St. Mary of the Hills
Worship Commission
Meeting Minutes-October 15, 2016

Members in attendance: Mary Bomarito, Hugh Buchanan, Steve Cody, Holly Foldessy, Dan Greig, Angie Kustasz, Diane Ray, Mary Pat Soisson

Old Business

-Saturday 4:00 Mass-The commission will actively remind their volunteers about the change in mass time from 5:00 pm as we near the November commencement date. Additional slides and posters will be placed in the gathering area and the entrances to spread the word.

-Stewardship weekend-The posters were reviewed and suggestions for updates were submitted. Holly will update the display boards. Sign-up sheets for each ministry will be placed on the tables and the plan for staffing the tables was discussed.

New Business

-All Saints Day-Mass times will be 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. Holy Family Regional School will now participate in the 9:00 am mass instead of 2:00 pm on holy days. The Children's Choir will debut at the evening mass.

-All Souls Day-Still looking for altar servers to serve the 7:00 pm mass. Mary Pat will let Mary know if adult help is needed for serving.

-Thanksgiving-There will be no Thanksgiving Eve mass this year due to poor attendance the past few years. The 9:00 am mass on Thanksgiving will still be celebrated.

-Advent-The pastoral planning team is working on a message series for advent, consisting of four consecutive weeks of homilies that build on the general theme of preparing our hearts as we prepare our homes. Each week another pillar idea that supports the general theme will be presented as well a call to action. All of the priests have committed to saying mass at the same time for four weeks with Fr. Stan leading the series at the 11:00 am mass time. Dan will let us know the final wording of the theme so the commission can coordinate their activities, decorations, etc. We will be soliciting families to carry the lanterns forward at the beginning of mass in order to encourage participation.

-The Healing Mass is scheduled for November 28th. Dan will contact the office to find a second priest to assist.

Ministry Reports

-Ministers of Holy Communion: Diane Ray
-Currently setting up a training class in early November.

-Readers: Tim December (absent-sent report)
-New workbooks have been ordered. Q4 schedule is in effect until after Christmas. A table has been reserved for the Stewardship Fair and volunteers have been found for all mass times.

-Prayers of the Faithful Writers: Hugh Buchanan

-Received commitments from current writers to continue for the next year. The schedule is done for the liturgical year.

-Ushers: Steve Cody

-Working on the new schedule for 2017. Would like to add 8 to 10 new ushers.

-Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

-Flowers will be ordered for All Saints and Christ the King celebrations. Advent decorations will include banners at the church entrance with the final theme displayed.

-Altar Servers: Mary Pat Soisson

-Eleven new weekend servers and forty-three Holy Family School servers have been trained. Additional robes in smaller sizes have been ordered in order to accommodate some of the new servers. Will coordinate with Mary on altar servers for All Saints and All Souls masses.

-Media Ministers: Dan Greig

-Dan's wife, Katherine, has volunteered to be the new AV tech/media chairperson. Details on the organizational structure of the AV techs are still being worked out. Mary Pat will continue to coordinate the mass schedules for the servers and techs since there is overlap within some families. Considering a uniform shirt to identify techs at parish events and masses.

-Music Ministry: Dan Greig

-Rochester Community Chorus concert will be held at St. Mary's on November 11th at 7:30 pm. Cost will be $10 per person.

-A joint performance by the St. Mary of the Hills Adult Choir and Holy Name choir will be held at St. Mary's on December 18th and at Holy Name on December 16th. Free will donations will help defray the cost.

-Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

-Need to send a thank you to Carol Reimann for the new pew reserved signs.

-A rosary procession has been scheduled for October 23rd at 3:00 pm.

-Evangelization Committee: Hugh Buchanan

-Currently fourteen people have signed up for the Christ Life series with eight to ten additional volunteers assisting. The program is run jointly with St. Irenaeus and parishioners at both parishes are able to attend sessions at either location.

-There is support for brief prayer services to be held after the 11:00 am mass for specific intentions. A volunteer would be needed to coordinate the prayer services.

-Budget: Dan Greig

-No Report

Next Meeting is November 19, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Mary Pat Soisson and Angie Kustasz