

Report to Parish Council
-on behalf of the Worship Committee
January 2017

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

This service was well received. Four churches participated: Ovid Federated, Interlaken Reformed, The Episcopal Church of Willard, and Mary, Mother of Mercy. Ministers/pastors from each of these churches were present and participated by sharing a reading, psalm, story. The churches' music ministers took turns provided music. The service ended with a combined choir with members from all 4 churches singing "We Are Many Parts." After the service the Fellowship Committee provided a beautiful reception. There were 50-60 people present at the service/reception. Holy Cross will host this service again in 2020.

TACC Choir

Parishioners of Mary, Mother of Mercy under the direction of David McLallen performed two pieces at the Trumansburg Area Churches Concert. They sang beautifully. Both pieces were arranged by David McLallen. Fr. Bernard has a CD of the concert. There were 8 churches who participated in this concert. It was standing room only and everyone seemed to have a good time. We will participate in this concert next year.

Christmas Vigil

Christmas Vigil took place at Holy Cross, 10pm. 50-60 people attended the Vigil. The parish choir did a beautiful job with music. We received many compliments.

Liturgy Planning Committee (LPC)

The Worship Committee has formed a subcommittee: Liturgy Planning Committee to help with planning for special liturgies and services (Feast Days and Holy Days). The LPC held its first meeting on Wed. Jan. 11, 2017. There were 8 people in attendance. The LPC covered the following:

- The Charge and Duties of the Committee
- Structure of the Committee
 - Jessica Portillo, interim chair (until elections in May 2017)
 - Kathy Sinkiewicz, secretary
- Upcoming Liturgies
 - We will not observe any feast days in January of 2017. In February of 2017 we will observe Candlemas Day (2/2/17) and the Feast of St. Blaze. These celebrations will take place at the regularly scheduled daily masses.
- Lent
 - Ash Wednesday**
 - The LPC has established the following schedule for liturgies and services on Ash Wednesday (March 1, 2017);

8am	Liturgy	St. Francis Solanus
9am	Liturgy	St. James the Apostle
12pm	Ecumenical	Holy Cross
6pm	Liturgy	Holy Cross
7pm	Liturgy	St. James the Apostle

The Parish Choir will provide music for the 7pm liturgy at St. James the Apostle. The parish will purchase 150 Lenten Magnificats (\$.90/each) for parishioners to pick up after the Ash Wednesday liturgies and to use throughout Lent. We are asking for a \$1 donation.

Day of Reconciliation

This is a mandated event set by the diocese. This year it is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 28, 2017**. Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation from **12pm-7pm at St. Francis Solanus**.

The LPC is planning a Reconciliation Service in addition to the Day of Reconciliation will take place on **Monday, April 10 (Monday of Holy Week) at 7pm at St. Francis Solanus**. This will be a prayer service involving music and readings. Parishioners will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Triduum

The following is a schedule for liturgies/services:

Palm Sunday	April 9, 2017	Regularly Scheduled Mass
Holy Thursday	April 13, 2017	7pm Holy Cross <i>The Parish Choir will provide music for this liturgy.</i>
Good Friday	April 14, 2017	3pm St. Francis Solanus <i>The Parish Choir will provide music for this service.</i>
Easter Vigil	April 15, 2017	8pm St. James the Apostle <i>The Parish Choir will provide music for this liturgy.</i>
Easter Sunday	April 16, 2017	Regularly Scheduled Masses

Additional Lenten Services

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place weekly on Thursday nights at St. Francis Solanus. There will be a soup dinner offered at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 7pm and Benediction. We will need to find musicians. There should be music in between each station (when people are moving to the next station). It was suggested that we ask music ministers at each of the three churches to cover one week. This information will be distributed to music ministers at the next music ministers meeting on February 2, 2017.

******Fr. Bernard will be on vacation from Feb. 8-28, 2017.*

Music Ministers Meeting

The next meeting of music ministers is scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7pm at St. Francis. Music ministers meet twice a year. The first meeting was held in August of 2017. The agenda includes: current state of music ministry, equipment needs, need for more musicians, Lent, and Easter.

The Worship committee requests that Mary, Mother of Mercy purchase 2 pianos (second-hand upright or baby grand acoustic pianos) to be housed at Holy Cross and St. James. The musicians of this parish have identified a need for these instruments. A reasonable price for both pianos is \$500 not including the expense to move them and have them tuned.

Submitted on behalf of the Worship Committee: Amy Panek, Gerry Frank, Michele Barr, Jessica Portillo