

COMBINED PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

MARCH 2019

Fellowship Report (social)- Jan McLaughlin, chair

Fellowship has planned and will proceed with socials for St Patrick's Day Weekend after masses.

The committee has been in discussion with Mary Szymanski regarding the Women's Guild at St. James. Both parties now view the Guild as a part of the parish's Fellowship committee. The web page, also under this committee's purview, has been adapted to take down the Women's Guild page and replace it with one that shows "Parish Activities."

Worship Committee Report (Liturgy) – Tom Duff, Chair

Planned activities related to Lent:

Mass schedules

Day of Penance and Mercy

Stations of the Cross

Private confessions on Monday of Holy Week. *To be discussed at March meeting*

Request Fr. Richard's assistance with Palm Sunday Masses

March 14, 2019 (**updated** following 3/12 committee meeting)

Present: Fr. Bernard, Barbara Willers, Gerry Frank, Tom Duff

Excused: Kathleen Rourke, Jacqueline Leidenfrost

Discussion was held on relationship of Liturgy Planning Committee and the Worship Committee. LPC remains a sub-committee of Worship. The function of LPC is mainly planning music for the liturgy, which requires a specialized skill set. Discussion resulted in a sense that the two committees could continue to operate separately.

Ash Wednesday services were well attended. Discussion of a possible 12Noon Mass in 2020 will be continued.

Stations of the Cross have attracted approximately 27 parishioners to date.

Purchase of a Pascal candle extender/adaptor for SJA is in process.

Holy Week:

Private confessions will be heard 6-7PM Monday 4/15 at SFS

No Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday

Adoration will take place until 10:00PM

Discussed scheduling of laity for Masses during Holy Week

Prayer Requests

Based on parishioner input, discussions were held about allowing use of last names in the prayer books.

Further discussions were held as to whether the on-line prayer request list should be modified to a static posting with wording to the effect of “please remember those listed in our parish prayer books as well as the infirmed and elderly of the parish”.

Lectors Practicum

Fr. Bernard will provide a written set of guidelines to be given to lectors.

Holy Days through May 2019

Fr. Bernard advises there no liturgically special requirements.

Word Committee Report (education) – Andy Morpurgo, chair

March 14, 2019

First Communion has been set for June 2, 2019, at 9 am at the church of St. James the Apostle. We have one student this year.

First Penance will be during Lent. Date TBA

Confirmation is at Immaculate Conception in Ithaca in May. Details were discussed at the January PC meeting

The Word Committee will meet in April to discuss plans for next years catechetical program. We will survey the parents prior to this meeting to get a sense of how this past year went. Anecdotally, the parents I have spoken to were pleased. Will also need to discuss with Rich Rasmussen how he felt it worked and if he has interest in repeating for the 2019-20 year.