



Dear Liturgy Ministers –

My how time flies! I'm writing this note in December, but it may be January **2010** before you read it!

First, thank you all for being such good and faithful liturgical ministers. Every person and every action that contributes to the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (which is what we do every time we go to Mass) serves a vital function. Your functions as Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors make it possible for everyone present to enjoy a prayerful, meaningful experience of liturgy: publicly expressing glory, praise and thanksgiving to God. Thank you for beginning or continuing your ministries and may God send you special blessings in the new year.

Speaking of beginnings and endings – first the endings. Katie Griffin and Katharine Olsen find that it's time to hang up their altar serving robes. Also missing from the ranks of Altar Servers or Lectors are ,Thomas Sanchez and Noah Doss have found it necessary to go off to College! I know we miss all of these young adults and wish them success in their new pursuits. Additionally, Ron Johnson is on a bit of a sabbatical from Eucharistic Ministry. I for, one, hope that he will feel called to come back to it one day soon. Thank you to all for your years of generous service.

Happily it's time to welcome some folks, too. A few have been involved in their ministries for awhile, but I don't think they've been mentioned yet, so just in case: Welcome to Altar Servers Megan and John Sutherland and Justine Warwick (on duty for awhile already!) Also welcome to Altar Servers Clare Aragon, Kevin Beach, Theo Brau, Sam Lavorato, and Ryan Mitchell. I think most of these young people were on the last schedule, too, but I do want to take this opportunity to commend them for choosing to be of service to the parish in this way and for being diligent in learning and doing what is required in their ministry.

Welcome, too, to new Lector Sally Backus Reinmann and new Eucharistic Ministers Carrie Aragon and Tony Brigantino. Thank you for your generosity.

A reminder for the “newbies” and all the rest of us, too: Astrid Smoot is the person to call if you have questions, concerns or corrections related to the ministry schedule: 455-2249. I remain the other person to contact by phone at the Parish Office or by email: at agoroch@stjchurch.org . ***Just one note, though, if you can't serve at the time you're scheduled, please make every effort to find a substitute or trade with someone. If all else fails, then do give a call to the office or me.***

Although the ministry roster has expanded a bit, more ministers continue to be needed. Nothing works as well as your own enthusiasm together with a personal invitation to a person you know and think might be called to ministry. Alert me, too! I will certainly make a follow up call or send a note. Meanwhile I continue to be grateful for your service and willingness to fill in wherever necessary.

Good to know:

- ◆ **Before a new schedule is made, if you want to alert us to dates when you cannot serve, please put that in writing – email, snail mail or hand delivered. That will cut down on the likelihood of being scheduled during your “away time!”**
- ◆ **When serving in your ministry, chewing gum is NEVER appropriate. It does not look attractive and worse, if you forget to dispose of it in time, it might still be in your mouth as you are about to take communion! Be professional: no gum.**
- ◆ **When you help to set up before Mass, be especially careful with the case that holds Father Jim's Anniversary chalice. It has a cranky latch, but forcing it definitely does not work. If it balks, just let it be until Father Jim or someone else with “experience” arrives. But please do help with setting up – nothing beats experience when it comes to learning about what's needed where and when.**

Altar Servers:

This still holds true: I appreciate all of you who check in every weekend to find out if someone is needed to serve. Don't stop doing that! New servers: please do continue to check in whenever you come to Mass to see if you can serve with an experienced server. Practice makes perfect! You'll be surprised at how quickly YOU become the expert! Also, continue to invite your friends into this ministry.

Note: Please do not push the purificators down into the communion cups. Doing so makes BIG wine stains that are hard to remove. Just drape the purificator across the top of the empty communion cup. Thank you!

Our next training meeting will be Tuesday, January 12, 2010 @ 7 PM in the church. Don't forget your Workbooks (24-50) – if you don't have a Workbook yet, let me know. Let's fill up the sanctuary with Altar Servers! Let me know who can come and who can't, please. 455-2249 or agoroeh@stjchurch.org

Eucharistic Ministers:

Same as above – **Note: Please do not push the purificators down into the communion cups. Doing so makes BIG wine stains that are hard to remove. Just drape the purificator across the top of the empty communion cup. Thank you!**

Also:

- ▶ After the priest's communion, he will distribute the Body of Christ to the eucharistic ministers and altar servers. Next he will offer the cup to the eucharistic ministers. Stand close to the altar step so that the priest doesn't have to make long trips to and from the altar in his effort to distribute communion and communion vessels.
- ▶ When asked to take the ciboria to the altar during the Communion Rite, the designated person should move forward with the other EMs, but go directly into the Blessed Sacrament chapel. Wait there until the Ems are almost ready to move to their stations. At that point go to the tabernacle, remove the ciboria and as the Ems are leaving the sanctuary carry the ciboria to the altar. Carry them with their lids on, but remove the lids after placing them on the altar. It is important to bring the ciboria to the altar at the beginning of the distribution of communion to ensure that anyone who needs a low gluten host (even if he or she is sitting in the front pew), will have one available.
- ▶ And as I think you all know now, when Father Jim's 40th Anniversary chalice and paten have been used, please leave its cleaning to him.

Lectors:

- When you come forward to proclaim the reading, please go all the way to the center aisle to bow before the altar – either alone or with the Cantor. Same thing on the way back to your seat.
- When you read the Prayer of the Faithful, be sure to stay at the music stand until Father Jim (or whoever is the presider) has concluded the closing prayer of the intercessions.
- After Mass, please return all the books and binder to the sacristy.

All Ministries:

It's quite awhile away yet, but save the date: May 1, 2010. Appreciation Dinner!

God bless you and let the celebration continue! To life!

Antonette



Ministry Schedule
January 9 - January 10

	Jan 9, 5:00 PM	Jan 10, 9:00 AM	Jan 10, 11:00 AM	Jan 10, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Fran Cava Barbara Deasy Bill Deasy Marge Monteiro Chuck Scurrah	Patricia Ketcham Nancy McInnis Bette Moreno Steve Scurrah Bud Stubbs	Patricia Fuqua Peter Lucido Richard Prader Sylvia Prader Chris Randall	Diane Belli Bee Melendez Bob Melendez Tom O'Neill Judi Yednak
Lector	Christina Quisno Ed Watson	John Marcroft Margaret Marcroft	Steven Brau Mimi May	Sally Backus Reinmann Marc Tunzi
Altar Server	Rebecca Warwick Justine Warwick	Kevin Beach Mark Beach Sam Lavorato	Anthony Alvarado Matthew Alvarado Theo Brau	Clare Aragon

January 16 - January 17

	Jan 16, 5:00 PM	Jan 17, 9:00 AM	Jan 17, 11:00 AM	Jan 17, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Franks Antonette Goroch Andrzej Goroch Petie Helfrich Stephanie Ottone	Patricia Ketcham Nancy McInnis Barbara Rice Don Sgheiza Jim Smith	Richard Prader Sylvia Prader Leslie Russo Pam Wilkinson Luma Williams	Carrie Aragon Sandra Choudry Tom O'Neill Alice Wilson Judi Yednak
Lector	Steve Fennimore Sister Bernice Heinz	Mike Rover Steve Scurrah	Barbara McDonald Tom Sanchez	Leonard Batti Jennifer Belli
Altar Server	Jacob Ottone Nick Ottone	Kevin Heffernan Harry Mitchell Jack Mitchell	Cammie Eastman Brennan Fahselt Madeleine Fahselt	Andrew Yates

January 23 - January 24

	Jan 23, 5:00 PM	Jan 24, 9:00 AM	Jan 24, 11:00 AM	Jan 24, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Barbara Deasy Bill Deasy Marge Monteiro Tina Sammut Tom Warburton	Bette Moreno Barbara Rice Steve Scurrah Don Sgheiza Bud Stubbs	Elfrida Ewing Judy Lutenske Kay Lutenske Gus McDonald Chris Randall	Tony Brigantino Bee Melendez Bob Melendez Clem Richardson BJ Tempalski
Lector	Chuck Scurrah Ed Watson	Jean Steinbruner Charles Swanston	Steven Brau Al Stoeberl	A Goroch Ron Tempalski
Altar Server	Mariah O'Grady Megan Sutherland	Dan Brigantino Sophia Federico Sam Lavorato	Matthew Alvarado Anthony Alvarado Theo Brau	Jack Mitchell

January 30 - January 31

	Jan 30, 5:00 PM	Jan 31, 9:00 AM	Jan 31, 11:00 AM	Jan 31, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Antonette Goroch Andrzej Goroch Lonnie Huff Mel Huff Stephanie Ottone	Patricia Ketcham Nancy McInnis Bette Moreno Jim Smith Bud Stubbs	Patricia Fuqua Judy Lutenske Kay Lutenske Leslie Russo Will Souza	Carrie Aragon Mark Babione Sandra Choudry Alice Wilson Judi Yednak
Lector	Fran Cava Lynn Kennedy	Fred Doherty John Kermott	Barbara McDonald Diane Souza	Sally Backus Reinmann Marc Tunzi
Altar Server	Jacob Ottone Nick Ottone	Mark Beach Kevin Beach Kevin Heffernan	Cammie Eastman Brennan Fahselt Madeleine Fahselt	Clare Aragon

February 6 - February 7

	Feb 6, 5:00 PM	Feb 7, 9:00 AM	Feb 7, 11:00 AM	Feb 7, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Franks Petie Helfrich Tina Sammut Chuck Scurrah Tom Warburton	Paul Kohatsu Barbara Rice Steve Scurrah Jim Smith Bud Stubbs	Elfrida Ewing Richard Prader Sylvia Prader Pam Wilkinson Luma Williams	Bee Melendez Bob Melendez Tom O'Neill Clem Richardson BJ Tempalski
Lector	Barbara Deasy Bill Deasy	Tom Lukes Mike Rover	Steven Brau Mimi May	A Goroch Ron Tempalski
Altar Server	Mariah O'Grady John Sutherland	Dan Brigantino Sophia Federico	Anthony Alvarado Matthew Alvarado Theo Brau	Jack Mitchell

February 13 - February 14

	Feb 13, 5:00 PM	Feb 14, 9:00 AM	Feb 14, 11:00 AM	Feb 14, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Fran Cava Barbara Deasy Bill Deasy Lonnie Huff Mel Huff	Patricia Ketcham Nancy McInnis Bette Moreno Don Sgheiza Bud Stubbs	Patricia Fuqua Peter Lucido Kay Lutenske Gus McDonald Will Souza	Carrie Aragon Mark Babione Diane Belli Sandra Choudry Tom O'Neill
Lector	Andrzej Goroch Antonette Goroch	John Marcroft Margaret Marcroft	Judy Lutenske Al Stoeberl	Leonard Batti Jennifer Belli
Altar Server	Rebecca Warwick Justine Warwick	Dan Brigantino Sam Lavorato	Cammie Eastman Madeleine Fahselt Brennan Fahselt	Andrew Yates

February 20 - February 21

	Feb 20, 5:00 PM	Feb 21, 9:00 AM	Feb 21, 11:00 AM	Feb 21, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Susan Franks Petie Helfrich Lonnie Huff Mel Huff Marge Monteiro	Paul Kohatsu Bette Moreno Barbara Rice Don Sgheiza Jim Smith	Elfrida Ewing Chris Randall Leslie Russo Pam Wilkinson Luma Williams	Mark Babione Tony Brigantino Clem Richardson Alice Wilson Judi Yednak
Lector	Sister Bernice Heinz Christina Quisno	Steve Scurrah Jean Steinbruner	Barbara McDonald Tom Sanchez	Sally Backus Reinmann Marc Tunzi
Altar Server	Mariah O'Grady Megan Sutherland	Harry Mitchell Jack Mitchell	Matthew Alvarado Anthony Alvarado Theo Brau	NOT FILLED

February 27 - February 28

	Feb 27, 5:00 PM	Feb 28, 9:00 AM	Feb 28, 11:00 AM	Feb 28, 5:00 PM
Eucharistic Minister	Fran Cava Andrzej Goroch Stephanie Ottone Tina Sammut Tom Warburton	Patricia Ketcham Nancy McInnis Bette Moreno Don Sgheiza Bud Stubbs	Peter Lucido Gus McDonald Richard Prader Sylvia Prader Will Souza	Diane Belli Tony Brigantino Bee Melendez Bob Melendez BJ Tempalski
Lector	Steve Fennimore Chuck Scurrah	Fred Doherty Charles Swanston	Judy Lutenske Diane Souza	A Goroch Ron Tempalski
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