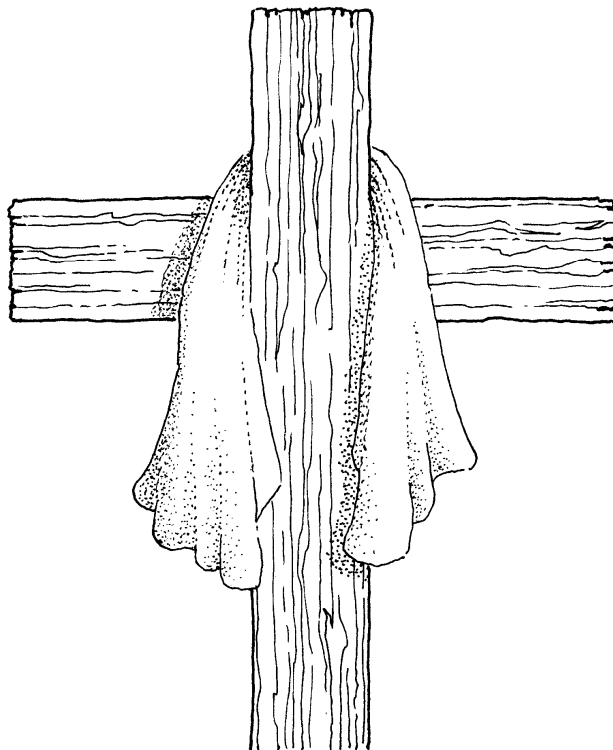
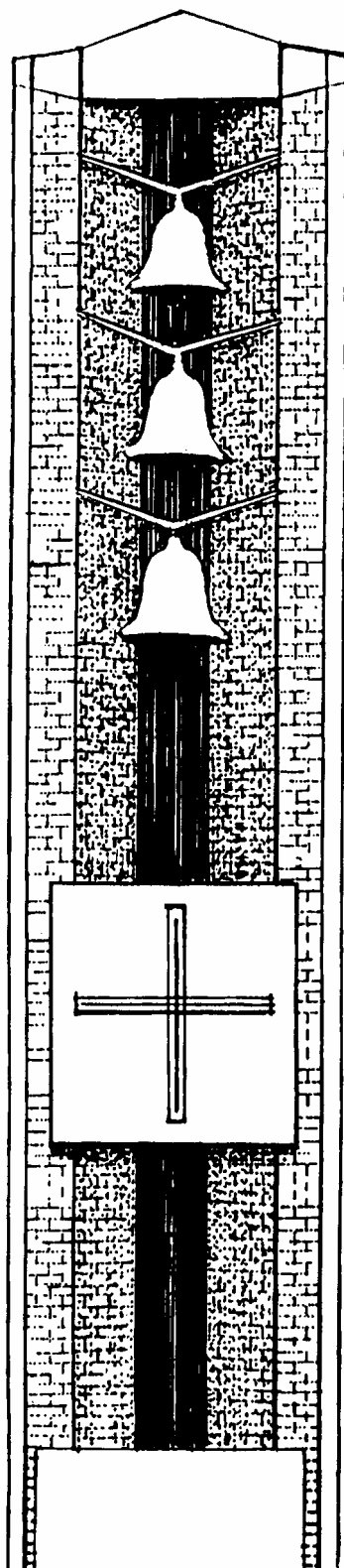


# Saint John Fisher Parish

February 21, 2010  
First Sunday of Lent



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**Weekend Liturgies**

4:00 P.M. Saturday

8:00, 10:00 A.M., and 12:00 Noon Sundays

**Weekday Morning Liturgies**

Monday through Friday 6:30 A.M. Communion Service

Monday through Saturday 8:15 A.M. Daily Mass

## ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher, formed by the gospel, nourished by the Eucharist, and united by love, are called to celebrate the kingdom of God and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ in word and action.

## BAPTISM

We welcome the following children into God's Family:

*Jude Patrick Barcelona*

*Ryan Thomas Hantson*

*Thomas Joseph Watson*

## PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

We would like to keep parishioners and all those who are serving in the military in our prayers, especially: MSG Kevin Daley; Sp4 James Garrity; Sp4 Kevin Garrity CPL Thomas Leonard, USMC; Recruit Raymond Doran; Daniel Wagner; Pvt 1st Class Michael Carroll, USMC; PFC Lane Kreisl, 82nd Airborne; Major Eric Dougherty, USMC; Lance Cpl Kevin Butler, USMC; Lt.jg Meghan Ryan; Pvt. Christopher Dinaso; PFC Ryan Hensley; PFC Steven Folliard; Sgt. John T. LaGiglia; Captain Michael McCann, US Army; Kevin Roche; Steve Ayon; Pvt. Anthony Schmidt; PFC Terrance Wilson, US Army; Cpl. Robert Brennan Carroll, USMC; Lt. Patrick F. McInerney, USN.; Captain Patrick Tierney, USMC; Kyle Sellers, USAF; Lance Cpl Brennan C. McDonald, Jr., USMC; LCPL Jack Fitzpatrick, USMC; AN Joseph L. Boyce, USN; Darin Oberhart, USN-MA1; Sgt. Thomas Hopman, USMC; CA Christopher Chirillo, USA.

## MSGR. KEN VELO TO SPEAK AT ST. JOHN FISHER

This year's Lenten Mission at St. John Fisher, *A Time of Grace and Growth*, will begin on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30p.m. in the church, 103<sup>rd</sup> and Fairfield, and continue at the same time on Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Mission presenter this year is **Msgr. Kenneth Velo**, former President of the Catholic Church Extension Society, and currently Senior Executive of Catholic Collaboration for DePaul University and President of the Big Shoulders Fund.

Msgr. Velo is probably best known, though, for his long association with Joseph Cardinal Bernardin as the Cardinal's executive assistant and close friend. Having grown up in our area, Msgr. Velo knows our community well, and is looking forward to presenting his one and only Lenten Mission of 2010 at St. John Fisher. We invite you to join us on these three nights to experience Msgr. Velo's wit, wisdom and faith-filled insights into living the Christian life.

## SOMETHING NEW FOR THE LENTEN MISSION – BABYSITTING!

Attending the Parish Mission three nights in a row—February 28, March 1 & 2—can be challenging for those with small children. But this year, thanks to our Youth Ministry Program, babysitting will be provided in Kane Hall each night of the Mission, beginning at 7:00p.m. until the conclusion of each evening's session. There will be no charge for this service, but a freewill offering will be most welcome to help fund the teens' Summer Mission Trip

# LENT 2010

**Back to basics** is perhaps the best, or at least the simplest way to describe the way the forty days of Lent should affect the lives of believers. And what are those basics? Jesus himself identifies them in the gospel we hear on Ash Wednesday: “When you **fast**... when you **pray**... when you **give alms**...” Those have long been considered the three “disciplines” of Lent. And discipline is certainly what’s needed if we are to make prayer, fasting and almsgiving as central to our lives as they should be.

**Prayer** grounds us, not only in the discipline of lent, but in every other dimension of Christian life. Lent offers us the opportunity to examine how prayer is woven throughout each moment of life, from the time we wake to the moment we close our eyes in sleep. Does your day begin with prayer, with words of praise for the gift of another dawn? Are prayers of blessing and thanks integral to every meal of the day? Does a prayer of trust acknowledge the Lord’s presence beside you at home or work or school? Does your day end with petition for the needs of the world and prayers of gratitude for the blessings of the day? Do you pray each Sunday with the community and take advantage of other opportunities offered by the parish, especially the **Parish Mission on February 28, March 1 and 2 with Msgr. Ken Velo**? If any of this is missing, let a new spirit of prayer take root and blossom in your life during the coming Lenten days.

**Fasting** is the discipline of Lent that helps us make room in our filled and busy lives for the life that really matters: our life with and in the Lord. Fasting in the Christian tradition has most often been associated with food. But all that the law of the Church demands of us now is that we **fast** (eat less) on only two days each year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday—and only then if we are of a certain age. On Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, we must **abstain** from meat—again, if we are of a certain age. But if that is the only fasting we embrace during Lent, what are we saying about the importance of our life in and with Jesus? There is probably much more that most of us need to do when it comes to fasting. If food does occupy a central place in life, perhaps the Friday evening Soup Suppers are for you. But what about fasting from TV or the internet? Abstaining from cigarettes or alcohol? Fasting from laziness or busyness? Abstaining from anger, impatience or gossip? The list could go on and on. Decide this week what fasting or abstaining is needed in your life so you can begin to appreciate the life that really matters, in and with the Lord.

**Almsgiving**—generosity—is the third discipline of Lent. Like prayer and fasting, it is a basic element of the Christian life year-in and year-out. Almsgiving is **not** what we do with our leftovers, but what we give from the substance of our lives. Almsgiving is what Christians do **before**, not after, their own needs are satisfied; it is the powerful proclamation of trust in the providence of an extravagantly generous and loving God.

Each one of us must decide just how (and how much) prayer, fasting and almsgiving will mark our Lenten journey. But every parish has a responsibility to provide opportunities for the members of the community to live out the disciplines of Lent. So, **here** are those opportunities! Make some or all of them a part of your Lenten journey this year.

## PRAYER

**Daily Mass:** Monday thru Saturday at 8:15a.m. There will also be the usual 6:30a.m. Communion Service, Monday thru Friday.

**Friday Way of the Cross:** From February 19 through March 26, at 7:30p.m., you are invited to walk with Jesus on his journey to Calvary.

## FASTING

**Friday Lenten Supper:** This year, we have decided to schedule just two Lenten Suppers to be hosted by several parish groups working together. So, come to Kane Hall between 6:00 and 7:15p.m. on Fridays, February 19 and March 26 for a Lenten Supper that could be anything from pasta to soup to fish. We suggest that you take the money you would spend on a family meal on that night and contribute it to our Lenten Almsgiving recipients.

## ALMSGIVING

This year, we will divide your Lenten almsgiving sacrifices between two very worthwhile causes: the **Little Sisters of the Poor**, right here in Chicago, and **Catholic Relief Services**, to assist them in their efforts to provide food and other assistance for the earthquake-ravaged families of Haiti.

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## LENTEN ALMSGIVING

This year, we've decided to divide Lenten Almsgiving between two very worthy recipients: **The Little Sisters of the Poor** and **Catholic Relief Services Haiti Outreach**.

Today, we'll provide you with plastic storage bags, decorated by our school children, in which you can store and return your offerings, either weekly (in the baskets you'll find at all the doors) or at the conclusion of Lent on Holy Thursday. One concrete way to remind yourself to share your abundance during these Lenten days would be to place an **empty bowl** from your own cupboard in the center of your kitchen or dining room table; you could simply leave it empty throughout Lent as a reminder of those who have so little, or you could place your offerings in it on a regular basis, then bring those offerings back to church each weekend or anytime before Holy Thursday.

A representative of the Little Sisters of the Poor will be here on March 6 and 7 to speak briefly at all the masses about the work they do right here in Chicago. The continuing need for assistance to the earthquake victims of Haiti shouldn't require any explanation in church; the images from TV and other news sources should be a sufficiently vivid reminder of that need.

### 2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS MAILED

In the past few weeks, contribution statements were mailed to registered parishioners who use Sunday envelopes and who contributed \$250.00 or more during the 2009 calendar year. We've limited statements to those who have given that amount or more in an effort to save money on postage. However, if you contributed less than that amount and would still like a statement for taxes, just call the rectory and we'll be happy to send you one.

## VIRTUS TRAINING

All school and parish volunteers who work with children are required to attend the Archdiocese-mandated "*Protecting God's Children*" program. **St. John Fisher is hosting a session in Kane Hall on February 25th at 7:00p.m. All participants must pre-register.** To register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on "registration." Additional information about virtue requirements is available on the school website. If you have any questions, please contact **Katie Welin (773) 233-6652**.

## HELPING HANDS GLOWING HEARTS

Helping Hands Glowing Hearts is a confidential volunteer service organization dedicating to serving the needs of our St. John Fisher community. Our volunteer list is long and their talents are diverse so tell us what you need and we will make it happen - cooking, shoveling, odd jobs, errands, etc. Confidential nomination forms can be found in the back of church and in the rectory or send an E-Mail [hhghofsjf@gmail.com](mailto:hhghofsjf@gmail.com). Tell us what we can do to help you, a family member, neighbor or friend.



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***Youth Ministry - be part of something BIGGER!***

**THE TIME HAS COME...**



**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 28th  
1:00 P.M.  
St. John Fisher  
KANE HALL**

All High School  
Students & chaperones  
who would like to be  
part of the Mission  
Trip to Harlan,  
Kentucky 2010

**MUST ATTEND THIS  
INFORMATIONAL  
MEETING!**



**If this is your first trip  
YOU MUST BRING A PARENT WITH YOU!**

\* The dates of the trip are June 19th-26th

**DROP - IN SCHEDULE:**

**ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FROM 6:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. ON:  
Feb. 24th at SJF (Rectory Basement) \* March 3rd NO DROP IN  
We hope to see you on Wednesday! Feel free to invite your friends!**

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Please feel free to contact the Director of Youth Ministry,  
Kim Madonia at 708.275.8922 or e-mail at [youtharethefuture@hotmail.com](mailto:youtharethefuture@hotmail.com)

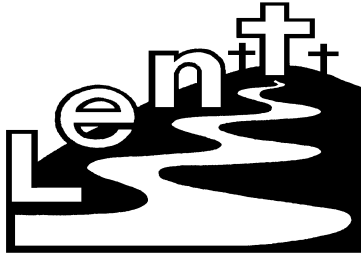
## CANTORS/LECTORS

### Saturday, February 27

4:00 PM Reader: **D. Tesmond**

### Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM Reader: **E. Barron**  
10:00 AM 1st Reader: **S. Mahoney**  
2nd Reader: **P. Wasik**  
12:00 PM Reader: **J. Joyce**



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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Saturday, February 27

4:00PM 1.) Deacon; 2.) P. Tierney; 3.) W. McCloskey; E.M.1) H. Peirce; E.M.2) M. Kozek (**T**); E.M.3) N. Rooney; E.M.4) R. Mahoney; E.M.5) D. McHugh

#### Eucharistic Sacristan:

### Sunday, February 28

8:00 AM E.M.1) G. Finn; E.M.2) A. Duffy (**T**); E.M.3) Deacon  
10:00 AM 1.) J. Vaclavik; 2.) M. Vaclavik; 3.) Deacon; E.M.1) M. Leeder; E.M.2) L. Fitzgerald (**T**); E.M.3) P. McGovern; E.M.4) P. McGovern; E.M.5) P. Leonard  
**Eucharistic Sacristan: J. Boyle**  
12:00PM E.M.1) D. Garvey; E.M.2) W. Kresse (**T**); E.M.3) M. Condon; E.M.4) R. Bertucci; E.M.5) Deacon

## MASS INTENTIONS AND SCHEDULE

### Monday, February 22

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Thomas Coyne — Lenore Flaherty  
James J. O'Sullivan — Adele and Harry O'Sullivan

### Tuesday, February 23

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM John P. Langan — Family  
Anna Mae Fennelly — Regina Arendt  
7:00PM Taize Prayer

### Wednesday, February 24

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Jerome Zondlo — Donna Zondlo

### Thursday, February 25

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Martha Duch — Mary Emody

### Friday, February 26

6:30AM Communion Service  
8:15AM Merle R. Hall — Lorraine Chynoweth  
Maeve Louise Burke — Family  
7:30PM Way of the Cross

### Saturday, February 27

8:15AM Phil and Larry Graziano — Family  
4:00PM Parishioners

### Sunday, February 28

8:00AM Isaac L. Smith — Paul Schatzman  
Catherine Reed — Joanne and Phil Pesavento  
10:00 AM Jack Dempsey — Sharon Callahan  
Philip A. Gavin — Tom and Ann Maloney  
12:00PM James McGrath — Eileen Flanagan  
Dennis Dougherty — Richard Walsh and Pat Burke

**If you are contemplating making a will or changing your will and plan to leave something to charity, please keep St. John Fisher Parish in mind. A bequest to your parish continues your love and concern for your parish long after your life on earth has been completed.**

## READINGS OF THE WEEK:

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15  
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32  
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12  
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26  
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48  
Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17 – 4: 1 (3:20 — 4:1); Lk 9:28b-36



## DAD'S AND KID'S

Please join the St. John Fisher Holy Name Society for our  
Annual Mass and Breakfast

A great SJF tradition!

This year we are combining Dad's and Son's and Daughter's into one spectacular event!

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21st**

**10:00am MASS**

**Followed immediately in Kane Hall**

**Raffles - Prizes - Entertainment - Doughnuts - Milk/OJ**

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Abstinence from meats** is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

The special Paschal fast and abstinence are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer the Church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions. Failure to observe penitential days totally or a substantial number of such days must be considered serious.

Our U.S. Bishops issued in 1966 this statement on penitential observance: "On Weekdays of Lent, we strongly recommend participation in daily Mass and self-imposed observances of fasting. In light of grave human needs which weigh on the Christian conscience in all season, we urge particularly during Lent, generosity to local, national and world programs of sharing all things needed to translate our duty to penance into a means of implementing the right of the poor to their part of our abundance."

## HELPING THE HOMELESS—CAN WE COUNT ON YOU DURING LENT?

**Volunteers are needed for the REST Shelter!** Do you have time to prepare some or all of the meal on February 26th, March 12th or March 26th? These are the Friday nights during Lent that we are scheduled to provide and serve dinner. Needed us main dish (tuna casserole or mostaccoli, salad, bread and butter and desserts, brownies or cookies) for about 45 women. And a couple extra pairs of hands to help serve the meal would be great also. We leave around 7:00p.m. and return by 11:00p.m. What are you doing on Friday night during Lent? The people who volunteer are always glad they took time out of their busy schedules to help. The shelter can always use pantry items, such as coffee, koolaid, sugar, paper products (dinner plates, napkins and cups). Your generosity is appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the rectory. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the southeast entrance—the choir/organ side of the church. Any questions, please call **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805**.

**UPCOMING DATES DURING LENT**  
**FEBRUARY 26th, MARCH 12th, MARCH 26th**

## PASSPORTS 2010 – 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SJF ATHLETICS FUNDRAISER

The Athletic Association invites you to join us on **Saturday, March 6, 2009** at 7:00 PM at St. John Fisher, for a chance to “tour the world”, enjoy food and beverages from other countries, enjoy music from *Johnny and Coax*, and share delightful conversation with your neighbors and friends; Proceeds benefit the St. John Fisher Athletic programs.

Tickets will be available after the 4:00 PM and 10:00 AM masses the week of February 21st and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are \$40 per person and include entertainment, food, signature drinks, and open bar. Please purchase your tickets early to assure your attendance at this enjoyable evening. For more information, please call (708) 424-3268.

**Thank you for your support of St. John Fisher Athletics.**

## ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION OPENINGS

If you are interested in supporting the athletic programs at St. John Fisher by giving of your time and talents, the Athletic Association has a great opportunity for you. The Athletic Association is looking for new members to help manage and organize our athletic programs as we begin preparation for the 2010-2011 school year. If you are interested, please contact **Tom Scannell (708) 424-3268** or [tomscannell@scannelllaw.com](mailto:tomscannell@scannelllaw.com) for details.

## BETWEEN JOBS MINISTRY

The mission of the Between Jobs Ministry is to provide practical and spiritual resources to support the unemployed and underemployed of our parish. We welcome those who are between jobs or looking to improve their current situation. Our next event is planned for **Thursday, February 25th, at 6:30p.m.** at the St. John Fisher Rectory meeting room. Dick Post, from Management Recruiters of Chicago will be here to discuss Do's and Don'ts when working with recruiters. Financial planning expert, Jim Jandora's topic, "it's time to make a decision about your retirement assts," will help you understand several retirement plan distribution options, providing the pros and cons of each. If you can't join us then, or want to volunteer or learn more about this ministry, contact **Mary Pat Anders (773) 239-3624, Jim White (773) 322-2518** or **Deacon Tom**.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER — March 5, 2010 “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God”

The people of St. John Fisher are invited to join the community at St. Cajetan at 1:00p.m. on Friday, March 5th for the 123rd Annual World Day of Prayer. World Day of Prayer (WDP) is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in over 170 countries in prayer. Throughout the day, from the first sunrise to the last sunset, our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. Spoken in hundred of languages and dialects, WDP strives to bring “informed prayer and prayerful action” to our communities. The theme of this year's prayer is “Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God” and was written by the Christian Women of Cameroon. A coffee and tea reception will follow the prayer service. For additional information, please contact **Betty Kort (708) 425-1805**

## ALUMNI NEWS

Congratulations to the following young women of our parish, students at **Queen of Peace High School** on achieving Honor Roll status during the first semester of the current school year:

Emily Boyle  
Ann Dachota

Colleen Kennedy  
Hannah Lipman





### **PARISH PRIESTS**

Rev. Robert Kyfes, Pastor  
Rev. Marion Soprych, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Arthur Marat, Resident  
Rev. Thomas J. Purtell, Pastor Emeritus

### **Associate**

Rev. Thomas McCarthy, O.S.A.

### **Deacons**

Deacon Robert Carroll                      Deacon Raymond Reilly  
Deacon Couple Tom and Mary Siska

Sister Jean Anne McGrath, C.S.J., **Principal**

Elena Chermak, D.Min., **Dir. of Religious Education**  
**(773) 238-1851**

### **Music Directors**

Michael Carso, **(708) 396-2738**  
Alan Bukowiecki  
**(312) 403-2512**

Kim Madonia, **Youth Minister (708) 275-8922**

### **SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms:** Sundays at 1:15 P.M.

Baptismal Preparation Class, 11:30 A.M. First Sunday of Month. Contact Rectory for details. A Baptismal Preparation Program is a requirement in the Chicago Archdiocese.

**Reconciliation: Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

**Saturdays 3:00 to 3:45 P.M. or by appointment**

**Marriage:** Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory at least **six months** before the wedding. A marriage preparation program is a requirement in the Archdiocese (Pre-Cana, Discovery Weekend, etc.).

**Communion for Homebound Parishioners:** Members of our parish family who are ill or homebound, please call the parish office and a Minister of Care will bring communion to your home at your convenience.

**New Parishioners:** We welcome you! Please introduce yourself to us. We ask that you register in the rectory office.