

**St. Mary of the Hills Worship Commission**  
**November 19, 2016**

Those present: Dan Greig, Mary Bomarito, Hugh Buchanan, Holly Foldessy  
Excused: all others

**Old business:**

Stewardship Fair- A few new people showed interest for eucharistic ministers, and readers. Not a significant number of volunteers came forward for the Worship Commission at this event.

**Advent Plans:**

“Preparing Our Hearts” is being rolled out on the weekend of Nov 26-27th with sub-topics for each week. Week 1- Getting Ready, Week 2- Clearing Out Your Junk, Week 3-Giving Gifts, Week 4- Seeing Signs. Fr. Stan will connect these topics and will preach a 4-week series relating to these topics. Decorations are all set; details are in order.

**Upcoming:**

Thanksgiving Mass- all set for 9 am mass.

Healing Mass- Beth Belesky will take the lead.

Penance Service- There is only one- on December 20th at 7 pm.

Christmas Masses- Same as last year: 4 pm, 4:15 pm, 6 pm, 10 pm, 10 am.

**Ministry Reports:**

**Art and Environment** - (Holly Foldessy)

Preparing for Advent and Christmas. Trees and flowers are being picked out, decoration plans are being made with Mike (new maintenance director). Things are on track.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - (Diane Ray)

Mary and I had a training session on November 13th, and 7 new EMEs were trained and 2 others attended for a refresher.

**Readers** – (Tim December)

No report

**Prayers of the Faithful Writers** - (Hugh Buchanan)

Things going well and the schedule is done for a long time. Retreat planned, but not enough willing participants, so he will try to figure out something in the future.

**Ushers** - (Steve Cody)

1) 3 new Ushers to contact and welcome aboard for next year.

2) The upcoming Healing Mass (2 ushers) on Monday (11/28) will be supported.

3) Next year 2017 Usher Schedule will be completed and e-mailed to all Ushers next month (December). Printed copies will also be available next month in the bottom drawer of the usher stand.

4) The Christmas Usher Mass Sign-Up Board will be prepared and placed in the foyer near the usher stand (as commonly done) 3 weeks prior to Christmas weekend.

5) Prior to Mass, the ushers have been asked to assist with holding the front church doors for the many seniors coming off the bus. Issue: The handicap door would shut too soon on the senior patrons coming into the building.

6) Usher(s) in the center main aisle will assist Fr. Strain (during his scheduled Mass) from off the altar steps during Mass just prior to communion.

**Altar Servers – (Mary Pat Soisson)**

The schedule for November through February is out and posted.

Several of the new servers are smaller than the current robe sizes so a few additional new robes were ordered. They were supposed to be in prior to the new schedule but the company lost the order. A rush has been put on the new order and the robes are expected by early December. The new servers have been notified of the situation and they have been scheduled later so the proper size robe would be available.

Mary Pat is trying to find servers for the Thanksgiving Mass and the Immaculate Conception Mass. In December sign-ups will take place for the Christmas and holiday masses.

**Media Ministers - (Mary Pat Soisson)**

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**Music Ministry - (Dan Greig)**

Christmas Concert on December 18th at 3 pm in the church. Everything is going well for Advent and Christmas.

**Sacristan - (Mary Bomarito)**

Getting ready for Advent and Christmas. Everything is going well.

**Evangelization Committee Report – (Hugh Buchanan)**

See the notes from their meetings.

**Budget – (Dan Greig)**

Everything looks good so far.

Next meeting is December 17, 2016 at 8:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dan Greig and Mary Pat Soisson.