

Saint Mary Parish, Milton

Liturgy Commission Meeting

February 14, 2012

Minutes

1. Prayer

The meeting was opened at 7:00 PM with a prayer from Pat Starr.

Present: Father Jim Uppena, Sister Carol Hanus, Angie McNally, Pat Starr, Gretchen Geist, Bob Berger

Guest: Connie Bier

II. Minutes of the January 10, 2012 Meeting

Minutes were accepted as printed.

III. Discussion / Decision

A. Review of Communications to Commentators, Eucharistic Ministers, Song Leaders and Ushers concerning the Adjustments in Weekend Celebrations.

1. Concern of EMHC's bowing when holding the wine cup. It was decided that they should use a head bow and not the profound bow from the waist.
2. Regarding the letter to the song leaders....it should read "Dear Song Leaders and Musicians" Father will add a paragraph regarding bowing at the altar.
3. Letters to these ministers will go out on Wed Feb 15th.

B. Lent/Easter Environment

1. The environment committee consisting of Connie, Adeline Riesterer, Sue Gavigan and Father Jim met and Connie presented the findings to the commission:

A banner on the wall behind the altar will say "The Beloved"---with two long banners with flowing shades of purple and magenta, will consist of a symbol of star and crown of thorns with a contemporary flow of mountains and water. It will be put up on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

The cross outside will have a long purple sash arranged vertically and weighed down with driftwood at the bottom.

All poinsettias left from Christmas will be removed for Lent and the green plants will remain as they are.

For Easter---banners with a foliage print design will replace the two long Lenten banners, with the "The Beloved" banner remaining.

IV. New Business

A. Parish Policies regarding the Celebrations of Weddings

1. When having a Mass along with the wedding...the musicians will help guide the wedding couple with suitable music during the Mass. The liturgy should dictate what is suitable and any secular music will be approved by Father.
2. No longer will the lighting of the unity candle be allowed during wedding Masses---only when there is no Mass. The sign of unity in the Mass is Communion and shouldn't be duplicated by using a unity candle ceremony.
3. Printed policies will be tabled for further discussion. Father will draft a policy for us to discuss.

V. Task Assignments for Next Meeting: March 13, 2012

Chair: Angie

Recorder: Gretchen

Prayer: Bob

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM