

Combined Committee Reports Submitted for March 20, 2022, Parish Council Meeting

Executive Committee

Executive Committee met Tuesday March 8
Fr. Bernard, Tim, Gerry, Kathleen

Agenda for this week's meeting (attached below) will include 15-20 minutes to wrap the Synod discussion – separate from the responses to the Diocese-posed 'questions'.

There was a discussion of the process to select hymns for masses. There are recommendations based on the readings, which then are sometimes modified by local musicians at all three parishes. Tim expressed frustration that at masses without organists or cantors, it makes no sense to have hymns that most people don't know. Fr. Bernard reiterated a wish for a parish song leader, or at least a more coherent approach towards hymn selection. We may be migrating towards requiring more financial resources for parish music.

Tim Davis

Word Committee

The Word Committee has not met since last year but hopes to do so in March to complete the Synod themes. There was some delay in scheduling.

There is one child for First Communion this year. An official date has not been set yet.

I think (and this is not really a Word Committee item) it would be okay to have an Easter egg hunt this year if the numbers stay as they are. It would be after the 9 am mass in Trumansburg at SJA on the Marian lawn.

Have been looking for a virtual retreat/mission for Lent, but have not seen one yet.

Andy Morpurgo

Worship committee

The Worship committee met Thursday March 3rd. Discussion centered on Lent and Easter planning.

Present: Fr. Bernard, Kathleen Rourke, Donna Ryan, Barb Willers, Tom Duff
Absent: Leo Kawczenski

1. Fr. Bernard reported a large attendance at all three churches on Ash Wednesday:
 - a. 9am Mass at SJA
 - b. 12n distribution of ashes at HC
 - c. 7pm distribution of ashes at SFS

2. The committee discussed and agreed plans for Lenten services:
3. Wednesdays at 7pm:
 - a. Stations of the Cross with homily and benediction at SFS (no service on 4/13)
 - b. Holy Week: Confession 7pm-8pm on Monday at SJA and Tuesday at HC in addition to regularly scheduled Friday evening opportunities at SFS
4. Holy Thursday
 - a. Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm at SJA with adoration until 9PM
5. Good Friday
 - a. Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm at SJA
 - b. Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00pm at HC
6. Easter Vigil: Saturday 8pm at SFS
7. Easter Sunday: 9am Mass at SJA and 10:30am Mass at HC

Note: above includes revised times for items 4a and 4b following discussion at Parish Council 3/10 meeting.

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Witness Committee

The witness committee has not met since before Advent. The main focus was the annual collections at St. James for Birthright and Catholic Charities. We collected items that Birthright especially requested such as diapers, bib, blankets and clothing. For Catholic Charities we collected hats, scarves, mittens/ gloves and socks. Both collections occurred during the four weeks of Advent and the parishioners were extremely generous with their donations (both items and money).

Food Pantry- we put up posters and a sign up sheet in the vestibule of St. James for our assigned month of volunteer at the Trumansburg Food Pantry. We had very few participants. Our next assigned month is December.

Lynne Stager