

**St. Mary of the Hills
Worship Commission
November 18, 2017**

Present: Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Hugh Buchanan, Holly Foldessy, Dan Greig, Angie Kustasz, Mary Pat Soisson, Fr. Stan Ulman

Old Business:

-All Saints and All Souls masses were beautiful. We will investigate using bells at the memorial mass next year.

-Hospitality/Greeters-We would like to see greeters utilized not only at masses but also at other major events at the parish.

New Business:

-Clapping during mass- Dan reported that a meeting was held with Fr. Stan and the executive PPC members. Their recommendation is for the Music Minister to handle the issue. After discussion and brainstorming, the commission suggested we use a slide to advise mass goers of times when the music is meant to be meditative. This will begin with the first Sunday in advent. It was noted that there is clapping after speakers and in other instances at mass.

-Advent theme is "Expect the Unexpected." All preparations are on track. The message series will offer four theme points and challenges. These will tie in with Christian service activities.

-Anointing mass-Fr. Ron will be assisting Fr. Stan. Beth will request the table set-up. Angie and Beth will man the table. We need a couple ushers to help with the flow during mass.

-Preparations are on schedule for the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass, Taize Prayer, and the Communal Penance Service.

-Christmas masses-There will be a sign in the narthex noting the mass change to one 10:00 am on Sunday, December 24th. A book by Matthew Kelly and a bookmark will be distributed after the Christmas masses. Fr. Stan noted that directories will be mailed with the Christmas letter this year.

Ministry Reports:

Ushers-Steve Cody (absent-sent report)

-Active efforts are underway to find a replacement for the Usher Coordinator.

Ministers of Holy Communion-Diane Ray (absent-sent report)

-No one showed up for a scheduled training session.

Art and Environment-Holly Foldessy

-Flowers will be ordered for the Feast of Christ the King. A bulletin article was submitted asking for volunteers to carry the lanterns at the beginning of mass during advent.

Evangelization Committee Report-Beth Belesky

-The committee is evaluating how to proceed with the Christ Life series for 2018.

Mission Statement: To maintain, recruit, and train parish members to support the liturgical efforts of the parish.

Altar Servers-Mary Pat Soisson

-No report

Media Ministers-Dan Greig

-Trained one new AV tech. Planning for the installation of new AV equipment has begun. A new mounting system will be used and monitors in the church should be significantly brighter. The new system will be a head-end system that has the capability to broadcast in many areas of the building.

Music Ministry-Dan Greig

-The Gospel Mass Concert was a huge success. Expenses are under budget. Free will donations helped to off-set some of the expense.

Prayers of the Faithful Writers-Hugh Buchanan

-No report

Readers-Tim December (absent)

-No report

Sacristan-Mary Bomarito

-Blue books have arrived and will be available this weekend or next.

Budget-Dan Greig

-No report

Next meeting is December 16, 2017 at 8:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Pat Soisson