

Church of Saint Mary
Lector Annual Meeting Summary 11/4/10 8pm in Church

Opening Prayer. Lectors who arrived early attended Eucharistic Adoration (Benediction) in the Chapel. Lectors then moved into the main Church at 8pm.

1. **Welcomed new lectors.** All adults (over 18) lectors must attend a Virtus Training Session "Protecting Gods Children" www.virtus.org and complete the required Registration and Background Checks Forms. Most all up to date/ on file.
2. **Sign up for specific assignments for Thanksgiving, Immaculate Conception 12/7-8 and the Christmas/New Years Weeks.** Attendees were able to volunteer, remaining slots will be assigned.
3. **Review of the core values of the lector ministry.** Proclaim with **Boldness and Conviction**; Don't just "read". At each Mass, YOU are this ministry. How you proclaim directly impacts how much the congregation absorbs. Requires **You being prepared**. Use available resources: lector workbooks, www.LectorPrep.org. Pronunciation guide is also avail under the lectionary in the sacristy. If you haven't read the whole **Lector Handbook** in a long time, I suggest you read it- [available online](#) – you may be surprised to learn something new!
 - **Voice inflections** and **occasional eye contact with the congregation** are important. Don't add personal introductory remarks to readings; Minimize hand gestures. **Dress appropriately**.
 - READ the "**Tips to Prevent Common Mistakes**" on sacristy bulletin board **EVERY time** you serve.
Known Exception: When you are a last minute volunteer due to no-shows, we understand you've had no time to prepare. When you see a lector vacancy at last minute, don't hesitate to walk to lector chair area and offer assistance.
4. **Scheduling:** 90% of no-shows are due to it not being on personal/family calendars. **Put your assignments on your family calendar(s)** as soon as a new schedule is received!
 - Each **lector is responsible to find their own substitution** unless a true emergency occurs at the last minute. Use tools ("Mass Typically attends", e-mail list) **Sign-In for your mass**. No shows are reviewed/ followed up on.
 - **Update your contact info** on lector contact sheet and lector eList as changes occur. A hearty 'thank you' to those who **regularly check their email** and reply timely to email requests for trades and volunteers.
5. **Q&A Forum.** Bookmark and use the Lector webpage: <http://www.stmary.ws/ministries/lectors.htm>
 - **Can I use the convent side when walking around the Altar?** Yes, at processional and recessional it is perfectly acceptable to use the convent side of the Altar, except when/ if the Convent side path is in use (ie: Family Mass Childrens Choir blocks the path). At Recessional, lector should start walking to front of altar as soon as they see Altar Servers lining up.
 - **Assigned lector Chairs?** There is no assigned chair for lectors #1, #2 or cantor- any chair is acceptable.
 - **During Communion distribution, where should lectors sit?** Normally, lectors can remain seated in the lector chairs. During 'high volume' masses (esp. 10:30 Mass where both body & blood communion are offered), lectors should use their best judgment and move to a less crowded area when feasible - either available chairs in the Altar vestibule on the convent side, or into the first pew.
 - Request we create a 7:30am Mass protocol sheet & be posted on the bulletin board.
 - **Intended Moments of Silence:** Pause at end of reading; use a "silent count to 5" before saying "The Word of the Lord". At 7:30am use a "silent count to 10" before starting to read the Responsorial Psalm. Intent is to allow the reading to be "absorbed in the hearts" of the congregation. General Intercessions: Stay at Ambo until after priest reads closing prayer.
 - **Best way to reach Rich Bentley?** eMail: RBentley@downstate.edu or Cell: 917-751-1399.
6. **Distribute new 2010-2011 lector workbooks** (Year A; starts w/ Nov 27-28 First Sunday of Advent). Those not present can pick up a copy at the sacristy window shelf on your next visit.
7. **Implementation of the new Roman Missal.** JoAnn gave a summary of the types of changes expected next year. Exact timeframe not yet set since changes need to be sent to publishers, etc. before they can be implemented. Most are celebrant-focused prayer changes, but there will be some congregational changes in prayer responses and Creed ("I believe" instead of "WE believe"). JoAnn performs diocesan lector training and is considering instituting similar training conducted here at St. Mary's.
8. **Closing Prayer.** JoAnn read "The Ministry of Lectors" by Austin Flemming [available online](#) (pg 2 of November '10 Liturgy Links)
9. **Group photo** was taken at this meeting and has already been placed the St. Mary Lector Website.

On Behalf of Msgr McCann, JoAnn and the parish, Rich gave a hearty **Thank you** for your continued dedication & service in this ministry! **Questions, Suggestions and comments are always welcomed.**