

Fellowship Committee

1/5/2023

Summary notes Fellowship Committee

Accomplishments:

- Christmas Social

- o The festival was conducted on Sunday, December 18th. Set up was Saturday.

Approximately 25 individuals attended. Two families brought young children.

- o The festival lasted two hours, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, and that timing was just right.

- o All participants worked on arts and crafts projects as well as joining in meeting other members of the Parish community while enjoying festive treats and beverages.

- o Special thanks to Susan Gydosh and Jackie Leindenfrost for art supplies and cookies, Geri Todi for all her help with the coffee and beverages, Mary Szymanski for her donation of the 30 Christmas ornaments on which participants wrote messages of faith, names of special loved ones, etc. to memorialize on the Christmas Trees

- o Fr. Bernard led all in a closing holiday prayer

Conclusion:

The festival was a success. It brought parish members from all three churches together for a short time. There was great conversation, and the young children enjoyed the craft projects.

Recommendation:

Repeat in 2023

- Potential near future events under discussion include Valentine's Day and Mardi Gras.

End Report

Worship Committee

Worship Committee Meeting held on January 4, 2022

1. Christmas Masses:

St. James Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m — 170

Holy Cross Christmas Eve 8:00 p.m. — 56

St. Francis Christmas Day 9:00 a.m. — 30

Masses went well and the attendance was good. Holy Cross felt the numbers could have been better, but the cold windy weather kept some away.

2. Report: Music for weekend Liturgies

4:00 p.m. Saturday - Ron Trunzo (organist and cantor)

9:00 a.m. Sunday - Kate Small (organist); Deb Swartz and Tim Davis (cantors)

10:30 a.m. Sunday - Mark Sinkiewicz (lead guitarist); Mark / Wendy cantors
(sometimes Jessica LaBrake Portillo - guitar and cantor).

3. Father Bernard's vacation Jan. 21 - Feb. 25

Weekday Masses — Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m. St. Francis

Communion Service — Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. St. James

Fr. Richard will cover weekend Masses.

Fr. Bernard will reach out to Fr. Chumo at Immaculate Conception to let him know that he will be away, and ask him to be the priest contact if Fr. Richard can not be reached.

Father will post in the Bulletin Confession schedules of neighboring churches — Immaculate Conception, Ithaca and Our Lady of Peace Parish, Geneva.

4. Lent:

Ash Wednesday, February 22nd Mass and distributions of ashes

Last year:

9:00 a.m. Mass at St James with distribution of ashes

12:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at Holy Cross

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service at St Francis

This year Father will ask Father Richard to have an 8:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass, Feb. 22, at St. Francis, with distribution of ashes.

Also, will have an Ash Wednesday Service at both St. James and Holy Cross. Who will so the service and the time has not been decided.

“Word Among Us” booklets have been ordered for Lent. Besides being at the 3 churches for our parishioners Father will take these booklets to the homebound, as he did for Advent. Also, we discussed giving each of our homebound parishioners a missal, like we have in the church pews. These missals will be ordered soon.

We discussed having Stations of the Cross with Benediction.

Last year we had a Holy Hour during Lent on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis. The hour began with Stations of the Cross. Then, a brief sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We decided to do the same this Lent.

Father mentioned that Pope Francis has designated a Sunday coming up as “Word of God” Sunday. Possibly we could have a Lenten Study on this?

5. Easter Triduum Liturgies

Last year:

Holy Thursday — 7:00 p.m. St James

Good Friday — Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m. Holy Cross

Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m. St. James

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night (Holy Saturday), 8:00 p.m. at St. Francis

Easter Sunday Masses: 9:00 a.m. St. James

10:30 a.m. Holy Cross

We thought the schedule from last year worked well so will do the same this year.

Witness Committee

January 10, 2023

Present: Fr. B. Maloney, R. Pell, G. Frank

The Seneca County Community Christmas Project served 213 households with 797 individuals throughout Seneca County.

Homebound / Assisted Living – 20 individuals with 19 receiving monthly cards or notes.

Food Pantries

Super Bowl / SouperBowl Sunday – February 12, 2023

It was discussed to make the effort at all three churches to collect food items for the remaining weeks in January through the second Sunday of February for our local food pantries.

SouperBowl Sunday is a national ecclesiastical event that tries to draw attention to those experiencing the need for food in our communities. All food items gathered and funds raised go to the local food pantries, in our parish in Interlaken, Ovid and Trumansburg.

Items that have been requested in the past include bagged or boxed cereal, pasta and pasta sauces, canned vegetables and fruits, dried rice and beans, canned soups and whatever other items you might think others might be able use.

The second Sunday of the month is the regular Sunday for items to be brought to St. James the Apostle Church.

Walking With Moms

Nothing new to add at this point.