

**St. Mary of the Hills
Worship Commission
April 21, 2018**

Present: Beth Belesky, Mary Bomarito, Hugh Buchanan, Holly Foldessy, Dan Greig, Mary Pat Soisson

Old Business:

-Youth Mass-Meghan from the Youth Commission joined us for discussion related to improving the communication and planning process for the Youth Mass. The Youth Commission is interested in arranging for a spring mass as well as the SAW weekend mass on an annual basis. The group was encouraged to secure a date in September, once the school schedules have been released, for the Youth Mass in the spring. This year the SAW mass will be June 30th at 5:00 pm. We will arrange additional training for ushers and readers in the future.

-Holy Week/Easter was meaningful and beautiful. A request was made to consider moving the 8:30 am mass to 9:00 am for consistency. The vigil mass was not as well attended as last year. Next year more Eucharistic Ministers should be scheduled for the 11:15 mass in the gym. A suggestion was made to consider acting out the gospel reading at the Holy Thursday mass. Washing of the feet would happen in conjunction with the gospel reading.

-Divine Mercy celebration was reasonably well attended. More advertising is recommended in the future.

New Business:

-Name Badge Sunday is May 5th and 6th at all masses. Volunteers are needed to greet and write out the name badges of mass goers as they enter the building. They should arrive about 30 minutes prior to mass to receive materials and instructions. During mass, the presider will prompt the community to introduce themselves to those seated around them and possibly suggest an ice breaker question to encourage brief discussion. There will be treats and refreshments available following mass for community fellowship. An article will run in the bulletin and in the monthly email blast to familiarize everyone with the event.

-May Crowning will also be advertised via the monthly email blast. Sherry Link is going to invite the children and their families to attend.

-The Ascension will be celebrated on the weekend of May 12-13. It is also Mother's Day. Church decorations will be simple and may include a few flowers.

-The Feast of Pentecost and the sacrament of Confirmation will be the following weekend. Decorations include flowers in the church and photo spot, a banner of the Holy Spirit, and centerpieces for the reception. Prayers of the Faithful will only be in English due to issues with finding enough bilingual volunteers for all masses. It was

suggested that everyone could be invited to say the Our Father in their native language during mass. Dan will follow-up with Fr. Stan.

Ministry Reports:

Ushers: Steve Cody (absent-no report)

Ministers of Holy Communion: Diane Ray (absent-no report)

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

-Donations for Easter flowers totaled \$921 and covered 92% of the flower cost. Holly is saving the flower bulbs from the Easter decorations to plant at Fr. Stan's house in the fall. The placement of the rear screen scheduled for installation in the gym should not interfere with the planned background decorations for Vacation Bible School.

Prayers of the Faithful Writers: Hugh Buchanan

-A new writer has been added to the team.

Altar Servers: Mary Pat Soisson

-Currently arranging servers for Confirmation. Will begin working on a new schedule.

Readers: Tim December (absent-sent report)

-Will be working on summer schedule soon.

Evangelization Committee Report: Beth Belesky

-The Night Fever event will be the evening of June 27th. The committee is looking for more volunteers to help.

Next meeting is May 19, 2018 at 8:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Pat Soisson