

Carpenter's Connection

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076

A WORD FROM FATHER REINERSMAN.....

July, 2008

Dear St. Joe Parishioners:

This is Part III of a series entitled, LIVING THE EUCHARIST. By considering the actions of each part of the Mass we hope to have a better appreciation of the meaning of the whole Mass. This helps us to understand the Eucharist as a mystery of Christ we live as well as the Sacramental presence of Christ.

LIVING THE EUCHARIST

Part III

The Offertory of the Mass

Because the Offertory of the Mass comes between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, some may think of it as the "intermission". Instead, we should think of the Offertory as that part of Mass that **connects** the first part of Mass (gathering and the Liturgy of the Word) to the second part (Liturgy of the Eucharist and Dismissal). In the Offertory we present the bread and wine to be consecrated and gather the gifts of the assembly and symbolically place them on the altar to join them to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Our actions during the Offertory have a lot to tell us about what we believe about the Eucharist. First, we join together in song while the gifts of the assembly are collected and readied for the altar, along with the bread and wine that will be consecrated. We don't sing just to give us something to do during "intermission". We sing because collecting the gifts is a kind of procession, as if each one of us is in procession to the altar with our gift. Generally, any time we process at Mass we sing (entrance, offertory, communion and dismissal). Singing indicates our participation in procession to the altar with our gifts.

Then several members of the congregation come forward with the Offering. This, too, expresses the action of the whole assembly presenting the bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist and other gifts for the needs of the Church and the poor. The Offertory should only include what will be left at the altar. For example, on special occasions this may include food to be given to the poor.

Sufficient hosts and wine should be offered for those at the Mass. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal says, "*It is most desirable that the faithful, just as the priest himself is bound to do, receive the Lord's Body from hosts consecrated at the same Mass and that, in the instances when it is permitted, they partake of the chalice, so that even by means of the signs Communion will stand out more clearly as a participation in the sacrifice actually being celebrated.*" (No. 85)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9 11:30 Mass with reception after

The Sisters of Notre Dame may be gone from the convent but they will always be a part of the St. Joseph Parish. For 130 years they taught in our school and assisted the parish in an untold number of ways. We couldn't begin to measure the gift they have been to this parish. Our roots and the roots of the Sisters of Notre Dame are deeply intertwined.

On Sunday, November 9, St. Joseph Parish will have an opportunity to express its gratitude to the Sisters of Notre Dame. The entire SND community will be invited to join us at our 11:30 Mass that day. After Mass a reception in their honor will be held in Memorial Hall. It will be a time for visiting with the Sisters, for them to share stories with us and remind ourselves that we have a large debt of gratitude for their inspiring, faithful and dedicated service to us and our ancestors.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN THIS OCCASION BY MARKING THE DATE TODAY!

A WORD FROM FATHER REINERSMAN.....(cont'd)

To indicate the lifting up of ourselves along with the hosts and wine, the gifts are raised slightly above the altar. At the same time the priest prays:

"Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life."

This prayer and the similar one accompanying the offering of wine beautifully illustrate the joining of God's grace and goodness with human stewardship of those gifts. Uniting our lives to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and through the power of the Holy Spirit we receive the bread of life and cup of salvation. In this Eucharistic action we do what we hope to do in every part of our lives; that is, join the Divine gifts of heaven with our own human efforts to become bread of life for the world.

When he washes his hands the priest is expressing his desire for interior purification before continuing with the sacrifice of the Mass. Immediately after this washing, the assembly stands to show how they pray with the priest.

"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church."

Every action of the Mass is significant. When we pay close attention to what we are doing at Mass, we become more aware of what we are praying. Just as the Offertory is not "intermission", each member of the assembly is not a spectator but participant. Our singing and other actions during the Offertory (and every part of Mass) signify our participation in this great mystery of Christ's presence in the Eucharist.

Points for Reflection

- What helps you to sing at Mass? Do you feel more a part of the assembly when you sing?
- What sacrifice are you able to "place on the altar" confident that God will accept it "for our good and the good of all his Church"?

Next: The Eucharistic Prayer

A PRAYER FOR THE HOMELESS

Hear our prayer for all who are homeless this day.

*For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways, or bus stations.
For those who can only find shelter for the night, but must wander in the daytime.
For families broken because they could not afford to pay rent.
For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.
For those who have no place to keep possessions that remind them of who they are.
For those who are afraid and hopeless.
For those who have been betrayed by our social safety net.
For all our people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security, hope and dignity.*

*We pray for those of us with homes and comforts,
that we may not be lulled into complacency and forgetfulness.
Help us to see your face in the eyes of every homeless or disheartened person we meet,
so that we may be empowered, through our daily words and deeds
and through all the political, monetary and emotional means we have, to bring justice and
peace to those homeless or disenfranchised. — Author Unknown*

Please guide us and give us strength to improve the daily lives of those in need.

For information about how you can help with the [Interfaith Hospitality Network](#), an outreach effort that provides shelter for homeless families, call our parish representative Helen Bailey at 781-4172. For information about the [St. Vincent de Paul Society](#) in our parish, a group that provides emergency assistance to needy people, call Larry Sendelbach at 441-2712.

Thank You...and God Bless You...

It is hard to believe it has been a year since I and Fr. Reinersman Came to St. Joe's. When I came, I never expected the time to be so short. But, the needs of the Diocese and the Universal Church sometimes require unexpected changes and our task is to respond to those needs in the ways we can and are called.

It has been a good year for me and I hope for you. There are so many things to say, but I'll just say a few. I'll begin with that event that occurred shortly after arriving – the Parish Festival. I was impressed from dinners to activities, but it was the sense of fellowship and community that I experienced that I was most impressed by.

That was quickly followed by the first day of school. I had heard so much about the major event of arrival that first day. I was amazed at the coordination of all the moves from buses to cars to kids and at the excitement filling the air. That impression just continued to grow as the school year progressed. Best of all, was the wonderful dedication to our faith by the adults and children in the school, the PSR, the pre-school Sunday school, and RCIA.

There is so much the parish has

to offer, so much the people offer. There are the diverse music groups, the STP (Spare Time Parishioners) workers, St. Mary's Ladies' Society, Seniors, PTO, Boosters, Foresters, St. Vincent de Paul, Drama Club, Scouting, Familia, CHRP, ... the list goes on and is far from comprehensive. The dedication of the people serving the needs of the parish was obvious on committees like: the Parish Pastoral Council, Board of Education, Worship Committee, Bereavement Committee, and more. Prayer full service and fellowship is evident.

Lest I sound like I'm wide eye dreaming, I do recognize that it is minority of parishioners who are involved. I want to encourage everyone who is not involved to get involved. It does not mean spending every free moment here, but it does mean giving back to God and to the faith community, to your family. So much is done, but the potential to do so much more is great. Pray for each other. Thank God for what you have been given and will be given. Listen to the Holy Spirit speaking in your heart and in our community through the Church. You will be amazed at the rewards and grace and the number of people who come to and back to the faith. It is a big task

we are given. We are to help the world know and believe in Jesus, to help everyone get to heaven. I have seen enough to know you are up to the challenge.

Once more, thank you for friendship, kindness, support, and prayers this past year. Know that I will hold you in my prayer as I move on to serve the Cathedral community and continue on at Thomas More College. I trust in your prayer support.

**God bless.
Fr. Ray Enzweiler**

WE THANK THE LORD FOR THE TIME FATHER ENZWEILER SPENT AT ST. JOSEPH

YOU WILL BE MISSED.....GOD BLESS YOU.

From Our New Parochial Vicar!

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish,

I am delighted to be your new parochial vicar!

The youngest of seven, I grew upon a farm near Fairborn, OH in a devout Catholic family. My father had the privilege of meeting St. Pio during his service in WWII and I count the ensuing devotion of my parents to daily Mass as the germination of my own priestly vocation. It just took me awhile to figure it out! In college, I began my studies in physics at the University of Dayton, but later graduated with a double major in French and Theology from Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. After a few years selling office equipment, I bought a house and settled in Steubenville where I was part of a lay commu-

nity of the charismatic renewal. While in Steubenville, I had a successful small business for 10 years as a business forms distributor. I was also a part-time volunteer instructor/trainer for a Catholic school of Evangelism. Upon selling my business, I spent three years in France as a member of a L'Arche community, sharing life in household with mentally handicapped members. Upon returning to the States, I moved back to Dayton, OH to work as a lay pastoral minister for four small Catholic parishes, all under one pastor. During this time, Msgr. Foy of Steubenville, who had previously spoken to me about the priesthood, was ordained Bishop of Covington. Through his encouragement I came to see that what I had been seeking all of my

life is what they call the priesthood! Through him, I discovered this great gift of being a priest and was ordained May 16th of this year. It is thus with a deep sense of both humility and fulfillment that I come to you now to be *your* priest. I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome of Fr. Reinersman, the parish staff and every one here who have been so kind in receiving me. I ask for your prayers and assure you of mine!

Fr Martin Pistick

R.C.I.A.— Rite of Christian Initiation of Addults

1 Peter 1:8-9

You love Him, although you have not seen Him, and you believe in Him, although you do not now see Him. So you rejoice with a great and glorious Joy...because you are receiving the salvation of your souls, which is the purpose of your faith in Him.

Where is your Faith relationship with God? Do you enjoy spending time with Him?

The R.C.I.A. helps deepen your faith in God and explains to you the truths of the Catholic Church. Are you looking for more in your spiritual life? Come join us - or invite someone you know to join the RCIA faith journey. [Call Sr. Julaine \(441-5110\) to register.](tel:441-5110)

Inquirer sessions begin Monday, July 28 followed by Catechumenate sessions beginning on August 25th. The sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist are received at the Easter Vigil, April 11th, 2009. Sunday dismissals help you to understand the Mass readings of the day.

In the RCIA, your faith grows through classes and rituals and prayer, which lead you to full reception into the Catholic Church. Joy is a sign of God's presence in our lives. His love and joy sustain us in difficult times.

COME and SEE!!!

LESSONS LEARNED AT CHOIR / SERVERS PICNIC AT CONEY ISLAND.....

On a beautiful June 19th almost 60 young parishioners from the Youth choir and servers were treated by the parish with a day of swimming and rides at Coney Island. About a dozen adults were the chaperones.

This being the first time Fr. Reinersman hosted this event, he had a lot to learn. For example, he found out it was his job to buy all the snacks and junk food that 60 kids can eat in one day. It turns out that 5 boxes of small candy bars, Doritos, potato chips, cookies and cheese crackers, along with lunch and liters and liters of pop, is not too much. However, it was noticed that Fr. Enzweiler kept hiding the unopened boxes of Oreos so that there'd be enough to take back to the rectory. I hope none of the kids were deprived of an Oreo.

Lesson: give Fr. Ray his own box of Oreos.

Fr. Ray and Fr. Gerry decided to ride the water dodgems and got in line behind two sixth graders, Daniel Vogel and Chris Loos. Daniel's father, Daniel Vogel, DMD, was encouraging his son to ram Fr. Gerry hard. (He was hoping some teeth would be knocked out). Young Daniel, with a most sincere expression, said, "Dad, it would be a sin to ram a priest." Fr. Gerry believed him until they all got in and started the dodgems. Daniel and Chris not only rammed Fr. Ray and Fr. Gerry as often as they could, they made sure the water had maximum splash and they laughed the whole time. Luckily, no teeth were lost.

Lesson: the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

Fr. Gerry also wanted to ride the water flume but all of the other adults were cowards. So he sulked and pouted until Jonathan Henn, 6th grade, said he'd go down the flume. Jonathan was an experienced "flumer" and knew exactly how to ride it. All Fr. Gerry knew was to climb up a long stairway, get in the flume and slide down. He didn't know the darn thing throws you up the side wall until you think you're going to go right over the edge. Also, the last part of the flume is a straight shot for what looks like a very shallow and small pool of water for someone traveling 35mph down a wet tube. Fr. Gerry' only thought was "My gosh, I hope that's enough water to stop someone my size."

Lesson: look before you leap.

Jan Schwegman and Fr. Gerry rode a roller coaster together with some of the older kids on the same ride. While the kids were laughing and screaming with delight, Jan and Fr. Gerry were grunting with every turn and gasping for breath every time the car dropped. The roller coaster came to a jolting stop. While the kids jumped out and ran to get back in line Jan and Fr. Gerry held on to the stair rail and straightened up their backs.

Lesson: the rides aren't the only old things at Coney Island.

Toward the end of the day of swimming and rides Fr. Ray and Fr. Gerry sat down in their chairs to rest before the ride home. Both fell asleep. Did anyone take pictures of them riding the rides? Nooo! Did anyone take pictures of them swimming? Nooo! Did anyone take pictures of them visiting and having fun with the rest of the group? Nooo! But boy, did the cameras come out when the pastor and associate (with his hat over his face) took a nap for a few minutes.

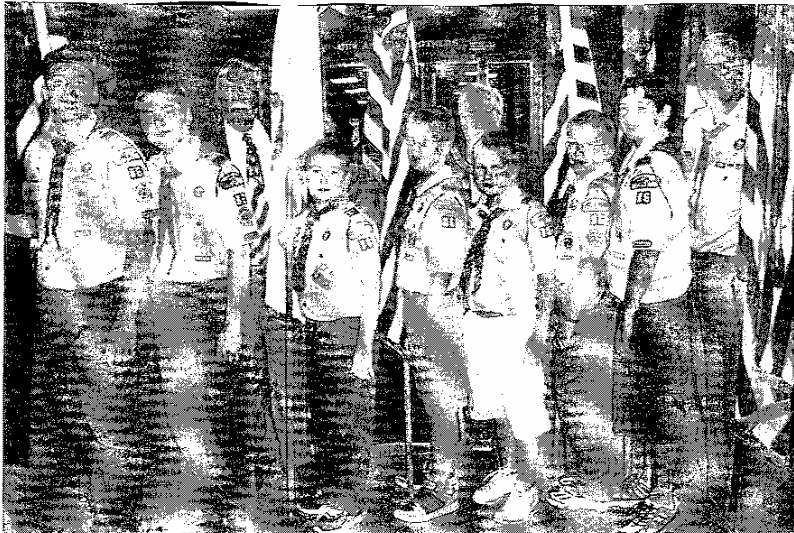
Lesson: take your own pictures.

The main lesson learned is that we have a terrific bunch of dedicated music and choir teachers like Jan Schwegman, Theresa Blank and Connie Lauer. Dave Wegert also works tirelessly with the servers. Also, our kids in the choir and our servers are the best. St. Joseph Parish is blessed to have so many wonderful people to help enhance our liturgies and make our parish vibrant.

THANKS TO ALL OF THEM for all they do.

Boy Scout Troop #86

The Newport Elks Lodge #273 celebrated Flag Day services assisted by Boy Scout Troop #86. Awesome job guys, at this incredibly moving service.



PICTURED.
Front Row: Johnathan Ehlman, Nathaniel Ehlman, Josh Ehlman, Oliver Millikin, Caleb Millikin, Jim Andrae, Tom Burns, and Dave Wegert, Scout Master
Back Row: Larry Frondorf, Chairman of Flag Day Services, and Fran Bray, Exalted Ruler.

Our Awesome Students.....

Congratulations to the following students from our parish:

Villa Madonna Academy (4th quarter)

First Honors Second Honors

Emily Hurtt Benjamin Smith

John Meyer

St. Xavier (2nd semester)

First Honors

Thomas "T.J." Hizer

Covington Catholic (4th quarter)

First Honors

Second Honors

Michael Burns

Johnathan Miller

Jacob Litmer

Chris Steinkamp

From Our Deacon.....

Q. During the "Our Father", some people hold hands, while others do not, and some hold their hands out/up in prayer... what does the Church prescribe?

A. Many say we should not be holding hands in the congregation while reciting the Lord's Prayer because it is not a community prayer but a prayer to *Our Father*. While there is some basis to this, the reality is there is no prescribed posture for the hands during the *Our Father* and that, so far, neither the Holy See nor the U.S. bishops' conference has officially addressed it.

I guess the real problem arises when the entire assembly is expected or obliged to do so; not here at St. Joseph's, but I have attended mass where it appeared that it is *expected*. One could argue that holding hands expresses the family union of the Church. But our singing or reciting the prayer in unison already expresses this element of unity. So, no one should have any qualms about *not participating in this gesture if disinclined to do so*. They will be simply following the universal customs of the Church, and should not be accused of being a cause of disharmony (or *visa versa*).

One argument for not holding hands is that the holding of hands anticipates and then negates the sign of peace. I tend to side with this position, not that it negates the sign of peace, but, in a way, it duplicates it. I also feel that our taking communion, our sharing

together in the Eucharist, is the highest sign of our unity, especially in terms of our belief, and the working power of the Sacrament itself - the Eucharist makes us one.

A different case is the practice in which some people adopt the "orantes" posture during the *Our Father*, praying like the priest, with hands extended. Despite appearances, this gesture is not, strictly speaking, a case of the laity trying to mimic priestly functions. The *Our Father* is the prayer of the entire assembly and not a priestly or presidential prayer, there is no law against this posture while praying the Lord's Prayer.

So, until the Church declares otherwise, it would appear that the world will be divided into hand-holders and arm-folders with the occasional hand-upholder wedged in the middle - or something to that effect.

The bottom line is that the process for introducing any new rite or gesture into the liturgy in a stable or even binding manner is already contemplated in liturgical law. This process entails a two-thirds majority vote in the bishops' conference and the go-ahead from the Holy See before any change may take effect.

Thus, if neither the bishops' conference nor the Holy See has seen fit to prescribe any posture for the recitation of the *Our Father*, it hardly behooves any lesser authority to impose a novel gesture not required by liturgical

As always, I hope this helps!

Have a question pertaining to the Faith?

Call Deacon Tim Schabell @ 441-5110 x53. or email at: tschabell@stjoeschool.net

Seminarian's Summer Assignment at St. Joseph's Parish

In the eight weeks since my arrival at St. Joseph Church on May 11th, I have had the opportunity to meet many of the wonderful people in this parish. My name is John Michniuk. I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Covington. I will begin my second year of studies this August at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, Pennsylvania. With your prayers and, if it be God's will, I earnestly look forward to the day when I will serve the people of this Diocese as a priest.

Each summer, those seminarians, who are in the graduate theology phase of their priestly formation, are placed by the Diocese in a parish assignment to give them a direct, hands-on experience of pastoral ministry that is not easily interpreted in the seminary classroom setting. In my opinion, the summer assignment for the seminarian is largely about integration.

John Paul II wrote an apostolic letter in 1992 entitled, "*Pastores Dabo Vobis*" ("I Shall Give You Shepherds") regarding the appropriate norms for the formation of candidates to the priesthood. In this letter to the bishops, clergy, and faithful of the Church, he outlined four pillars of formation: Human, Intellectual, Spiritual, and Pastoral. Each pillar is equally important and the Holy Father stressed that each pillar must share a symbiotic relationship with the other. In other words, a good and effective priest will be one who has learned to integrate and balance each of these four pillars in his life. If a seminarian, for example, would spend all of his time in prayer and neglect his studies or relationships with others, he consequently would be unable to explain the faith or even relate well to others, and so on.

In the seminary, the candidate is guided in his integration of these four pillars by a set schedule as well as spiritual, human, and academic advisors. In the parish, however, the seminarian is faced with a more "real world" situation where he is challenged to balance the demands and responsibilities of parish life. Though it may first appear that the summer assignment is heavily geared toward pastoral activities, the seminarian learns in this setting how to integrate the other three pillars into his daily life so that each feeds into the other and supports the seminarian in an environment that is fluid, flexible, sometimes frenetic, but always rewarding.

In my time here at Saint Joseph's, I have been exposed to a great and diverse breadth of pastoral experiences. In addition to attending daily mass, I participate as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist three times a week. I assist with the set-up and clean-up of the Sunday masses. I serve at mass when needed. I have attended wedding rehearsals, weddings, bereavement support planning meetings, and funerals.

As an outreach to those who are unable to attend mass regularly at the parish, I make weekly visits with Holy Communion to the homebound on a rotating basis in order to meet as many people as possible. I assist with a weekly mass at a senior citizen apartment complex. Also, I visit and bring Holy Communion weekly to parishioners who are at St. Luke's Hospital –East.

Parish groups have welcomed me to their meetings. I have participated in planning meetings for high school parish school of religion as well as meetings of the parish staff, parish board of education, and parish council. Also, I have taken part in the meetings for Christ Renews His Parish.

I am learning the parish recordkeeping system for baptisms and weddings as well as individuals who request mass cards and memorial bricks. I have also become acquainted with the diocesan accounting system that is utilized in all parishes.

A variety of parish outreach activities have occurred where I have been involved, such as the parish picnic, Coney Island day for the servers, picnic for volunteers in the parish, and the upcoming parish festival.

I meet regularly with Fr. Gerry Reinersman as part of my formation for the summer and I benefit greatly from his guidance and example.

The summer assignment could potentially be extremely overwhelming. A conscientious striving for a balanced integration of the four pillars of priestly formation, with a daily commitment to prayer as the anchor, is what helps to make this summer assignment an extremely rewarding experience for me and an important step forward in my priestly formation.



**CRHP . . .
Take time to Make the connection!**

"CRHP Circle of Friends"

Since the beginning of time, friendship has been the most important relationship that man has experienced. According to the myth, ancient man gathered around a new fire to celebrate peace and brotherhood among tribes. It is said that a "Circle of Friends" which is rooted in the Lord, is a bond of friendship that will endure forever.

Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP ... often pronounced "chirp") is a process by which one can experience "Church" through conversion, community and celebration. It begins with a weekend retreat, given by fellow parishioners, on the parish grounds. The emphasis is on witnessing more than teaching. It provides the parishioner with an opportunity for experiencing deep personal conversion, spiritual growth and the fruits of Christian community in the parish. It is a way of becoming spiritually connected with other parishioners. After the retreat, there is the opportunity for further spiritual growth, and it is highly recommended, if possible, that one agrees to continue on in faith formation and planning of the next parish CRHP retreat to be held at the parish.

If you read this far you must be at least a little bit interested. As previous weekend attendees and team members we can assure you that it's powerful stuff. It's a lot of fun and a great opportunity to form meaningful and lasting friendships. Just ask your friends if they have been on a weekend -- if not see if they want to experience one with you!

Say a prayer. Ask God what you should do. I think He wants you here. Don't You?

The next set of weekends are in sight!

The men will embark on their journey on **March 14th & 15th, 2009.**

The women will journey from **May 2nd to May 3rd, 2009.**

"CRHP" is a response to the need that every follower of Christ has to experience "church" and to experience "being church" and finally, to experience "being church for others". What's the best way to learn about "CRHP"?

Experience it!

2009 Men's CRHP Chairperson

Mark Schroder
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2009 Women's CRHP Chairperson

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"A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; he who finds one finds a treasure. A faithful friend is beyond price, no sum can balance his worth. A faithful friend is a life-saving remedy, such as he who fears God finds; For he who fears God behaves accordingly, and his friend will be like himself." (Sirach 6:14-17)

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OUR PARISH MISSION

The people of St. Joseph's Parish strive to be a dynamic, Catholic faith community, following the example of Jesus Christ through liturgical, communal and personal prayer. We value education, especially education in the faith. Through parish ministries and organizations, we serve others by offering our gifts of time, talents and treasures. We seek to fulfill this mission with the help of Christ, Who leads us to oneness with God.

CHILD CARE WANTED:

Beginning in November, child care for (2) young children in the Cold Spring area. Full-time, 5 days per week. Call 781-3420

Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
6:30 & 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 & 9:00 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, & 11:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Holydays: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Welcome New Parishioners.....

Michael and Molly Giesler and Family
Cold Spring

Bae and Soonjoo Lee and Family
Highland Heights

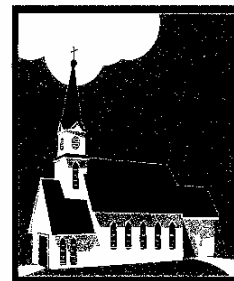
Josh Napier and Family
Covington

Nicole Lynch
Covington

Edward and Kathleen Hildreth and Family
Alexandria

Matthew and Jacilyn Jackson
Cold Spring

David and Michelle Jata
Cold Spring



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