**Liturgy Committee Notes – Sunday, October 27, 2019**

Present: Alyssa, Ricky Smith (chauffeur for Alyssa), Pat, Donna

Not Present/Excused: Anne, Sara, Lizanne, John, Don, Margie, Amber

Prayer – used “Opening of Vatican II” Prayer

1. Formation – we spent a few moments with the same paragraphs given for September. A new reading assignment will accompany these notes. It, too, will be short. Please read to become familiar with more about why we do what we do and to prepare for the November meeting.
2. Be sure members of the committee receive the Liturgy Committee mailings. They now come from Pat Campbell, pcampbell@bspcc.org. Notify Pat of any problem.
3. Calendar
	1. Another reminder about later Mass on November 1 being at 6:30. Work on children dressing as saints has been handled by Joann and Religious Ed.
	2. Clarification of December 8 this year is necessary. Ricky suggests Pat put the explanation in the bulletin starting now so that people do now expect a Marian celebration December 8, when it is the Second Sunday of Advent. The Advent Sundays take precedence over all other solemnities, so December 8, since it is a Sunday, is the Second Sunday of Advent. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast of the United States of America, is moved to Monday, December 9. With this move the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated – it is NOT a holy day of obligation this year. There was a suggestion that, in the past, it might have been somehow combined with the Advent Sunday. This is not going to happen, so it was suggested that this be made clear in the weeks leading up to December 8.
	3. Review and Update of Open Action Items
		1. Advent wreath/stand purchase. Everything had been ordered by our meeting date. By the publishing of these notes all has arrived! Sara has been told.
		2. Advent planning – since an “ad hoc” was not done, as Pat had intended, she spoke with Sara for her thoughts and the plan is to go ahead and begin with Lent in the effort to involve liturgy committee and others parishioners in the discussion of celebrating the season.
		3. Specific to Advent 2019: In addition to the above clarity needed for the Second Sunday of Advent/Immaculate Conception, we discussed themes for witness talks. Since out meeting a decision has been made and is just awaiting approval for a theme relating to darkness/light. Also we want to continue to have families sign up to light the Advent wreath candles each week during Lent. These families also bring up the gifts. We will keep a sign in the narthex reflecting who has signed up for this task, but we decided to try something new – have only one way to sign up and that is via Flock notes. How will people who are not computer savvy do this? Donna found the parish iPad and we will use it for this purpose. Sign up in the narthex/gathering space after Mass if you are willing to help with the lighting of the Advent wreath. Someone from the Liturgy Committee or one of our ushers will help you at the Welcome Table after Mass, or you can sign up on flock notes! The posted list will show who has signed up for each Mass. It will NOT be a place to sign up. We will begin taking sign-ups November 10/11 in the Narthex/Gathering Space.
	4. Hospitality/Usher/Greeter Discussion Continues…

Did not address our focus on this need, but did want to ask ushers for help in encouraging people, during November, to sign up for Advent wreath lighting. Perhaps they can encourage whoever is bringing up gifts on a particular Sunday to sign up for Advent. Also, ask them to help to find a person to assist at the Welcome Table if there is no one present to help someone sign up.

1. Christmas Parking – this discussion prompted the need to offer an explanation of “stadium parking” in December’s bulletin – “If parking in this way is a concern for you, we suggest you consider attending the 6:30 pm, 9:30 pm or a Christmas Day Mass.” It is worth a try! Donna said that we DO cap the number of people who can enter the building once we reach fire code capacity and put up signs when we need to turn people away. Do we need to hire a policeperson to be here to direct traffic when crowds leave? Pat mentioned to Ted who says they try that but usually cannot get police to show up.
2. Christmas Liturgical Ministers!! We need to figure out how to get the needs in this area (usher/hospitality, EMHC) met. Can we find a way to encourage folks to attend 4 just to serve and then attend Mass with family at another time?
3. Evaluations…
	1. Commissioning of EMHC/Blessing of Liturgical Ministers – lovely. Like that ministers were called forward.
	2. St. Michael Feast Day – no comments
	3. RCIA Rite of Acceptance for Children of Catechetical Age – n/c
	4. Pre Mass Announcement change – Alyssa has heard nothing so far.
	5. Homilies reaching young children – n/c
4. Round Robin – Lector workbooks will be ordered as will books for Pastoral Visitors. Ordered 10/29/19. All books arrived and Alyssa/Margie were called 11/01/19.
5. Closing Prayer – Shared prayers for healing and for all members of the committee and for their concerns.

**Action before Next Meeting for ALL** – Read the Formation paragraphs for the next meeting. \*\*Think about how to encourage liturgical ministers to help at 4 and then attend a different Mass with their family/friends and minister there, too. Send ideas to Pat. **NEXT MEETING** – Sunday, December 29, 9:10 – 10:10 a.m., Music Room – B122 **FUTURE MEETINGS**: Dec. 29/Jan. 26/Feb. 23/March 29/April 26/May 31