

Sacred Heart Parish Liturgy Committee

Report to the Parish Council for September 21, 2007

A Liturgy Committee Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Rectory Conference Room. An announcement will appear in the bulletin the weekends of Sept. 22-23 and 29-30. We will review the liturgical calendar through January/February and plan accordingly. Of note will be the observances of:

- All Saints (Nov. 1, Holy Day of Obligation),
- All Soul's (Nov. 2, with remembrance of deceased parishioners from the past year/candle service),
- Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8, Holy Day of Obligation),
- Advent (begins Dec. 2), as well as an Advent Penance Service
- Christmas,
- Mary, Mother of God (Jan. 1)

Lectors

Schedules are in place for the Lectors through the end of the calendar year, many thanks to Carl Annino. One new lector was installed on September 16, Mr. Rijo Rajan. Rijo is on the schedule replacing Linda Kidder on Sundays at the 11 o'clock Mass. Linda has moved to the vigil Mass on Saturday evening. An announcement on lector training/re-training/commissioning will be forthcoming, likely after the first of the year.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Schedules are in place for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion through the end of the calendar year, many thanks to Pat Russack and Mary Manes. I'd like to ask that the Parish Council send a note of thanks to Pat Russack for her help over the years coordinating the EM Schedule. Jesse and Dolores Ware have volunteered to serve as the EM coordinators moving forward. Five parishioners have expressed a sincere desire to serve as EM's and will require training.

Deacon Mark has received a copy of the revised (March-2007) Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion issued by the Diocese of Norwich Office for Worship. Working under Fr. Dariusz' direction, he will offer classes to train new EM's (and retrain current EM's) this Fall, leading to commissioning for ministry. These classes will likely be offered on multiple dates on Sundays between the morning Masses. Watch the bulletin for details.

Respectfully submitted,



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