

St. Margaret Mary Parish, Naperville, IL
Pastoral Council Minutes
May 3, 2011

Members Present: Brian Churilla, Tom Cordaro, Anne-Marie Cronin, Desmond Curran, Dan Dulik, Bob Hansen, Fr. Paul Hottinger, Kevin M. Lynch, Nancy Rutkowski, Sue Schroeder, Steve Schroeder, Terry Wagner

Members Absent: None

Discernment Candidates Present: Barbara Burkhardt, Ed Doran, Marian Stricker, Larry Williams

Pastoral Council President Kevin M. Lynch called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with the meeting held in Room 8. Desmond Curran opened with Scripture and a guided reflection.

GUEST INTRODUCTIONS: Kevin welcomed tonight's guests, who were attending the Pastoral Council meeting as part of the discernment process to fill two At-Large Council Member positions. Each guest had an opportunity to introduce themselves. He then requested, per the constitution rules, that these guests quietly observe tonight's meeting without their being allowed to speak or vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 4/5/11:

In an effort to help shorten the length of prior Council meetings, the practice was started (in October 2007) for the Commissions to electronically submit their reports for the Council's advance review per meeting. The Council minutes then reflected any discussion, questions posed, or additional information presented about the respective Commission Reports.

The Council discussed including these Commission reports with the monthly Council minutes, along with the 2010-11 Charitable Contributions Committee Summary Report. While the Commission reports have already been included with the Council minutes as posted online to the Council's web page for March 2011 and mid-March 2011, **Council agreed to include the Commission Reports, as attached to the monthly Council meeting minutes (starting with April 2011), with Terry Wagner moving and Dan Dulik seconding.**

The Pastoral Council approved the minutes from April 5, 2011, as edited, with Dan Dulik moving and Brian Churilla seconding. These minutes will also be posted to the Pastoral Council's online web page.

"Life in the Spirit" 5-Week Seminar (5/2/11 [and also 5/ 9, 16, 23 and 6/6 – 7-9 p.m., Upper Room]): Last night's initial workshop, as facilitated by Fr. Paul and others, had an excellent attendance and a successful start. As a large number of attendees came from other parishes, plans are in place to survey all future participants in order to learn more about how they learned about this seminar.

Volunteer Recruitment/ Ministry Fair (5/21-22/11): Tom Cordaro stated that there has been an “underwhelming response” received so far from various parish committees for their inclusion in the Spring Ministry Fair (5/21-22). Any additional interested participating groups should contact Mike Prus, parish Business Manager, as soon as possible for table space requests. However, the Christian Education Commission (CEC) plans to continue its participation at this Spring Ministry Fair, this being especially well-timed for next school year’s catechist recruitment.

In September, Tom will reintroduce volunteer recruitment opportunities to the other Commissions and Committees, suggesting that they might opt to hold their respective volunteer recruitments at various Hospitality Sundays throughout 2011-12, especially when their activities might be more seasonal in nature. Committees and Commissions will then also need to select and sign up for specific Hospitality Sunday dates in advance for their volunteer recruitment .

Parish Town Hall Meeting (5/31/11 – 7 p.m., Upper Room): Plans are underway for the annual Parish Town Hall Meeting, with all Council Members encouraged to attend. Commission Heads are also encouraged to submit updates in advance to Rick Peterson for inclusion in the PowerPoint overview presentation about SMMP’s numerous ministries. Commission Representatives should also be prepared to briefly talk about their groups at the Town Hall Meeting.

Council then expressed its interest in highlighting various ministries and staff members’ roles in the parish bulletin throughout the year ahead, perhaps including such recognition on a weekly or near-weekly basis. Anne-Marie Cronin (Christian Service Commission Head and Representative) shared plans to contact three CSC committees at a time about this, requesting their submitting write-up’s for the bulletin. Council noted the importance of recognizing how everything that is done here is part of a ministry

DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR NEW AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS: Steve Schroeder confirmed that Mary Straub, Parish Bulletin Editor/Secretary, is now in receipt of the At-Large Member Candidates’ statements and photos for inclusion in the parish bulletin. Sr. Madelyn will collect helpful written comments submitted by parishioners about these candidates and will then privately share these with the respective candidates. Dan Dulik and Steve also reported that the candidates’ final discernment will be held on 5/24/11, with the two new At-Large Members then being invited to attend and participate in the 6/7/11 Council Meeting – however, they will not yet be allowed to vote.

OTHER CALENDAR DATES FOR 2011-12:

Council/Staff Dinner (8/19/11-evening) and Workshop Day (8/20/11): Council set the date for the Council/Staff Workshop to be held on 8/20/11, for which the new Council President shall set the agenda. A Council Member’s house is still needed as a host site for a Council/Staff dinner on 8/19/11. While this dinner and workshop are considered to

be especially invaluable for new Council Members and Staff, it was also noted that Staff are strongly urged to participate in both of these.

While a date has not yet been finalized for a Saturday Workshop Day in January, this will be determined shortly, along with whether or not Staff will be encouraged to attend. It was also noted that this January Workshop Day was newly created and developed during the past several years and has proved to be very helpful.

Parish Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (1/21/12): Although this is planned as more of a “potluck” dinner, Council recognizes the importance of celebrating the parish’s many volunteers, along with helping foster wonderful parish fellowship through this annual event.

EARTH CARE COMMITTEE: Tom Cordaro reported that the parish Earth Care Committee (also including Council Member Sue Schroeder) has received an “overwhelming” response to its donation request for non-disposable mugs – much of Tom’s office now contains additional mugs, with many of these now earmarked for further charitable donation or as replacement for any breakage. He noted that many of these mugs are now stored in containers within the parish kitchen and kitchenette, with explicit accompanying directions for their use, cleaning, and storage. Earth Care Committee members will also need to develop a schedule for periodically checking up on these mugs.

Fr. Paul also noted that the parish is currently in the process of obtaining larger and more recycling containers, appropriately labeled for collection of various recyclables. A standard announcement requesting appropriate recycling of materials will also be made at the beginning of all major meetings held within the parish facilities.

FUNDRAISING: Council expressed interest in learning more about the possibility of the parish’s holding a benefit concert by spiritual vocalist and humorist Michael O’Brien. Kevin was contacted about this by two very generous parishioners, who would like to apply any proceeds from this possible fundraiser toward parish debt reduction efforts. Council would like to obtain more performance information from other host parishes and would also like to investigate the possible use of All Saints Catholic Academy (ASCA) as a concert site. Reportedly, Michael O’Brien still has some performance dates open between June-September. Tom Cordaro also noted that he felt that he could publicize such an event, given three weeks advance notice. Council tabled moving ahead with this concert fundraiser, with further discussion planned for the June meeting.

Nancy Rutkowski will contact the Contemporary Choir to find out whether or not they are interested in again holding an outdoor evening summer concert at SMMP. Through last summer’s concert efforts, free-will offerings were collected to assist the parish’s Charitable Contributions Committee.

Discussion continued tonight about the need to have a “two-pronged” approach for parish fundraising, one needed for parish debt reduction and the other needed to help

fund specific individual areas, e.g. parish lighting and carpeting. If volunteer(s) would head any of these, the scope would then need to be of a size that can still be manageably handled accordingly on a volunteer basis. All fundraising efforts also need to be structured, organized, and appropriately spaced in their scheduling. Council also expressed the need for maintaining a parish master calendar, including both parish and ASCA activities and fundraising events. While a parish event coordinator might originate as a volunteer position, the Council also discussed the possibility of its eventually becoming a paid position through future revenue streaming. An Ad Hoc Committee for Fundraising, consisting of Bob Hansen, Dan Dulik, Steve Schroeder, and Brian Churilla, will convene shortly about this and will present their findings and suggestions to the Council at the June meeting.

POLICY/ PROCEDURES FOR CONTRACTS: Desmond Curran reviewed the parish's historical need to develop and implement policy/ procedures for contracts, dating back to efforts initiated in December 2009. The current version represents much compromise and frequent revisions. At tonight's meeting, Desmond presented a newly revised Policy/ Procedures for Parish Agreements, which was recently circulated among parish Staff --- Staff posed no objections to this current draft.

Through a "whip around" format, each Council Member voiced his/her feelings about this current version of Policy/ Procedures for Parish Agreements. Comments included:

- "I agree."
- "This is really soft from its original legal form."
- "I approve it."

For purposes of achieving consensus, Kevin did not oppose adoption of this revised policy. He did, however, express his great disappointment in the overall delay in accomplishing this goal. Additionally, he was disappointed that many staff members were resistant toward adopting any written policy at all. In his opinion, many staff members were openly hostile toward Council 's efforts to develop policy. While he further expressed doubts that the policy as adopted would achieve its original goals and/or would be followed by staff, he expressed his sincere desire that he be proven wrong on this point in the future.

Although Council approved this aforementioned policy on Parish Agreement at tonight's meeting, it was also noted that this can be revised or adjusted as needed in the future. Desmond was thanked for his continued efforts to reword this agreement.

The final version of the Policy on Parish Agreements as approved tonight is shown hereto.

CELEBRATIONS – SR. MADELYN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE: In response to the Council's recent agreement to coordinate efforts for Sr. Madelyn's upcoming 50th anniversary in religious life, Desmond reported that a committee of ten men and women is now formed to work on this. Although he has already met with Sr. Madelyn to discuss some initial

efforts, the Ad Hoc Celebration Committee still needs to give its input about a possible fall date for this. He noted that Sr. Madelyn, in expressing her gratitude, was humbled by the interest expressed and efforts being made on her behalf. As with other recent parish celebrations to honor staff members, no funds are currently budgeted for this celebration, and parishioner contributions will be sought toward a reception and gift.

OTHER: Kevin reviewed some of the Pastoral Council's recent history for the Discernment Candidates' benefit. While he noted that these monthly meetings are also open to guests, advance notice of their attendance is greatly preferred. In addition, guests can also have an open forum for 2-3 minute presentations, although these have not recently occurred. In addition, Fr. Paul had opted to not continue the practice of adding "Pastor's Notes" at the end of the Council meetings.

Kevin also requested that any reports be written and electronically sent using older software formats, so that all Council Members (whose computer systems might not have the latest technology) can also open and read these.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Administration: *[4/20/11 Administration Commission Meeting Minutes was electronically sent in advance by Mike Prus, a copy of which is attached hereto].* Terry Wagner, Administration Representative and Finance Committee Head, shared the Commission's frustration in seeking new lighting solutions for the church. Administration is also concerned that the timing of such a change still appears to be "between generations of lighting systems and their support," as new technologies rapidly develop. In addition, the Council expressed its thanks to staff for replacing the American flag used for outdoor display.

Christian Education (CEC): Due to the CEC not having met last month, Bob Hansen, CEC Representative, did not send out a meeting report summary. He did, however, noted that there is some of the Religious Education staff disagreed with the Council's recommendation that the Scholarship Committee Representative report to and attend meetings of the CEC rather than the Administration Commission. Much of this seems to be based on a perception that the Scholarship Committee's decisions are "purely financial." Kevin Lynch has agreed to attend the upcoming CEC meeting on 5/12/11, hoping to better explain Council's recommendation. Meanwhile, CEC has agreed that the ASCA Representative should report to and participate in their meetings.

Bob then also noted the continued heavy use of the new parish Teen Center by teen and young adult faith-sharing groups, and he shared thanks for its funding.

Christian Service (CSC): *[April CSC Summary Report was electronically sent in advance by Anne-Marie Cronin, a copy of which is attached hereto].* Anne-Marie Cronin, CSC Head and Representative, shared hardcopies of an additional committee monthly summary (for Pastoral Care). This addendum will also be attached hereto.

Since quite a few of the CSC committees have seasonal ministries, Council recommended that the next meeting date for each of the CSC's non-reporting committees should also be included in the monthly CSC Summary.

Christian Worship (CWC): *[May 2011 CWC Summary Report was electronically sent in advance by Nancy Rutkowski, a copy of which is attached hereto].* Council noted how fantastic this year's Lenten and Easter services were.

Fr. Paul reported plans to continue the use of substantial bread as Eucharist through the Feast of Corpus Christi [6/23/11]. Council then also shared its thoughts in a "whip around" format about the use of substantial bread as Eucharist, including the following comments:

- "Yes – like this" (3 Members)
- "No – don't like this" (2 Members)
- "No preference" (1 Member)
- "Difficulty in administering Eucharist in this form [as Eucharistic Minister]" (1 Member)
- "Possible choking hazard with younger communicants" (1 Member)
- "Feel uncomfortable with this" (2 Members)
- "Use substantial bread as Eucharist only for special celebratory] Masses" (1 Member)
- Abstaining from comment (1 Member)

FY2011/12 BUDGET: Terry Wagner stated that the current budget is now updated, showing March numbers, although Easter collections (from late April) are not yet included. He noted that the parish's 3rd Quarter report should be completed within the next 2-3 weeks, also ready for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. This new quarterly report's publication will also be forthcoming in the parish bulletin.

Terry reported that all receipts came in as expected, except for those from Adult Religious Education. It was noted that the Adult R.E. programs, especially the *Threads* and Ignatian Programs, are considered to be "self-funding" and do not appear as line items in the Adult R.E. budget. Further discussion by Council is recommended about this. In addition, Council discussed and approved continued payment of \$400 per year to its Recording Secretary (\$40 per monthly session). It still also needs to determine whether or not it will contract for a paid speaker at the August Council/Staff Workshop.

Due to the Diocese of Joliet's mandate that its parishes make the required liturgical translation changes at the beginning of Advent (on 11/27/11), the CWC anticipates an additional \$6,000-6,500 expense for the parish's purchase of new hymnals. The FY2011/12 draft budget does not yet include this hymnal purchase, however. Additional discussion occurred about how much could be anticipated as revenue towards this \$6,000-\$6,500 hymnal purchase expense, through the provision of special hymnal or other collection envelopes. Any such revenue, estimated by the Commission as \$5,000, is not included in the draft budget at this point. Therefore, the FY2011/12 draft budget

still needs to be reworked, factoring in this \$6,500 hymnal expense with anticipated receipts (along with addressing the possible consequence of lower receipts for hymnal purchase). Discussion ensued, with the preliminary suggestion being that the Commission's current \$65,000 budget include the effects of this special revenue and expense, meaning that they would need to make sure they "cover" this extraordinary expense in their budget. Because of this significant change, the Council agreed to send back this proposed budget to the Commission and obtain their feedback. The final budget will be approved at the June Council meeting. Unfortunately, this will make the budget submission to the Diocese a few days late.

Reportedly, the Diocese of Joliet will be providing pew cards and other materials to assist parishes with this translation change. It was noted that the translation change is occurring internationally [with all English-speaking nations].

Terry will electronically send out the newest draft of the FY2011/12 budget tomorrow to Council Members, with their being asked to only share the page respectively pertaining to their own Commission or Committee. Council then discussed the possibility of scheduling an additional meeting or electronically conferencing later this month in efforts to approve a final parish budget for FY2011/12 prior to the Diocese's June 1st parish budget submission deadline. However, the Council tabled further budget discussions and approval until the 6/7/11 Council meeting.

FINAL "WHIP AROUND" – Comments included:

- "Difficult but good meeting – frustrating, but the best we could do"
- "'Welcome' to the Discernment Candidates – our meetings are typically not like tonight's, though"
- "Nice conclusion to a very productive meeting"
- "Tiring – happy to have had good discussion"
- "Fatiguing budget process, but good meeting"
- "Praying for those who are discerning Council membership"
- "Thanks"
- "My last meeting – 'good-bye,' and 'welcome' to the future new members"
- "A long evening, but good"
- "Appreciated all for taking the time to work on the budget"

Lastly, Council expressed its appreciation to Bob Hansen for his three years of service as Christian Education Commission Representative on Council. Due to his needing to miss next month's Council meeting, Bob indicated that tonight's meeting would be his last one, thus ending his three year term -- Kim Cernek will substitute for him as CEC Representative at the 6/7/11 meeting.

CLOSING: Desmond Curran led tonight's closing prayer.

The meeting concluded at 10:18 p.m.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, in Room 8th (St. Margaret Mary Parish), starting at 7:00 p.m.

*June Opening and Closing Prayer: Tom Cordaro
June Refreshments: Tom Cordaro*

Respectfully submitted,
Marlyn Ligner Steury
Recording Secretary

PARISH AGREEMENTS

All agreements involving the parish, whether in writing or not, are to be entered into only by agents of the parish authorized by the Pastor. The Pastor has full discretion to delegate (or to limit or withdraw) authorization for parish agreements, to designated staff and volunteers. Parish agreements involving goods or services in excess of \$1000 shall be done in writing (through e-mail or other means) specifically outlining the terms of the agreement (such as the particular goods or services the parish will receive, when they will be received, the extent and timing of any parish obligation, and to whom the parish is obligated) and be made available to the parish staff.

In general, vendors, including outside speakers, should be paid at the time services are rendered or goods are provided. In cases when it is necessary to pay a portion of a fee due to a vendor in advance, due to the nature or timing of the services or goods requested, any such advance payment should be accounted for in reserves and not charged to expense until the service is rendered or the goods are provided. When any such advance payment is made, proper documentation of the agreement (through e-mail or other means) should be made available to the parish staff and to the vendor. The Pastor has full discretion to delegate (or to limit or withdraw) authorization to engage vendors to designated staff and volunteers.

**SAINT MARGARET MARY PARISH
ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION
Minutes of Wednesday, April 20, 2011**

Members Present: Theresa Hawley, Tom Hill, Jeff Jameson, Chuck Marquis, Michael Prus, Klaus Rummer, Terry Wagner.

Members Absent: None.

1. Opening Prayer: Led by Tom Hill.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 16 meeting were approved, without changes, “by acclamation”.

3. Discussion/Decision Items:

A. Church Lighting Above Sanctuary

Tom Hill noted that his contact with another vendor was unsuccessful, as they are not interested in the job. Chuck Marquis reported on his visit to an LED vendor, who indicated that LEDs for our particular application were not likely to be available in the near future. Chuck also contacted Greco Electric, and they indicated preliminary interest in our project. Jeff Jameson noted that we have all the information that they should need to prepare a proposal. Chuck will follow up with Greco shortly.

B. Repair & Replacement

Terry Wagner reported the interest of the Pastoral Council in building projects which might be funded partly by specific fundraisers sometime in the future. Church lighting and church carpeting were noted.

C. Parish Outdoor Flag

Terry noted the Pastoral Council’s inquiry on the need to replace the flag on the outdoor flagpole, and the disposal of the old flag. Mike Prus indicated that the flag will be replaced very soon, and that arrangements for disposal of old flags are already in place with the Boy Scouts.

4. Member Reports and Discussion

A. Chuck Marquis: Chuck noted that it would be wise to check the length of the warranty on the building fascia, which has been replaced in recent years. It seems that the functional life expectancy in this part of the country may be lower than initially expected.

B. Terry Wagner, Finance Committee: 1) Terry reported that the budget is nearing its final preparation, as ministry groups have submitted their budgets. The Finance Committee will prepare a final overall budget, for review by the Pastoral Council in May. 2) The Council is presently in the selection process for new members. Orientation and discernment for prospective members will take place in the coming weeks. 3) A parishioner, Gregory Temple, is a member of the Diocesan Finance Council, and will be present at the next Finance Committee meeting. 4) Terry distributed the February financial report, and collections reports for March.

C. Michael Prus, Business Manager: 1) Mike said that the new voicemail system was installed recently. 2) The replacement carpet work in the sanctuary is now

complete. 3) A new icemaker, selected and funded by the Men's Club, was also installed. 4) The transition to the new accounting system, mandated by the diocese, is approaching. Mike, with our bookkeeper Pat Henke, attended an initial meeting, discussing chart of accounts. The new system will be implemented with the start of the new fiscal year on July 1.

D. Tom Hill, Building Committee: Tom reported that the replacement to the door opposite Room 10 will occur shortly.

E. Jeff Jameson, At Large Delegate: No report.

F. Theresa Hawley, Scholarship Committee: Theresa reported that applications have been distributed to school families, and the committee is currently waiting for completed applications.

G. Klaus Rummer: Klaus noted that the Men's Club home repair project on April 16 went well, and one more visit is planned. Klaus mentioned that the Men's Club golf outing is on June 10. He also noted that Mayslake holds its golf outing on June 16, and All Saints on June 17.

5. New Business: None.

6. Closing Prayer: Led by Theresa Hawley.

Christian Service Commission Report April 2011 Report

Bereavement

No report at this time.

Blood Drive

No report at this time. Next drive is scheduled for May 7, 2011

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts

Troop 507 attended a camp out in Rockwood-Morrison State Park the weekend of April 15th - 17th. The weather was windy, wet and cold. Highlights included the "Hike for hot chocolate" and the extreme generosity of a local Wal-Mart which donated hats, gloves, hot dog toasters and snacks to our troop. The donation was unexpected and the kindness of the area residents truly heartwarming. Pancake Breakfast scheduled for June 5th, 2011. Tickets now on sale.

Charitable Contributions

No report at this time.

Christmas Giving Tree

No report at this time.

Emergency Meals

No emergency meals in April.

Funeral Luncheons

Had one funeral luncheon and served about 70 people at a cost of about \$160.

Food Pantry

Weekly donations for Loaves and Fishes have been good during this Lenten period. Will continue to monitor for any drop off.

Men's Club

Fifty-eight active Men's Club members attended the April meeting. Nominating committee identified candidate for upcoming year; most returning officers include Ray Jeffreys, Keith Brown and Neil Gorman. Bob Maro secretary being replaced and "vote" is next month. 2nd Quarter Charitable donation with some additional Bingo proceeds of \$1,400 was approved by the membership, \$200 St. Vincent Depaul, \$100 Diocesan mission trip, \$700 teen's mission trip and \$400 Loaves and Fishes. April in PARISH this month involved quite a few of the members, and now deceased member of men's club spouse very happy with the help provided. All men of the Parish are invited to join us for food, fun and fellowship!

Newcomers Committee

No Report at this time.

PADS

No report at this time.

Pastoral Care

No report at this time.

Peace and Justice

This month we had the Feed My Starving Children volunteer day and had a good turnout. We are planning a special bulletin report before the end of the month. On April 26th we will have our panel discussion on public policy to address global climate change and our energy future. In addition the parish Earth Care Committee is collecting coffee mugs that can be used for parish small events and other gatherings as a substitute for using styrofoam cups.

Pro-Life

No report at this time.

Project Gabriel

No report at this time.

September Club

We met at church at 12:00 noon for a pot luck lunch. There were 38 members and Fathers Paul and Tom in attendance. As usual the food was excellence and the visiting with friends that had not been seen since the last get-to-together

Sharing Parish

Applications are presently being accepted for tuition assistance for next year at Catholic grammar schools in Aurora.

The Garage Sale to raise funds for the Sharing Parish Scholarship Fund will be held on Friday, August 5, with a reduced price sale on Saturday, August 6, from 8 am to noon. Donations will be accepted starting on Saturday, July 30.

Applications have been sent out for the Craft Fair on Saturday, October 1.

St. Joseph Ministry

No report at this time.

St. Vincent DePaul

We were able to help 8 individuals / families this month

- Lady with three children on Workers comp helped with rent
- Helped parishioner whose wife is dying and out of work
- Lady on disability helped with car repairs
- Rent help
- helped lady with car repairs who is leaving area
- helped parishioner with loan payments
- helped lady laid off after 30 years with rent
- Helped parishioner with utilities

Donations are good and we have ability to continue to help

Sunday Nursery

No report at this time.

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Transitional Housing / Daybreak

Submitted by Anne-Marie Cronin

Christian Service Commission April Report – Addendum

Pastoral Care

The Pastoral Care Committee is sending 3 new candidates (Rosalie Fall, Adrian Jaworski, and Shirley Talbot) to Sister Jane Schlosser's classes for new ministers of care from May 9 until May 18: 4 evening classes, at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien:

They will assist at Edward Hospital on every Monday when our parish visits all the Catholic patients.

Submitted by Paul Christin, Coordinator

Christian Worship Commission Report May 2011

Altar Servers: No report at this time.

Art and Environment: These are busy day for Environment. Holy week went very well. We now have to keep up with everything through Pentecost.

Baptism assistants: No report at this time.

Choirs: Both choirs did a great job for Lent and Easter. Thank you for the beautiful music.

Eucharistic Ministers: All went well during Holy Week and Easter. The posting of the sign-in sheet in the Narthex appears to be working well, more EMs are signing in, as well as checking for sub needs. There will be another EM training workshop held in late August or early September.

Greeters: Everything went well for Holy Week. Again our sign-up sheets worked well. We had enough greeters for all Masses.

On the day of Confirmation we were short on Greeters since there was a collection taken up at this Mass. We were able to fulfill our duties by recruiting additional help from the parishioners. It seems we have a problem with some of the Greeters at certain Masses, not greeting the people as they enter Church. We are working to correct this problem.

Lectors: The lectors had no issues during the Holy Week and Easter Masses. Many signed up for multiple attendances and gave freely of their time, happy to be participating in the beautiful ceremonies. We are lucky to have such parishioners in all of our ministries.

Linen Launderers: No report at this time.

Liturgy Development Committee: The committee has not met yet after the Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter Masses. There were wonderful comments made by many after each of these Masses. All of Lent, Holy Week and Easter liturgies were very spirit filled. Thanks to the committee for a great job and making our liturgies very meaningful.

Sacristans: Holy Week and Easter went smoothly. We did run out of wine upstairs at 10:45 on Easter because of the two crystal decanters are so small. We probably should have used the clear glass decanters upstairs and the crystal decanters downstairs. We had plenty of hosts. There was a miscommunication as to the need for the large crystal bread bowl but we mad so with our everyday glass bowls to bring up the host at the liturgy of the Eucharist.

I wish t thank everyone who was involved in any way to help make our liturgies this Lenten, Triduum, and Easter very meaningful and special for our parish.

Submitted By: Nancy Rutkowski