



# Liturgy Links

Newsletter of the Liturgical Ministers of the Church of St. Mary

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I hope everyone's summer is going well and that you are enjoying the good (sometimes) weather and getting some well deserved rest and relaxation.



In July I spent a week in Pittsburgh at the annual convention of the *National Association of Pastoral Musicians*. Many of you probably do not know that side of me, the side that loves liturgical music, has sung in the diocesan choir, once directed a children's choir, and has served as a cantor. I haven't done any of that in quite a number of years but I felt called to get involved in music ministry again. The convention was just the shot in the arm I needed. It was five days of workshops, lectures, music clinics, new music showcases and performances, prayer, and getting together with over 1800 pastoral musicians from all over the country.

I enjoyed seeing two of my professors from Notre Dame as well as a few classmates and some old musician friends as well. I rubbed elbows with Cardinal Daniel DiNardo and a few somewhat famous liturgical composers. I also made new connections and new friends. It was a great week and Pittsburgh was a lovely city (and the food was great!)

It is good to be back to work, and a lot more relaxing than the convention. I am working on some new ideas for the 2012-2013 ministry year and of course, with the Year of Faith beginning in October, there will be lots going on in the parish. We are hoping as many of you as possible will take advantage of our many programs.

## GIFT SHOP

Our Gift Shop porch sale was a great success and we are preparing to re-open the store in early October. We are going to focus on quality religious items as that is what you have been asking us for. We are also looking into expanding our book section with more books for prayer and reflection.



We have a number of volunteers who will be operating the store and in addition to Sunday mornings we hope to be open a few days during the week and at evening events such as parent meetings or adult formation events. Look for our grand re-opening

## The Year of Faith



Beginning in October 11, 2012 Pope Benedict XVI has declared a Year of Faith ending on Nov. 24, 2013. This coincides with the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of Vatican II. Our Adult Faith Formation team is working on providing opportunities for our parishioners to learn more about Vatican II and why it is important for us as a Church in the 21st Century. Many people just think of Vatican II simply in terms of bringing about changes in the Mass, but it was so much more. In fact, if it weren't for Vatican II we probably would not have all the wonderful ministries we do have in our parish nor so many people working in ministry, including liturgical ministry. Keep a lookout in the bulletin in the future for a series on Vatican II as well as several lectures we are planning.

Evangelization is also a key part of the Year of Faith. We will have more information about how you can learn to evangelize your family and neighbors (no we are not asking you to go door to door or stand on street corners). Stay tuned!

## CALENDAR

**Adoration** continues on Thursdays from 3-8 PM in the chapel. - note new time

**Catechist Sunday and Family Block Party**—Sunday, September 16 from 1:00—4:00 PM at Marist parking lot and Denihan Field.

**Youth Group Registration**—September 19th and 20th only from 6-9 PM in the John Paul II Room.

**Diocesan Training for new EMs and Lectors.** Sat. Sept. 22, 9AM-1PM Kellenberg HS. Contact Jo-Ann in Parish Office for more information

**Parish Blood Drive**—Sunday, September 30th



## Family Life Ministry

In late spring we had our first meeting of what we hope will be an exciting new ministry in the parish, that is outreach to young families in order to help them to engage in parish life and better live out their faith within the family. The family is the Domestic Church and the first place where children learn about God. Yet many young families today seem lost when it comes to sharing faith within their own homes. The Family Life Ministry is hoping to correct that and empower parents to be the first teachers of the faith for their children, which is something they promised at the baptism of their children. We have a number of events planned for both spiritual formation and socialization so that young families can see the parish as a place that is welcoming and a good place to make friends who share in the love of the Lord.



The first event the **Family Ministry Team** is planning is a family **BLOCK PARTY** on **Sunday, September 16**. This party, which will be held on the grounds of Marist Hall and Dennihan Field from 1:00-4:00 PM, will be geared toward families with children from toddlers to age 12, but older children are most welcome. We will have family games and races, crafts and other activities, refreshments and music. Older kids and teens can sign on as volunteers (service credit given) and we need some adults to supervise activities and help with refreshments. Call or e-mail Jo-Ann (in parish office or at JoannM@stmary.ws) if you are interested.



Some of you may have noticed the kiosk in the south vestibule of the church with a variety of CDs for sale. We recently signed on with *Lighthouse Catholic Media*, a not-for-profit company that provides parishes with quality CDs by leading Catholic speakers. These CD's can be listened to in your car, or at home and are available for just a \$3.00 donation. Our first few weeks have gone over so well that we have just received our second order. In the fall we will let you know about the CD of the month club so that you can receive these quality CD's mailed directly to your home with the parish receiving a percentage. Why not stop by the kiosk and see what we have to offer. The titles will change each time we order again.



## 50th Anniversary Celebration



This fall, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, September 23 at the Church of Saint Rose of Lima in Massapequa and on Sunday, October 21 at the Church of Christ the King in Commack. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 pm. *Couples may register for ONE liturgy.* Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by Sept. 6th for the September 23rd liturgy and by October 4th for the October 21st liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the spring for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800,

## TIPS FOR MINISTERS

**Lectors :** Our new sound system is very delicate. Please be gentle with the microphones. You may have notices a loud and disturbing sound if you adjust the microphone the wrong way.

Also a reminder that at masses where there is music the cantor sing the psalm. The lector goes back to his or her place after the first reading. We have had some slip ups in this area.

Lector workbooks will be available at our first Lector meeting. If you cannot attend they will be available in the sacristy the following Sunday. We will notify you of the date.

**EMs :** Please make sure you sign in each and every week in the Sign In book in the sacristy. Also, if you take the Eucharist to the sick, nursing home or assisted living facility you must write it in the red book in the sacristy. It is important that we know who is taking the Eucharist and to whom it is being brought.

We are in need of EMs for Sunday Masses. If you know any Ems who are not on the schedule please ask them to consider serving on Sundays. We usually need 5 at each Mass and 9 at the 10:30. If we don't have enough the flow of communion is severely hampered. We are not in need of new homebound EMs for the parish at this time.



## A Re-Gift Basket

Do you have any gifts that you've received that you really don't want. Time to re-gift them! As part of our Parish Family Block Party we are making up baskets to for a Chinese Auction. We thought it would be fun to make a few baskets of re-gifted items. So look through your closets, your attic, and cabinets for **NEW** household or decorative items that you don't know what to do with. Drop them off at the Parish Office or in the special box in the south vestibule on Labor Day Weekend. We will also accept new or gently used costume jewelry.

## Can you spend one hour with the Lord?

*Adoration outside Holy mass prolongs and intensifies what has taken place in the liturgical celebration and makes a true and profound reception of Christ possible. I...warmly recommend to pastors and to all the faithful the practice of Eucharistic Adoration" (Pope Benedict XVI, June 10, 2007)*

As liturgical ministers it is important to foster within yourself a deep devotion to the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. We are fortunate to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday between the hours of 3:00 and 8:00 PM, ending with Benediction beginning at 7:45. At a time when it seems that the Church is under attack and faith is lacking among many Catholics, it is more important than ever before to spend time in prayer before Jesus present in the Sacred Host. Many miracles occur when people spend time before the Lord in silent adoration. Even if you cannot commit to one hour any amount of time is good.

Exposition occurs in the chapel located at the top of the stairs from the Parish Office. Enter through the Office door or through the Church.



***Are you on Facebook? We are! Check us out on Facebook at Church of St. Mary, Manhasset. As the new ministry year gets going we will have more and more up to the minute information on what is going on in the parish. Ask your family and friends to like us as well.***