

**St. Mary of the Hills
Worship Commission
March 17, 2018**

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

Old Business:

-Healing Mass went very well. Sixty-five people were anointed by Fr. Stan. Due to the number of people receiving the sacrament, we need to consider an additional priest to assist Fr. Stan.

-Penance Service went well but we had a small turnout. This may, in part, be due to the Christ Life retreat which also had reconciliation available. We may want to consider emphasizing reconciliation and the graces received as part of the Lenten theme for next year.

-Taize Stations of the Cross was well attended with over 50 people participating.

-Hospitality Ministry (greeters) – Continuing to look for a leader. Beth will email the volunteers for assistance at the Easter masses.

New Business:

-Holy Week and Easter updates – The new baptismal font is scheduled to be installed before Easter. It will be blessed during the Vigil mass. Small bottles of holy water will be given out after the Easter masses.

-The Divine Mercy will be celebrated April 8 at 3:00 pm. Mary will check with Deacon Joe on his availability. John reported that the Knights of Columbus will be there. Dan and Beth will update the slides to advertise the service.

-The Youth Mass is Saturday, April 14, at 5:00 pm. Beth and Hugh will train youth volunteers on March 21st for ministry positions during mass.

-There is a need for more daily mass readers. Tim will survey the reader team for help.

-Dan will be attending the Rebuilt Conference prior to the next meeting and will update us next meeting on the ideas presented.

Ministry Reports:

Ushers: Steve Cody (absent)

-Continuing to look for a replacement leader.

Ministers of Holy Communion: (absent-sent report)

-EME training is scheduled for Sunday, March 18, after the 11:00 am mass.

Art and Environment: Holly Foldessy

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

-Rehearsal for dressing the altar with flowers, etc during the Easter Vigil is scheduled for March 31st at 11:00 am. Easter preparations are all on track.

Evangelization Committee Report: Beth Belesky and Hugh Buchanan

-Hugh is looking for a volunteer to handle the prayer/music on behalf of the Worship Commission at the Following Christ series. He will mentor the individual(s). Dan will survey the choir to see if anyone is interested.

-The proposed date for Name Badge Sunday is May 6th. We need many volunteers to greet and assist with name tags. Beth will organize the effort. We would like to also invite everyone to coffee and donuts following the masses.

Prayers of the Faithful Writers: Hugh Buchanan

-No report

Music Ministry: Dan Greig

-The choirs are working hard on music for Holy Week and Easter.

Media Ministers: Dan Greig

-New laser projectors are being installed and should be ready by Tuesday. The new system should last for 10 to 15 years.

Altar Servers: Mary Pat Soisson

-Easter schedule is nearly finished. Only need a couple more servers for the Easter Vigil.

Readers: Tim December (absent-sent report)

-Easter assignments are done. The current schedule goes into early summer. Next schedule due out in late May.

Sacristan: Mary Bomarito

-The Paschal candle has arrived. Working on finding people for the foot washing on Holy Thursday.

Unleash the Gospel discussion

Next meeting is April 21, 2018 at 8:00 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary Pat Soisson.