

## From Your Pastor

### September News Notes ~ As Fall Arrives

#### **Parish Pastoral Council – Thank You and a Need for New Members**

– During the past year, five members of our Parish Pastoral Council completed their service on the Council. On behalf of the parish, I express our heartfelt gratitude to Judy Canty, Janet Tambascio Fraher, Edio Galvez, Caroline McGowan and Kenna Sullivan for the very generous commitment they made to the parish through their work on the Council the past few years. In order to bring the membership of the Council up to its full complement of 15 (excluding *ex officio* and appointed members), I have established a Search Committee to help us find six new members of the Council. Those qualified for service on the Council are Catholics who participate fully in the sacramental life of the Church. They are also active, registered parishioners who are 18 years or older. If you are interested in being considered for this service or would like to nominate someone else to the Council, please contact Patricia McShane or Msgr. Fay at the rectory (617-782-5774) as soon as possible. Our abiding gratitude is expressed to Peg Collins, Charlie Lydon, Maureen McGrail, Blanca Ocampo, Mike O'Hara, Clement Pinto, John Reen, Claudia Rufo and Ben Wu who continue to serve on the Council.



#### The **ARISE Together in Christ**

Sign-up for the Third Season took place last weekend. If you have not yet registered and would like to join a group, please contact Patricia McShane at the rectory (617-782-5774) as soon as possible. Please know as well that you are able to join a group at any time during the Season, which runs through mid-November. As always, we ask you to pray regularly the *ARISE* Prayer (from the prayer card in the pew or the back flap of the bulletin) for the success of this process in the parish.

**Flu Season Precautions** – From all indications, especially with the presence of the H1N1 virus, the flu season this year is likely to be more significant.

While the need for the introduction of widespread liturgical adaptations for the prevention of the flu transmission is not evident or recommended by the bishops at this time, I encourage all to follow these time-honored and very practical recommendations:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected individuals.
- If you are sick, or suspect yourself to be sick with a contagious illness, the CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Ministers of Holy Communion should wash their hands before Mass begins, or even to use an alcohol based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion.

#### **Our Thanks to John and Dottie Reen and Their Family**

for the beautiful gift of the two granite benches that have been placed before the statue of Our Lady of the Presentation in the new plaza. We hope that you have been enjoying the new spot to rest awhile and pray in the presence of Our Lady.

#### **Our Thanks to Fred and Rosa Salvucci and Their Family**

for the wonderful recent mortar work that was done on the front steps of the church. You may have noticed that the steps were in great need of attention.

#### **Dates for Your Calendar –**

**Sat., Oct. 17, 9:30–12:30 pm** – Fall Church Clean-up  
**Sat., Nov. 7, 2:30–3:30 pm** – Pastor Listening Session



God bless each of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Msgr. Fay'.