

MOST HOLY TRINITY PARISH  
Revisions and Plan for Renewed Music Ministry

- Musicians will rehearse in the music room of the school building.
- If a song (or songs) need to be taught to/reviewed with the assembly, this will begin 10 minutes prior to the start of the Liturgy.
- Leaders of Song (singles, duets or trios) will lead singing from the podium near the instruments (*stage right*).
- Leaders of Song should sing with strength and clarity, to be heard by but not *over* the assembly. (Some exceptions include the Psalm, Gospel verse, etc.)
- Leaders of Song should be adequately prepared to sing the entire piece with accuracy (even though the entire song is rarely utilized).
  - o A word about rehearsals...
- Regarding the Responsorial Psalm
  - o At the 4pm, 6pm and 8:00am Masses, only the response will be sung, and therefore should be done from the music stand. The Lector will recite the versed from the Ambo.
  - o At the 10:45am Masses, the entire psalm will be sung. This should be done from the Ambo. IF there are 2 or 3 singers present at that Mass, one person may lead the refrain from the music stand, while another sings the verses from the Ambo. However, in all circumstances, only one person should go to the Ambo.
- As of Christmas, musicians will receive Holy Communion last, therefore the Communion song should be announced and begin as soon as the priest celebrant receives Communion.
- Regarding a few purely practical concerns:
  - o Be sure to adjust the position of the microphone so that you can be heard clearly both speaking and singing.
  - o Do not walk away from the music stand until the song is distinctly ended.
  - o Whenever the parts of the Mass itself are being sung, step up to the microphone to assist the assembly.
- Regarding the Choir:
  - o In this time of transition we are focusing on a return to fundamentals.
  - o Ordinarily, the music for the Mass will be lead by Leaders of Song.
  - o Leaders of Song will play a key role in the education of the entire parish regarding a number of liturgical principles and practices that we will be clarifying and/or implementing in the coming months.
  - o The parish choir will be reserved to special feasts and events.
  - o The choir, when it functions at the Liturgy, will not be vested for the time being.