

ST. ANN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL
LITURGY COMMITTEE

JUNE 17, 2008

Attendees: Rick Distasio, Hilda Mary Graham, Pat Hudson, Father David Kelley, John Lazo, Donald Lydick, Ronnie Malone, Maureen Scanlon, Skip Sullivan, and Andy Tracy. Skip called the meeting to order and John led the opening prayer.

Father David distributed the calendar for the next year with dates and events for the following:

Advent Vespers: November 30, December 7, 14 and 21 at 4 p.m.

Penance Services: December 14 and March 22 at 7 p.m.

Healing Service: February 8 at 3 p.m.

Father said that no date has been set for the dedication of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Those who attended the first minister training session earlier today noticed that work has begun on the driveway connection which can now proceed on the middle three days of the week. The dedication cannot take place until after St. Ann's Bazaar.

Volunteer assignments for services:

Advent Vespers: Rick Distasio, Pat Hudson, Don Lydick, Ronnie Malone

Advent Penance Service: Pat Hudson, Don Lydick, Ronnie Malone

Healing Service: Maureen Scalon, Andy Tracy

Skip distributed lists of those who had previously volunteered to prepare Sunday/Holy Day

Prayers of the Faithful and monthly Liturgy Committee opening prayers

The committee reviewed the draft annual report to the Pastoral Council and tweaked it slightly to add the following: music ministry and art and environment have now encompassed planning for Our Lady of Guadalupe and the adult education series in Lent focused on the sacraments. With these additions Skip will transmit it to Rick, the newly elected executive officer, for the Pastoral Council. Father suggested that a narrative be developed around one or two accomplishments and one future project for the fall forum and that copies of the report be available at that event.

Skip said that she hoped to return as an active member of the committee after the fall season; this was welcome news to the committee which all thanked her

for her dedicated service over several years. The articles in the bulletin on the dedication of the church were well received and many parishioners expressed their interest to several members of the committee. Father will appoint a chairperson over the summer.

Skip, Rick and Andy will work over the summer on committee procedures at the request of the Pastoral Council; she asked sub-committee heads to feed into that: art and environment, music, training of lectors, and training of Eucharistic ministers can come from Bob Tracy.

Father asked if anyone had read an article in Origins by Bishop Murphy of Rockville Centre, NY. The rationale against having communion services on weekdays was described; because of the Sunday obligation, Rome allows communion services only on Sundays. Para-liturgies during the week should be prayer services. Father believes other bishops are likely to join the movement in this direction.

A lively discussion ensued on "The Difficult Journey from Ritual Materialism to Spiritual Realism" by Dominican Paul Philibert. The challenges in this complicated issue were so well presented; the group declared this the best formative article of the year.

Next meeting: September 16, opening prayer Pat Hudson.