

# **Community of the Blessed Sacrament**

## **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**



January 24, 2010

Dear Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist,

With the New Year comes a new schedule starting January 30, 2010 and continuing through April 25, 2010. As in the past, this schedule will also be posted on the Parish website and in the Sacristy. You will find some format refinements in the new schedule, the most noteworthy being the addition of positions 7C and 8C at the 4:30PM Saturday and 10:15AM Sunday Masses. These two positions are being added to serve the chapel and will take affect after Holy Week.

Fr. Pat has advised us that all indications are we will resume the Cup on Holy Thursday. This is tentative and depends entirely on how the H1N1 virus decides to behave over the next few weeks. There is continued indication that the H1N1 infection rate is easing but also speculation that it will resurge in a 'third wave'.....only time will tell. As always, please continue to practice safe hygiene by frequently washing your hands and using hand sanitizer before serving. Refrain from touching others while serving and most important of all.....do not serve if you do not feel well. Please continue to utilize as many EMs as necessary starting with #1, #2, #3, etc. We build the schedules giving everyone an equal opportunity to serve so please start with EM #1 and continue in numerical sequence until the necessary positions have been filled.

We have all been doing a pretty good job with the new protocol of ascending the Altar as a group, however there is some room for improvement. Please be sure to ascend the Altar as soon as the 'Lamb of God' (Agnus Dei) begins so as not to distract the preparation of Communion. We will continue with this protocol going forward and after the Cup resumes. We are still working out the last few details with Fr. Pat on the distribution of vessels and plan to publish an update in the near future.

Last but not least, please remember to keep us up-to-date with any changes to your contact information. We rely almost exclusively on email and telephone to communicate with you and you with us. We recently conducted a comprehensive cross-check between various Parish data bases and believe we are 100% current in our contact information.

As always, your continued dedication and service to this beautiful and most sacred Ministry is sincerely appreciated by the entire Community of the Blessed Sacrament.

Peace,

Nan & Mike