



St. Malachi Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

As you know, more than a year ago Parish Council began a time of prayer and deliberation about ways to strengthen our parish unity and enrich the lives of us all. The result was the *Rediscovering Sunday Morning at St. Malachi* proposal. After carefully considering your responses and comments, the Council held a prayerful discernment on Sunday, November 24. We reached a decision to go forward.

Details are:

Beginning: Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014

**2 Sunday Masses: 9:00am Mass (with Cantor)
11:30am Mass (with Choir)**

Parish Events/Activities: 10:15am - 11:15am

PSR: 10:15 – 11:20am

Hospitality Corner:

Refreshments available after 9:00 Mass – 11:15am and after 11:30 Mass

We know this is not a perfect solution...we couldn't find one! But the call to go forward towards growth and new life won out. **St. Malachi will follow this new Mass schedule in 2014.**

Before you decide whether this will work for you or not, or whether it is good for St. Malachi, please give this new schedule a fair "try." We are doing this to strengthen our Mass celebrations and provide more opportunities for spiritual growth and community life. There is the opportunity to come to Mass at 9 AM, have refreshments, spend time with fellow parishioners and then attend a program or activity. Or you may choose to come for refreshments, spending time with fellow parishioners and a program, and then go to Mass at 11:30 AM. If you do not wish to attend an activity or program on a particular Sunday, you can still attend Mass and refreshments with fellow parishioners or refreshments with fellow parishioners and Mass.

There will be an opportunity for input about your experience with this new schedule at the Annual Parish Meeting on April 27. We began this initiative in response to parishioner requests. If a strong need to change some aspect becomes clear at the Annual meeting, adjustments can be made.

Please watch the Bulletin for more details about the program for Sunday January 5, 2014.

On behalf of Parish Pastoral Council,

Rev. Anthony J. Schuerger
Pastor

Jeannie Cleary-Burns
Council Chairperson