

Ministry Report from: Mark Keller – Liturgy Date: May 15, 2018

1. What have you accomplished this month? What activities have you sponsored? (please include numbers)

Since my last report, we have welcomed 7,120 worshipers to Sunday Masses, 46 children have received their First Communion, and we have celebrated 8 baptisms. The Masses for the Feast of the Ascension went generally well – we are still waiting for the final attendance numbers to come in.

To follow up from the last report, we are in the initial stages of designing a liturgy assessment tool to help us identify areas for improvement and formation. I have also been working with Faith Formation to see if some young people could help organize the flower sacristy and the choir loft at St. Margaret Mary. I have also had some interest in helping to clean up the "courtyard" area at St. Margaret Mary and create a prayer garden for the parishioners to enjoy.

2. What are the plans and dreams you're currently discussing??

As mentioned above, we are moving forward with the creation of a liturgy assessment tool. Recruiting sufficient ministers for Holy Days of Obligation has been a challenge, so I am working with Donna Moll to utilize the MSP program more fully to help streamline communication and avoid duplication of efforts.

Over the summer, besides helping create a prayer garden, I plan to inventory the liturgical books and resources at all three churches. I also hope to establish an Art & Environment Team to coordinate the decorating of the worship spaces and set some guidelines for purchasing seasonal plants and flowers. In conjunction with Faith Formation, this summer we will be hosting "Pop-up Prayer Gardens" on Friday evenings at various locations throughout Irondequoit, to encourage people to participate in Evening Prayer and to bring the Church into the community.