. We need to be more careful of scheduling next year. Fr Mike thinks that next year we should pre-bless the palms and hand them to parishioners as they enter the church by any door. There was too much confusion this year. We will probably end up with multiple "blessings." We should also have 2 sacramentary's and 2 gospels available; one set at the church entrance and one set for the sanctuary. All Masses should be conducted the same way and a "set up person" for each Mass would be helpful.

- e. **Holy Thursday.** 225 attended. This is up from 180 in 2009. There were 16 Altar Servers. The committee thanks Ron for being a wonderful MC and Altar Server Coordinator and Trainer. Stripping the Altar etc worked well when augmented by the EMs.
 - f. **Good Friday** at Mt Calvary was a wonderful Spring day and the service was well attended. The service at St Mary had over 150 parishioners and 10 Altar Servers attending.
 - g. **Easter Vigil.** 185 attended. The celebration took 2 ½ hours and was wonderful. A portable PA set would have been helpful during the Service of Light and perhaps lessened the din inside the church. The Knights have such a system.
 - h. **Easter Sunday.** A total of 1,320 attended Masses. The breakdown was: 200/250/690/180.
 - i. **Ecumenical Services.** About 40 to 50 attended regularly. The Berwick United Methodist Church was added and necessitated the dropping of Tri City Christian as a host. This may have contributed to the lower attendance this year. There were ~ 80 attending our service at St Martin on March 24th. Thanks to the committee again for the refreshments.
8. There will be **two First Communion celebrations** this year, both at Holy Trinity. They are on the 1st and 16th of May. Fr Mike would like to see "Traffic Directors" to control parking in the field. A suggestion was made to park some decoys in the field ahead of time and maybe the others would follow.
 9. **Confirmation** is May 6th at St Martin at 7 pm. The Bishop is officiating. Lou will ask Fogarty's to provide the cake. Janet will ask Marty for other reception support.
 10. The **Ascension of the Lord Vigil** Masses are May 12th at 5:30 and 7 pm. The day Masses will be May 13th at 9 am, 12:15 pm and 7 pm. The color is white.
 11. **Pentecost** weekend is May 22 & 23. The color is red. We will offer a nine day Holy Spirit Novena starting May 14 to celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. We discussed having a ministry fair to recruit volunteers but decided to delay till the Fall when things are less hectic.
 12. Other Business:
 - a. The committee wishes **Deacon Bill** a healthy and happy retirement and thanks him for his contribution to the Parishes during this time of transition.
 - b. The best time to **Crown Mary** was discussed and May 1st in conjunction with a

Religious Education retreat was selected as the best. The retreat is from 9 am till ~ 11:30. There will be lunch for the kids followed by a procession and crowning witnessed by parishioners at ~ 12:30 pm. Cake and ice cream will follow. This will take place at Holy Trinity because of hall availability. Fr Mike is considering the purchase of three "Sanctuary Mary's" so that each church will have a Mary crowned in the Sanctuary and not worry about moving the "resident" Marys. These "Sanctuary Marys" should all be crowned prior to Masses May 1st and 2nd.

- c. Recommended names were given to Fr Mike for parishioners to conduct **"Services on Sunday in the Absence of a Priest."**
 - d. The committee fosters the **robing of the St Ignatius choir** during special liturgies. Fr Mike and Jonathan will discuss it.
13. Our **next regular meeting** is May 10th at 7 pm at the St Mary parish house. Arlene and Elizabeth will provide the "goodies." Fr Mike closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectively submitted, Lee Reublinger, Chair/Secretary.

Reviewed by the Pastor April 19, 2010.