

## Sacred Heart Parish Liturgy Committee

### Report to the Parish Council for February 19, 2008

The Liturgy Committee met on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> in the Rectory Conference Room to plan the liturgical calendar through September-2008. Highlights include:

- Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM led by Fr. Dariusz or Deacon Mark. Legion of Mary will lead on 2/22, and the Youth Group will present their "Shadow Stations" on 3/14, possibly combined with the Haitian Simple Supper.
- Friday, March 29, the apostolate for prayer for our diocesan priests recognizes Fr. Dariusz – please pray for him and all our priests!
- Our parish mission with Fr. Tom McElroy runs Sunday, March 8 through Wednesday, March 12, concluding with a three-parish Penance Service on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart.
- Palm Sunday is March 16.
- The Chrism Mass will be held at 10:30 AM, Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the cathedral.
- The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be held Holy Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, all altar servers will attend. Carl Annino will coordinate 12 volunteers for the washing of feet
- Good Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>- Morning Prayer at 9:00; Service at 3:00 PM; Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM
- Holy Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>- Morning Prayer at 9:00; Blessing of Easter Baskets at 10:00; Rehearsal for vigil (RCIA & servers) at 10:30; decorate church afterwards.
- The Easter Vigil will begin at 7:00 PM, Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> is Divine Mercy Sunday. Carl and the Legion of Mary will coordinate the chaplet to be said at Mass(es).
- Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> is the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation with Masses at 9:00, 12:05, 5:30.
- Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Last Day of Faith Formation at Sacred Heart and will include a May Crowning/Rosary Service. In the evening, Sacred Heart will host the Teen Mass.
- Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is both Pentecost and Mother's Day.
- Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> is Corpus Christi, and we will recognize all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at the weekend Masses.
- Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We may announce a novena in mid-May, and will transfer the statue of the Sacred Heart from the rectory to the sanctuary for the week.
- Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will hold the 11:00 Mass outdoors during the Parish Festival.
- Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with Masses at 9:00, 12:05, 5:30.
- Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> is Catechetical Sunday, traditionally when FF classes resume.
- Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> we will recognize our parish lectors in anticipation of St. Jerome's memorial on Tuesday, 9/30.
- Other upcoming dates include recognition of parish musicians on St Cecilia's memorial, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Confirmation on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 with Msgr. Bride.

A copy of the complete calendar is attached.

The committee agreed that we are in compliance with the 2007 Diocese of Norwich Guidelines for Lectors, and that no retraining sessions would be scheduled. Coordinator Carl Annino has distributed the new lector schedule.

Deacon Mark received a note from Mary Connolly who will be "retiring" from flower duty this year. A bulletin announcement resulted in two volunteers coming forward to assist with flowers in the church- Mary Manes and Patrice Granatoski. Mary C. will work with Mary M. and Patrice to ensure a smooth transition. The Committee respectfully requests that the Parish Council send Mrs. Connolly a note of appreciation for her many years of service to the parish.

The revised schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion was distributed January 12 to add our newly commissioned ministers. We are seeing a lot of interest in this ministry from newly-registered parishioners that have moved to the area and who served in their former parishes.

We look forward to welcoming organist and choir director, Jeanine Lamothe, back to active ministry on March 1, following her recuperation. Many thanks to Pat Snyder, Sue King, Barbara Billings, Hannah King, Paul Lang and Emily Lamothe for covering while Jeanine was out.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair, Liturgy Committee