

SEPTEMBER 2016 WORSHIP COMMISSION MINUTES

September 1, 2016

12:30 PM

Egg Harbor

Introductory Business

- Call Meeting to Order – Members present include Michelle Piatek, Marian Irmen, Kathy Sedan, Mary Gomoll, Father Dave, Burnie Cerra
- Prayer
- Marian moved to approve the June minutes; Michelle seconded.

Liturgical Ministry Updates

- **Ministry Training Update** – *The stewardship sign-up gathered a few more names for ministry. Several couples are being trained as Eucharistic ministers. Ken Beutler will read and usher at BH. Burnie and Patrick Cerra will usher at JP. It was suggested that we place announcements for specific ministries needed at the various churches, especially BH & JP where volunteers are few.*
- **Ministry Scheduling Update** – *Discussion about our need for more servers, particularly trying to involve our children who are in Faith Formation. People have gone to FF classes, spoken with the children, students seem receptive, but then the parents drop the ball and don't return forms or get back to Michelle or Barb Pasquesi. Linda is encouraging parents to serve or minister with their children.*
- **Ministry Descriptions** – *Kathy handed out current descriptions of the various liturgical ministries. Those interested and available will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 14th at 11:00 AM in the parish office to begin updating each of the ministry descriptions. Kathy will provide lunch. The updated ministry descriptions will be presented at our next Worship meeting in October.*

General Old Business

- **Amanda Vernon Concert** – *Sunday, June 19th at 7:00 PM at Fish Creek; Amanda played and sang at three Masses that weekend and then presented a concert on Sunday evening. Small attendance at the concert (45-50), but those who attended enjoyed it.*
- **Docks-ology** – *Wednesday, July 13th at 7:30 PM at Hardy Gallery Dock – The theme was A Service Against All Violence. It was a beautiful evening and many people came forward to thank Kathy and Father Dave for the Scriptures, songs, message, and prayers for an end to violence in our world.*

- **Dan Schutte Concert** – *Dan Schutte was very well-received at his concert on Thursday, July 28th at 7:00 PM at Sister Bay. It was almost a full church, quite an ecumenical group, and people traveled from other cities to enjoy the evening. Not as many folks stayed for the social afterwards, but those who did had a nice time. The evening was quite a success for all involved. Kathy said that Dan enjoyed the experience and was grateful to the parish for inviting him.*
- **Stella Maris Wedding Update** – *Burnie Cerra – There will be 7 weddings during September, with three of them happening this Saturday. Most of the weddings have gone well. A few weddings have been stressful because couples don't return the information needed in a timely manner or they don't follow the wedding guidelines established by Stella Maris or the diocese.*

General New Business

- **Mass Schedule Changes** – *Beginning weekend of September 10-11*
Saturdays – 4:00 PM at FC, 6:00 PM at JP; Sundays – 8:00 AM at EH,
9:30 AM at SB, 11:00 AM at BH, 1:00 PM at WI
- **Season of Prayer - Care for our Common Home** – *In 1989, September 1st was designated as a Day of Prayer for our Earth by the Orthodox church. Since then, many denominations have joined this movement and the American bishops have expanded it to a Season of Prayer from Sept. 1st through Oct. 4th, the Feast of St. Francis. Wayne Kudick asked that parishioners would pray a specific prayer during this time, but Kathy is waiting for permission from the Vatican to reprint Pope Francis' prayer for our earth. Kathy published a prayer approved by the US Catholic bishops in last week's bulletin, asking people to pray it throughout this season. On October 1-2, we will all pray Pope Francis' prayer for our earth aloud during Mass.*
- **New Psalm booklets** - *Kathy has prepared new white Psalm guides for Fall, which will go into the pews beginning the weekend of September 10/11. A parishioner had suggested that perhaps we could print the verses of each psalm as well as the sung psalm response so parishioners can understand the full text. Kathy looked into it and received permission to do so. The new Psalm guides will include the sung Psalm response and the words to the verses. Thank you, Kathy!*
- **New Blue Worship Guides** – *Later in October, we will be learning a new Mass setting, The Mass of Christ the Savior by Dan Schutte. Kathy did some research and found that this is the most widely used OCP Mass setting since the advent of the New Roman Missal. This means that many of our visitors will already be familiar with it. Kathy is preparing our new blue worship guide and will be adding more hymn choices too. Cantors will learn the Mass setting during the next month and will teach the congregation beginning on the weekend of Oct. 22/23.*

- **Appreciation Open House for All Volunteers** – *In gratitude for all you do for Stella Maris, you and your significant other are invited to join fellow volunteers at Sister Bay anytime between 6:00 and 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 22nd. Heavy appetizers, treats, and liquid refreshments will be served.*
- **Respect Life Committee** – *At our Masses on October 1-2, the Respect Life Committee will do a presentation on Spiritual Adoption, called “The Least of These”.*
- **Pet Blessing** – *Sunday, October 2nd at Sister Bay, at 1:00 PM. Deacon David will bless pets.*
- **Priesthood Sunday** – *October 30th There will be a blessing of our priests, but no reception this year.*
- **I Will Live On service of remembrance** - *Thursday, November 10th, from 12 – 2 PM at Fish Creek. We’ll begin with a light luncheon and then head into church to sing and pray the service of remembrance. We will talk with Becky Nash about inviting families of those who passed away during the past year.*
- **Advent Planning** – *Father Dave, Kathy, and Mary met to begin planning.*
 - *“Save Us, O Lord” will be both our **theme** and the common song we will learn and use.*
 - ***Daily reflection books** to be ordered: The Little Blue Books and Bishop Morneau’s Waiting in Joyful Hope.*
 - ***Advent Banner** – There was discussion about having Ryan create another Advent banner for this year. All present really liked having something new and different to focus on during the Advent season, so Kathy will contact Ryan to see if he is willing to create something for us.*
 - ***Advent Wreath** – We discussed whether it was important to have all the open churches offering the same type of Advent wreath or whether it was okay to have different wreaths. The group was split as to which way to go. It was decided that we would have an Advent wreath built during the 4 weeks of Advent and placed near in front of the Advent banner created by Ryan, as was done last year.*
 - *Jan Liss had recommended we check out Bishop Barron’s Word on Fire as an **online daily reflection**. We agreed that it was a good idea to offer as many types of options for prayer and reflection as possible, so will check out the Word on Fire website info and publish the e-address in the bulletin and on the parish website under Worship links.*

- **Advent Reconciliation Service** is set for Tuesday, December 13 at 2:00 PM at Fish Creek. There will be 3 priests available.
- **Marian Feast Days** – We discussed whether we should consider having some type of potluck or meal on some of the Marian feast days, perhaps quarterly? This might offer folks the chance to gather and celebrate after Mass. Kathy handed out a sheet listing all the Marian feast days and we discussed it briefly. She asked us to think about this and we'll talk about it again next month.
 - **Year of Mercy** ends on November 20th. We are including the diocese sheet which includes information and suggestions. We will think about this and look at it again in October.
 - **Revised Rite of Marriage** – The Order of Matrimony has finally been released by the Vatican and is being printed and shipped. Our diocese will start implementing the revised rite as of December 30th. Kathy has already adjusted the forms and letters, which engaged couples must fill out, for the 2017 weddings scheduled at Stella Maris. The diocese is offering an all-day workshop, which Burnie and Kathy will attend. Father Dave will receive information regarding the new Order of Matrimony at the priest convocation.

Closing Prayer

Next Worship Meeting is set for Thursday, October 6, at 1:30 PM in Egg Harbor. See you there!