

May Liturgy Report 2016

Liturgies:

Many unique liturgies were celebrated in the months after Easter. Planning and preparation went into the celebration of our First Communions at Mass, as well as Rituals around the Sacramental Celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation.

Much work went into the preparation and implementation for our birthday and Pentecost celebration. Liturgical ministers as always graciously and generously came forward to minister at the 11 am mass. We had representation from the school as well with the school children participating in proclaiming the Prayer of the Faithful and bringing forward the gifts.

Within the next few weeks we will begin working on the summer liturgical ministry schedule. This is a bit of a challenge as understandably so many ministers are away for the summer. A request went out in the bulletin for new ministers, but as we know personal invitation is what gets people to volunteer to serve their community. If there are people Parish Council members think should be trained in a liturgical ministry, please invite them to do so and have them contact Sarah Mancini.

Liturgy Committee:

The Liturgy Committee said goodbye to Anne Kelderhouse who has decided to step down from the committee. Anne is one of the original members and has been a great asset to the committee. She has brought us insight and has been key in our celebration of the Mass of Remembrance and Veteran's Day Prayer Service. We thank Anne for her service, kindness, warmth and generous heart.

We welcome Sr. Karen Dietz, SSJ, to the liturgy committee. Sr. Karen has recently joined the parish and will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our committee. We are excited to be working with her.

Currently the Liturgy Committee is working on: Sacristan Procedures for each church, Funeral Server Guidelines for each site and a day of Open House ending with Evening Prayer at St. Salome Church for a final day of visitation and prayer at the church.

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Other items being addressed by staff:

Procedures around the collection at Mass in response to the audit:

We have received some directives for procedures that need to be adjusted in the handling of our collection at Mass and we will be adjusting those and addressing them with our Hospitality Ministers and Sacristans. Anyone who handles the collection at Mass needs to sign a Policies and Procedures document form the Diocese and it needs to be on file with the office and current.

Staff retreat

60th Anniversary Celebration

Baccalaureate Mass for Bishop Kearney

Baptism Ministry and Baptism Preparation

Funeral Procedures and Guidelines

2016-2017 Calendar and One Message

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