

Christian Service Commission Minutes for January 14, 2014

Attending: Ginny DeCoste, Ginny Devlin, Mary Alice Dowdell (submitted notes), Valerie Fratello, Connie Malloy, Kate Mason, and Carol Roberto

Opening Prayer read by Carol Roberto

Check-In Comments:

Please remember in your prayers: Julie (Connie's daughter), Laurel DeCoste and Roberta Devlin to continue to support them in challenging times

Reminder: Parish Assembly is March 1 and 2.

Epoch Center Activities

- January 16th at 11 a.m., Ginny Devlin will lead the Rosary
- Greeting cards:
 - Valentine's Day Cards: Mary Alice to ask Jody Pandelidis if she wants to do them again; CSC members to make or provide cards if Jody cannot; Mary Alice will advise.
 - **CSC members will each make 10 "spring" cards and bring them to the March 11th meeting. It was suggested to use floral note cards and sign them "*Happy Spring from your Friends at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Sharon*".**

Homebound Parishioners

The CSC discussed and agreed to begin reach out to our homebound parishioners with greeting cards and warm wishes at specified times of the year. We agreed to start with Spring/Easter this year and perhaps birthday greetings. Mary Alice will research to identify OLOS parishioners that are homebound or in nursing homes and will advise the commission. The Commission will prepare Easter cards for these parishioners and consider doing something more for them that would involve the parish at large for next Christmas – perhaps a plant delivered by a parish family.

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- Fr. Chip Hines was announced as our Collaborative pastor beginning June 3 when Phase II of the Collaborative is launched. We will miss Fr. Scott. We are curious about Fr. Hines and look forward to meeting him and working with him.
- Missal/Hymnals will be replaced by Easter since the ones currently in use are 30 years old and updates are no longer available for the music selections. There will be an opportunity for parishioners to honor or memorialize family and friends with a donation. The details are still a work in process

Lenten Mission

- **Dates** – Monday and Tuesday, March 17/18 – Rory Cooney, liturgical musician, composer, author, and lecturer will present the Mission under the theme “Open Your Heart to the Good News”.
- **Mission Schedule** – Rory to introduce himself at two Masses at each church on weekend immediately preceding the Mission
 - Saturday, March 15 at 4 – Blessed Sacrament
 - Sunday, March 16 at 7:30 – Blessed Sacrament
 - Sunday, March 16 at 9:30 and 11:30 – Our Lady of Sorrows
 - Monday, March 17 at Our Lady of Sorrows – Mass at 9:00 followed by a brief talk
 - Monday, March 17 at Our Lady of Sorrows – Mission at 7:30 followed by reception
 - Tuesday, March 18 at Blessed Sacrament – Mass at 9:00 followed by a brief talk
 - Tuesday, March 18 at Blessed Sacrament – Mission at 7:30 followed by reception
 - Small selection of Cooney’s CDs may be available at receptions
- **OLOS Role** – volunteers will be needed on the evening of the Mission (Monday, March 17) as greeters (will ask for youth group to fill this role), ushers, prepare a light reception following the evening program and perhaps something between the 9:30 and 11:30 Sunday Masses.
- **Blessed Sacrament** – host the Mission on Tuesday morning and evening, March 18.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Kate will circulate an electronic calendar that will pop up as a reminder on our computers or cell phones. Meetings are set for the second Tuesday of each month between September and June; no meetings in July or August. Time: 7:30 until 9 p.m.

During winter months meetings are frequently held in member’s homes and for February 11th at Valerie Fratello’s home and March 11th at Kate Mason’s home. April, May and June will be in the Bullock Center. We expect the meetings in the fall to be in the Bullock Center.

Closing Prayer: Meeting closed with prayer read by Ginny Devlin at 9 p.m.

**Next meeting: February 11th at Valerie Fratello’s home, 1 Blair Circle, Sharon
7:30 – 9 p.m.**