

Worship Committee Agenda
January 14, 2025
10:30 am Egg Harbor Office

Attendance: Kathy Wolff, Connie Brandt, Larry Laporte, Mary Gomoll, Mike and Lynn Collom, Sharon Fitzgerald, Shirley Raasch, Mickie Mostardi, Marilyn Holland, Diane Kahlscheuer, Deacon Tony Abts

Opening prayer: Mary

Review of minutes: Connie - *Shirley moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Mickie seconded the motion*

Check in:

- What are you grateful for?
 - *The overall topics were family, music, the generosity of fellow parishioners, Father Tom*
- Stories from your ministry?
 - *This past weekend at the 4 pm mass a parent requested that her son who has Celiac disease be able to receive Eucharist in a separate chalice. The sacristan relayed the request to Fr. Tom who gave directions about the chalice and purificator. Fr Tom also spoke with the family before mass and assured them that their son would be able to receive from him.*
- Suggestions? *None*

I. Review of Advent: rituals and environment

- Advent wreath & lighting candles - *The wreaths all look good. The only confusion was the first week with the lighting of the candles because Father wanted to bless the wreath and candles before they were lit. Next year check with Father on his process for the blessing.*
- Creche - *good*
- Christmas flowers: *The 4 - 4" size poinsettias are smaller than usual, but all the plants were beautiful. An employee at Schroeder's donated 2 very large, (1 Blue, 1 purple) poinsettias in memory of her family to be included in our flower order. These were placed at Fish Creek and SBter Bay. She also donated flowers this past Easter. Mary did send her a thank you note, but it was also suggested she put a notice in the bulletin so the parish can learn of her generosity.*
- Advent Reflection booklets
 - *Quantity - was good, there were very few left.*
 - *Communication with ushers about distribution – at one site an usher was handing the books out to parishioners. Worship notes could communicate to*

the ushers that we do not order a book for every family. The books are placed in each entrance and an announcement is made that they are “available for those that want a book.”

- *The Christmas Book 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory was ordered from Dynamic Catholic for parishioners. Father decided to have them available at the weekend masses after Christmas.*

II. Scheduling:

- *Blessing of throats: weekend February 1-2. The Deacons usually help father with the blessing. Deacon Tony is only available on Feb 2. Father will decide when he will do the blessing. In the past he has done the blessing before mass. Deacon David will do the blessing on Washington Island.*
- *Mary will ask Lorie if boxes of candles have been ordered for each site. Candles will be wrapped with red ribbon. Candles will be available for parishioners to take after their blessing.*
- *8 am mass is at Baileys Harbor on Friday, July 4 The 4th of July parade in Baileys Harbor starts at 10:00am, and many people set up chairs and park in the church parking lot. At the next staff meeting, staff will discuss changing the location of the 8:00am mass on 7.4.*
- *Pumpkin Patch Weekend, October 11/12, may cause parking issues at Egg Harbor site because of a wedding rehearsal and wedding. We will have to plan the timing of closing the parking lot.*

III. Looking ahead to Lent and Triduum

- *Music:*

Lynn

 - *Ash Wednesday - any specifics There will be 3 masses (Egg Harbor 8am, BH 12pm, SB 6pm), possible choir at the SBter Bay site.*
 - *Mother Catherine will be leading a 3 day/evening retreat from March 30 through April 1.*
 - *Triduum - and specifics. All 3 services are held at Fish Creek. Holy Thursday should have music during the washing of the feet.*
 - *Easter Vigil - readings to be used. Father Tom, Deacon Tony, and the Colloms will meet to discuss which readings and music will be set for the Triduum services. Deacon Tony has a script from last year to use in the planning.*
 - *Father prefers to arrive early for each Triduum service to practice rather than plan a practice day for all participants.*

- Reflection booklets for Lent. *They are at the office and just need to be divided for each site and a date set to deliver at each site.*
- Easter mass schedule. *4 Masses - JP 6am, BH 8am, EH 10am, and SB 10am*
- Publicizing dates and times for Reconciliation during Lent: *Father will determine the schedule. Last year the week before Holy Week they were held 30 minutes before each weekday and weekend Mass. During Holy Week they were held on Monday 4-6 at FC, Wednesday 4-6 at EH, and Friday after the Good Friday service at FC*
- Stations of the Cross *To be held Fridays at 4:00pm at SBter Bay. No music needed. The Knights will be contacted to see if they will be doing the Fish Fry dinners again this year.*
- Environment: palms for Palm Sunday: *Mary will order palms and the Paschal candle from Dewitt.*
- How many palms should we order for Palm Sunday?
*The order in the past few years have included 600 straight palms plus some extra fancy palms for each site. Mary listed the prices for each of the fancy types and asked if they needed to be ordered again this year. Several people commented they weren't sure how to display them well and thought the straight palms were enough. Mary will talk with Father for his opinion about the types of palms he would like to see displayed at the sites and the extra cost of the fancy palms ***** **SEE ADDENDUM***
- Paschal Candle *One candle is usually ordered each year plus items to update the other candles.*
- Vespers. *Last year Vespers started on Ash Wednesday and were held each Wednesday at 4pm at Fish Creek after the choir practice. The attendance was 20-25 people. Lead by Deacon Tony and Deacon David.*
- Choir. *Mike stated we don't practice on a regular schedule right now and they will be gone allot during Lent.*
- A 3 day evening Lenten Retreat with Mother Mary Catherine will be held March 30-April 1st. *Logistics to be determined*
- Lent Information sheet - *It was suggested we again have a sheet designed to contain all the Lenten activity and service dates, times, and locations. This could be a bulletin*

supplement, posters at each site, or mailing. Mike suggested the website landing page could add the Lent information. Larry will contact the church web designer and discuss it at the staff meeting.

IV: Review of Christmas mass schedule and attendance

See below

Date	Feast	Time	Place	Attendance
12/8	Immaculate Conception	8 am	Fish Creek	50
12/8	Immaculate Conception	12 pm	Egg Harbor	40
12/8	Immaculate Conception	6 pm	SBter Bay	60-70
12/12	Our Lady of Guadalupe	8 am	SBter Bay	
12/24	Christmas Eve	10:30 am	Washington Island	16
12/24	Christmas Eve	4 pm	SBter Bay	204
12/24	Christmas Eve	4 pm	Egg Harbor	250
12/24	Christmas Eve	6 pm	Fish Creek	115
12/24	Christmas Midnight	10 pm	Baileys Harbor	65
12/25	Christmas Day	8 am	Baileys Harbor	54
12/25	Christmas Day	10 am	Jacksonport	87
12/31	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	6 pm	Fish Creek	192
1/1	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	8 am	Egg Harbor	116

Reactions? *The lowest attendance was at both Baileys Harbor Masses. It was hard for the 1 sacristan to handle both these masses as there were few volunteers available for the ministries. The 4pm mass at Egg Harbor was packed and SBter Bay fewer than past years.*

Conclusions : *Schedule the most popular times in the largest churches for the sake of safety. One suggestion was to follow the normal schedule of 6 pm at Egg Harbor 6pm and Fish Creek 4pm.. Another suggestion was to eliminate the 10pm mass..*

Next meeting: February 11, 2025, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Marilyn will lead us in prayer at the start of the meeting.

Deacon Tony said a prayer to close the meeting

******ADDENDUM** - *Mary met with Father Tom about the palms and Paschal candle. He doesn't like the 2 types of spiky fans, but does like the date palms. So she will order 600 palm strips and 4-6 bags of the date palms. He chose a new Paschal candle for Egg Harbor.*