

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Pastoral Council

January 6, 2016 7:30 - 9 p.m.

NOTES

Attending: Ann Marie Rosa; Fr. Vinnie Doolan; Mark Dudziak; Carol Roberto; Owen Devlin; John Glancy; Edward Poole; Fabiola Aguilera; Mary Herx-Morrill; Lynn Jacobs; Nigel Timothy; Joe Watson; Mike Jaillet; Kate Mason (note taker)

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Ambassadors Pilot Program at OLOS

The Ambassador Program is known on college campuses. CRS is piloting the Ambassador Program in three archdioceses in the US including Boston. Tom Mescas-Faxon, Mary Herx-Morrill, Kathleen Crawford and Kate Mason attended a two and half-day CRS Ambassador training program in mid-November with 10 other parishes. CRS offers the opportunity to contribute to international outreach as well as continue to support local Catholic Charities.

OLOS will coordinate four CRS projects over the course of the year. The first of the projects is Rice Bowls to be launched on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7th, along with our annual soup collection that supports the local food pantry (Ilse Marks). The Rice Bowls Collection will be throughout Lent and the collections will support both international (75%) and local (25% to Catholic Charities) efforts. Kathleen Crawford is coordinating the Rice Bowls with Mary Herx Morrill.

Reflections on Advent and the Christmas Liturgies All

Likes/appreciation for:

- the move of the Advent Wreath to the altar with a different family lighting the candles each week; the readings of the significance of each candle each week
- the Wednesday Advent Prayer sessions
- Christmas Mass being well-attended with great music
- Having a children's pageant

Suggestions:

- at prayer evenings, reduce the incense used for those with allergies; increase the volume of the microphone at the podium
- 5 p.m. Mass was overcrowded and very warm due to weather. Next year, the plan is to have two 5 p.m. Masses (one at O'Connell Hall)
- Giving Tree: too few tags for the 10:45 a.m. Mass. Info to be shared with Christian Services and Teresa Coda for Youth Ministry
- Hearing Devices for hearing impaired? Mike Jaillet will look into the technology and costs

Next steps for the Liturgy Commission

- **Revised Mission statement as follows:**

The Our Lady of Sorrows Liturgy Commission helps plan and support a rich Liturgical experience for the parish community. It works with Father Vinnie and the other parish ministries to integrate scripture, music, papal and archdiocesan themes, current events and the liturgical calendar to deepen our personal and collective spiritual lives. Its acts as a consultative body and meets monthly.

- **Top two areas of initial focus for Liturgy Commission**

- Planning for the Liturgical Seasons
- Planning for Ordinary time

Eventual possible areas of focus in the longer term

- Liturgical experience beyond Mass: daily morning prayer, stations of the Cross, Adoration, evening prayers, etc
- Liturgical literacy training for the parish

- Training for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers
- Sacraments
- Children's liturgy
- Dance liturgy
- Worship environment
- **Membership and chairperson**
 - Decision of who will chair the commission will be addressed once our new Deacon is on board.
 - **Recruiting members:** Ann Marie will work with Lynn to schedule and invite all parishioners to an open meeting via bulletin and email newsletter. The purpose of the meeting will be to clarify the scope and expectations of the Commission.
 - We brainstormed a list of potential members and agreed **that each of us will start talking to these individuals about the Liturgy Commission and encourage them to attend the open meeting.** Fr. Vinnie is the point person if anyone has questions.
Brandt Henderson; Michel Methot; Catherine Cornille; Jeff Boleche; Joe Favazza; Richard Martin; Kathleen Crawford; Carol Greve Philips; Kerry Payson; Allen Del Rosario (music minister); Kitty O'Hare; Tish Blain; John Maslanka; Joan Spano; Carole Haladyna; Tom Bollenbach; Mike Kiernan; Chuck Cittadino; Silvia Dudziak, etc.

All other business

Staff update:

- Deacon Frank Tremblay will join OLOS Parish. His role is pending another decision at the Archdiocese level. He will meet parishioners this weekend at the Masses and coffee hours.
- Allen Del Rosario, our new music minister, is on board and fully engaged with our community.
- Chris Muldoon has retired - we will miss her. Her party is after the Masses this Saturday, January 9th.
- Lynn Jacobs is on full time now as business manager. Her hours will be Sunday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday she will arrive at 8:30 a.m. Welcome, Lynn!

Ideas for February PPC Agenda

- Discuss and prioritize where we (as a parish) want to go next, once the Liturgy Commission is up and running
- Plan for a Town Hall meeting in early Spring
- Discuss staff additions and changes - Deacon Frank's schedule, etc.