



## Why Service?

By Christine Goss, Pastoral Associate for Youth Ministries

At baptism we are called to be disciples of Jesus. One way each of us can live that calling is through service to others. In planning a Youth Ministries program that would be comprehensive and meaningful, I knew from day one that community service would be an integral part.

Now, 11 years later, the young people in our Youth Ministries program have volunteered regularly both directly in our parish community and in the greater community—totaling thousands of hours of service every year. Last program year, between August 2013 to July 2014, over 140 teens shared their time and talent within our parish helping the Knights of Columbus to serve Lenten fish dinners and being actively involved in the liturgical life of our community as altar servers, greeters, ushers, and choir members. They provided for the less fortunate by packing food baskets with the St. Vincent de Paul Society and sorting gifts for the Bethlehem Tree Project. Teens helped our Rosary Altar Society prepare for their annual garage sale, raked leaves, washed windows, and gave back to the younger children in our parish through volunteering at the parish picnic, Easter festivities, Junior Youth Nites and more. The total hours in just these activities was **over 530 man hours**.

I am proud to be a part of a parish community that values our teenagers and appreciates their gifts and talents, recognizing that while they are able to set up tables and chairs, they are capable of so much more than that. Working alongside almost every active ministry in our Church exposes teens to adults who are truly living their Catholic faith and encourages and empowers teens to do the same.

I reached out to a few current and former participants in the Youth Ministries Program and asked them to reflect on how community service has impacted their faith journey ... here are some of their responses:

"When you first look at [community service], it may seem like, 'this is so boring and lame, how does this relate to my faith?' but as you get more involved within your church and community, meeting and



working with different groups it expands your understanding of what it means to help one another. I love serving others because it brings God closer to myself and also the people around me! Without my experiences in community service in the parish my faith would not be as strong as it is now!"

Ryan Pantalone

*Ryan is a junior at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake and is a confirmation candidate this year, who is excitedly sharing his 2013 NCYC experience with other teens to encourage them to attend the Conference in 2015.*

"[During freshman year of college], I signed up to participate in the Spring Day of Service with a group of friends. Our assigned service site was Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church – a small, run down building in the less-fortunate part of town. During the four hours that we spent with them on a Saturday afternoon, the parish leaders put us to work doing a variety of tasks. We raked the lawn and weeded the garden, painted fences and cleaned carpets. Despite the fact that the things we did may seem trivial, I have never met a group of people so grateful for a few volunteer hours from a handful of college students. Parishioners wanted to know where we were from and what we were studying, and our picture and our names were taken so that they could print it in their weekly bulletin. Children who were attending a Spring Break Day Camp at the church sang songs for my friends and me about how great

Please see Service, page 7

## Ministry Updates

### Adult Faith Enrichment Team

This year's program began on September 18 with Dr. Peter Avvento's presentation titled "I Am Spiritual but Not Religious." The event was very successful drawing in around 40 people from 6 parishes in 3 counties. On September 23, Fr. Robert Barron began a 6-week series called "Catholicism: The New Evangelization." This too was very well attended. This event is being facilitated by our very own Deacon Mike Melanson. Table leaders are team members, Sean Caron, Bob LaBounty, Peggy Melanson and Karen Ronca.

Back by popular demand are our small faith-sharing group sessions titled "Faith: Walking the Walk/Sharing the Talk." Beginning on October 2, these sessions will be held one Thursday each month and will be facilitated by Ms. Dona Fragnoli. Consisting of simple, yet very effective discussion and reflection based on the weekly Gospel readings, they are designed to help extend faith formation beyond the church walls and into daily life.

On October 4, the ministry teamed up with Youth Ministries and the Young Adult Faith Enrichment teams to present the first family movie night featuring the movie "God's Not Dead." Admission was 2 non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul holiday baskets.

In the next six months, the Fr. Robert Barron series, as well as the small faith sharing group "Faith: Walking the Walk/Sharing the Talk," will continue. Also, on November 20, Ms. Dona Fragnoli will be presenting "Conquering Christmas Stress" and on December 2, Dr. Avvento will be doing a presentation titled "Mary: The First Disciple." Dr. Avvento returns on January 15 with the program "Angels Among Us: Do They Make Sense? Do We Need Them?" Fran Rossi Szpylczn will offer a program titled "An Evening of Prayer" on February 3.

All events are open to ALL and ALL ARE WELCOME at any time.

Contact: Kim Klementowski: 384-2234; kdklem2@gmail.com

### Hospitality Committee

A Hospitality Committee has been formed, led by Julie Ashcroft, to provide refreshments, along with the Baker's Dozen, for hospitality weekends. These weekends are the first full Saturday and Sunday of every month, excluding July and August. The committee is providing the coffee and donuts on Sundays, and the Baker's Dozen is baking for the Saturday Mass.

We would like to have parish ministries highlighted on these hospitality weekends, as they have been in the past, but the ministry is no longer responsible for providing refreshments. Ministries can contact Julie Ashcroft to

sign up for a particular month and provide information in the gathering space during that month.

We hope that all our faithful parishioners come back to the gathering space after Mass to share in the refreshments, learn more about joining a ministry, and, more importantly, enjoy fellowship with one another.

The Hospitality Committee welcomes new members. The commitment is approximately 2-3 hours per month, including Mass.

Contact: Julie Ashcroft: 630-5389; jandjashcroft@gmail.com



## Ministry Updates-cont.

### Welcoming Committee

The goal of the Welcoming Committee is to make all parishioners feel welcome. The first meeting of the committee was held in May of this year. To reach its goal, the committee hosts new parishioner breakfasts twice a year, is sending parent letters to the youngest children in our parish after their Baptisms, and is implementing our first ever parish directory. The hope is that all will enjoy Church of Immaculate Conception and discover all the different activities and ministries the parish has to offer and the love and friendliness of its members.

Parishioners who enjoy getting to know new people and assisting them in learning about our parish are welcome to join this ministry which meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Contact: Sandy Lowe: [slowe1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:slowe1@nycap.rr.com)

### What do you know about Tanzania?

Do you know that . . .

Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa, is located in Tanzania?

Jane Goodall began her studies of chimpanzees at Gombe Stream, Tanzania's smallest national park, in 1960?

the largest national park in the country is the Serengeti National Park?

The official languages of Tanzania are Swahili and English?

Sources: <http://www.tanzaniatouristboard.com>, <http://www.compassion.com>, <http://www.funtrivia.com>, <http://www.bbc.co.uk>.

### Faith Formation

The 2014-2015 Faith Formation sessions have begun, and 35 Catechists are ready to bring the children's hearts and minds closer to God. The theme for this year is "Empathy," and the goal is to help the children learn how to relate to each other, and to respect each other's differences.

Classes are offered for kindergarten through grade 6 on a weekly basis, and a home study option with four evaluations throughout the year is available for grades 3 through 6. Children who are above the grade 3 level and have yet to receive their sacrament of First Communion attend an Intermediate Sacrament class. The Faith Formation program is blessed to have two amazing catechists for the "Rainbow" class, for developmentally disabled children, which meets on a more condensed schedule. Children's Liturgy of the Word, for the very young children, is offered on Sunday mornings during the 11 am Mass. Many options are available, and it is never too late to sign up the children for the program; no one is turned away.

This will be another year of memorable moments, with monthly Children's Masses, the annual grade 5 bake sale, grade 6 Night of Reflection, the heartwarming Father-Daughter Valentine Dance, and all of the activities in between. Upcoming events are listed in the Faith Formation section of the bulletin each week.

The staff and the volunteers in the Faith Formation program take their jobs very seriously, and every decision is made with each child's best interest at heart. They strive to teach the children the beauty of being in the miracle of Grace, and the limitless depths of God's love and mercy.

Contact: Madeline Fretto: 399-9210; [Cic4kids@nycap.rr.com](mailto:Cic4kids@nycap.rr.com)

## A Tanzania Diary, Part 1 by Georgina Holm



For about three weeks in July, we traveled to Tanzania to join in celebrations with Father Alexander Choka and Father Laurenti Magesa and to visit the charities that the Friends of Musoma have been supporting. Considering that most of the time there were seven of us to herd together and transport and also that we were operating under African time (no worries - “hakuna matata,” and slowly - “pole pole” in Kiswahili), we accomplished a great deal.

We made our home base at Ephetah Retreat Centre on the shore of Lake Victoria: besides me, my husband Eric Holm, Gina Schneider, Paulette George, Phyllis Chase, Angie Greenough and her grandson Josh. We participated in many celebrations including a book launch for Father Magesa’s most recent book, *What is Not Sacred?* The celebrations had several things in common, including a Mass, animated, joyful singing and dancing and the sharing of a meal. When I say animated singing and dancing, I can’t help but half grimace, half chuckle at the thought of Father Choka when he served at Immaculate trying to coax us into clapping and swaying a bit as we sang. It is easy to imagine anyone entering the kingdom of heaven breaking into unrestrained song and dance upon meeting Jesus. But I don’t ever think I’ll work up enough nerve (not in this life anyway) to try the ululation (a high-pitched trilling noise) that the African women interject into the singing as an emotional form of praise.

The serving of food at these celebrations reflects a key component of African culture. Sharing as a group or community is a moral action in Africa. I was particularly moved on two occasions by this sharing of meals. First was at the family celebration at Father Magesa’s home. Food was served in the garden from a table set up there before Mass. After eating, the table was converted to an altar with a beautiful altar cloth, candles, Mass book, and everything else needed to celebrate the Eucharist. This transformation struck me as how it must have been for the very first Christians when they met for the breaking of the bread in private homes. The second occasion was at the reception after the Mass at Father Magesa’s home parish. Adults and many children from the surrounding community had walked on dirt roads and through fields to Mass dressed in their best clothes. At the reception, approximately 800 of them stood in long lines in the hot sun waiting patiently to be served a meal that probably was the most substantial one that they had eaten in quite some time. When the reception had ended, young children quickly grabbed any unopened or unfinished water bottles from the head table. So not only was the celebration important from the standpoint of a community gathering but also for physical sustenance of the community.

The foods we were served included several starches, like rice, potatoes, and even ugali on a few occasions. Ugali, which has been referred to as African polenta, is made from tapioca root, which endures both drought and flood, making it a reliable source of food, though with little nutritional value. We ate plenty of delicious fruit, straight from the tree, including papayas, mangos, pineapples, avocados, and bananas. The fish (tilapia) was fresh from the lake. Food is bought in open markets directly from the producer. There are no additives or preservatives to worry about. Of course, there is also very little refrigeration.

On the way back to Musoma, after visiting some of our charities, we visited the home of Father Choka’s sister, Ursula, where we got a firsthand look at the life of a typical Tanzanian family. Her small house, built by Father Choka, was made of red mud bricks with a roof of corrugated metal. When we arrived, Ursula was resting outside on a mat. Although she is not in the best of health and uses a cane, she shrieked with joy to see so many visitors, most of whom she had never met. She quickly struggled to her feet and hugged us, then ushered us into her house. A family room consisted of a few wooden chairs perched upon cloth-covered mats that are used for sleeping. In her bedroom she searched through a cardboard box to find two rattles made from gourds. She played the rattles as she sang to us in Kiswahili and danced. She then grabbed decorative, handmade gourds from the walls and gave them out as gifts along with a handmade basket that hung on the wall. Her outdoor kitchen is a mud-brick structure with no roof. Because the cooking is done over charcoal fires, cooking is typically done in an open structure; a separate enclosed structure, or just over a fire outside. There was neither running water nor electricity. Despite what seemed like a very difficult life, Ursula was joyful and eager to share her time and belongings.

When we returned to Musoma, we shopped for souvenirs at Tupendane Cottage Industry, which is now located almost directly across the street from the diocese cathedral. As you may recall, Tupendane has been the beneficiary of support from Gerry and Jerry Havasy of our parish, and Tupendane merchandise has been sold after Masses on several occasions. The young women who work here make several items such as beautiful cards, aprons, placemats, handbags, and clothing.

The tourist part of the journey was a 3 ½ day safari through the Serengeti, the Ngorongoro Crater, and the Tarangire National Park. The lodges were luxurious; the food delicious; and the animals marvelous evidence of God’s awesome power. I was most impressed by the enormous water buffaloes, whose faces looked like masks of plastic, the zebras and the wonderful pattern of stripes they created as they clustered together, the gigantic, wrinkled, and somewhat frightening but also comical elephants who crossed in front of us with ears flapping and back ends sashaying, the arrogant male lions who slept in the road after having eaten their fill of a water buffalo while their female mates and cubs worked at the remains of the carcass, and the clever baboons who hopped a low fence in Tarangire National Park to try to make off with the tourists’ box lunches.



While the safari was an incredible experience, it only served to add to the conflicting feelings that had been rumbling inside me the past two weeks. Once we started the safari, it was as if we had stepped into an entirely different country where there was no poverty, no lack of clean, running water, no lack of electricity, and no lack of food. Gone were the dirt roads traveled mostly on foot by people herding cattle and goats or carrying heavy loads on their heads; gone were the small dukas (shops) on the sides of village roads made of old boards or concrete with corrugated metal roofs where people competed loudly to sell their wares. No more people loitering along the dirt walkways in the villages because they had no job to go to. No more people washing clothes or bathing at muddy water holes. So, of course, there were some feelings of guilt for the luxuries of the safari lodges. And I wondered, as I had throughout the trip, why so many people in Kenya and Tanzania were so poor? Why weren't there as many technological advances? We had seen men digging dirt and smashing rocks by hand in order to make concrete. Is it because the corrupt governments don't see to it that some of the profit from the safari business benefits the people? Is it because of a lack of the American urge to quickly get things done? Is it because of a lack of education? There are definitely areas in which education is needed, including matters of civil rights, pollution, and conservation. I was appalled to see litter on the dirt walkways everywhere (there is no garbage collection; the garbage is sometimes swept into piles and burned). Also, the land is being deforested, as trees are used by the people for fuel and not replanted. And what about the violence that is breaking out between Muslims and Christians? But then I chide myself asking how is life in America better than what I saw in Africa? Here many are missing the beautiful spirituality of the African people; we don't make the effort to share our time with others by coming together face to face; we have more things, but we don't like to share; our technological advances have sometimes diminished the value of human life; and while religious extremism is leading to violence in other nations, American religious apathy is leading to decay. So again I was left to ponder how could enough ever be done to help the poor nations of the world and where would one start with all the difficulties I had seen?

I don't have the answers to these questions. I do know that the journey was all about the people; both the African people we met and the Americans with whom we traveled. New bonds of friendship were created that would not have been formed without the journey. I grew to appreciate the individual gifts that each person can bring to the table. Gina was our tour guide and translator; Eric was our finance guy; Paulette was our always upbeat photographer/videographer and our go-to person for anything we hadn't packed ourselves; Phyllis was the one who gave us a sense of peace; Angie managed to keep us on schedule, which is almost impossible to do in a country that doesn't seem to keep track of time, and Josh added the open-minded perspective of youth to our many conversations. Fathers Choka and Magesa were our shepherds. As Father Choka had jokingly promised at one point, he would be like Jesus, and not lose one of us, which he absolutely did not. I think all of us who traveled to Africa can say it was a "safari njema" or a good journey.

Part 2 of Georgina's diary will focus on the visits of the group to the charities supported by the Friends of Musoma and will appear in the January issue of the *Parish Pipeline*.

### Ask Fr. Jerry

Question:

**What are the three books used at Mass called?**



Answer:

Good question, and good for you for noticing that we use three books! The book used by the priest at his chair and at the altar is called **The Roman Missal**. This book contains all the mass prayers: **Opening Prayer, also known as the Collect** and begins: **"Let us pray..."** the Prayer over the Gifts which is said after the congregations says: **"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands..."** and the Closing Prayer. It also has all the prayers the priest uses at the altar.

The second and third books are used for the **Liturgy of the Word**. The book used by the Lectors is called the **Lectionary**. It is an ordered selection of readings, chosen from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures, often referred to as the Old and New Testament of the Bible. Normally at the Sunday celebration, a reading is taken from each of these. The third book is called the **Book of the Gospels**. The Deacon, or the Lector carries the Lectionary during the opening procession and places it on the altar. We believe God is alive in the words of the Gospel, so we bow to the book as it is processed from the Altar and shown to the people before the Gospel is proclaimed at the ambo. It is customary for the deacon to proclaim the Gospel when present, otherwise it is proclaimed by the priest.

You may notice that the Lectionary flows with the Church seasons and usually corresponds to the color of the vestments. Thanks to our crafty parishioners who make these covers for us, the color on the book helps us to remember what season the Church is celebrating, i.e. **Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, or Ordinary Time**. The Gospel Book has a picture of Lamb of God on the front of it for most seasons, but during Christmas and Easter (our "high" seasons of celebration) we use the gold metal cover to enhance the celebration.

After the Lectionary readings are read, the Lector places the book on the wooden "throne" on the wall next to the crucifix. Likewise, after the Gospel is proclaimed, the Gospel Book is carried to the same place of honor as the Lectionary. During the week, the Gospel remains "enthroned" so that we may approach it and be reminded of the message that that was offered to us the previous Sunday.

It is a great privilege and an honor to proclaim God's word. Have you ever considered serving our parish family at mass as a Lector? We could use your talent!

**(Have a question? Ask Pipeline!)**



Image courtesy of Bro. Michael O'Neill McGrath OSFS and

Bee Still Studio. All rights reserved.

### *Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary...*

Thoughts by Fr. Jerry

Last summer I had the opportunity to spend time on the Great Sacandaga Lake. It's one of my favorite places and one of Grace's (my canine companion) favorite places too. One afternoon, while sitting on the dock, a storm appeared with little warning. In a short time the dock was rocking back and forth with gusto! Grace and I had a hard time getting to land as we were almost thrown "overboard!"

The hanging on the north side of our church, one of four of Br. Mickey McGrath paintings, depicts this image of the Apostles in a boat almost being thrown overboard. But there, protecting them, is Mary. Hence the name of the painting, "Queen of the Apostles."

The water in the painting is turbulent and the sky ferocious, yet, the look on the Apostles' faces is one of calm. They are sure their Queen, their Mother, will shelter them from the power of death. One can't help but think of Jesus and his disciples on the Sea of Galilee, when he calmed the waters and the hearts of his disciples when their boat was being tossed about.

The painting is filled with many beautiful images: two angels holding a crown above Mary our Queen; the Book of the Gospels open to Luke 10 where Jesus sends his disciples out as "lambs" in the midst of "wolves" or troubled waters; the sun (Son) shining brightly behind the Book of the Gospels with its rays guiding the boat; and the fish, so many fish, swimming towards the Apostles, the first "fishers of men and women." What is important to note is the faces of the disciples: they are of many races! Men and women, young and old.

You see, we are all Apostles, all called to lead others to Jesus. Sometimes, perhaps often times, our personal ship of life might be rocked with illness, death, loss of employment, disappointing grades, broken relationships, doubt, disappointment and depression. When we think we are about to be thrown overboard, Mary, our Queen comes to our aid. She is with us as the Hail Mary says, "now and at the hour of death." Christ our ever shining light brings calm, and guides us through our personal storms.

*Never was it known that anyone who...*

*implored your help was left unaided*

(Memorare)

## Service

continued from page 1

God's love is. Even to this day, when I run into them at the grocery store, they take the time to say hello and ask how I'm doing. Although the people I met did not have a faith identical to mine, it did not keep me from seeing God in them. Experiencing such great faith and community in them has only helped to strengthen mine." Lauren Carr *Lauren is a sophomore biochemistry major at Hobart & William Smith College; when home from school, Lauren remains actively involved in our parish serving as a Eucharistic Minister and peer leader.*

"Doing community service has really strengthened my faith. It has given me the opportunity to help others and has shown me how I can use my love of God and share it with others. When you volunteer and help others, those people are inspired to live in a more loving, and faith filled way whether they know it or not." Rachel Stiffen

*Rachel is a senior at Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. She has been a core member of our youth ministries team for several years; post-confirmation she continues to be involved and this year will serve as a Retreat Peer Leader.*

So to answer the question – "Why service?" Because it matters, because teens get it, because we are making disciples to change the world.

### Joe Aglio's Apple Dapple Cake

Mix together at low speed:

- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 c. corn oil
- 2 c. white sugar
- 3 c. flour, unsifted

Add: 1 tsp. each—baking soda, cinnamon, salt, vanilla and mix well.

Add: 1 c. chopped nuts, 3 c. chopped apples

Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees.

Mix and boil 3 minutes: 1 c. brown sugar, 1/4 c. milk, 1 stick margarine. Pour hot sauce over hot cake. Cool in pan 2 hours. Turn out and upright.

## A new Parish Directory is on the way!!

Have you ever looked around Mass and wondered who someone was? Ever been asked to work on a committee or project with a new group of people and needed some help remembering everyone's name? Help is on the way! Church of Immaculate Conception is creating a NEW parish directory. This directory will not be complete without each and every one of you.

There is no charge to our parish or to you for simply participating. You will receive a FREE 8x10 and a FREE copy of the parish directory for participating. Additional portraits will be available, but are not required.

Portraits will be taken on:

- Thursday, 10/16 from 2:00 – 9:00
- Friday, 11/7 from 2:00 – 9:00
- Saturday, 11/8 from 10:00 – 5:00
- Friday, 11/28 from 2:00 – 9:00
- Saturday, 11/29 from 10:00 – 5:00.

Please schedule a time online at the parish website, [www.icglenville.com](http://www.icglenville.com), or call Maria Yorkshire at 374-1004 or Sandy Lowe at 885-7339.

Thanks for your support of this important project! Sign up today. We can't wait to see your smile.

### POPE FRANCIS' TWITTER PAGE



<http://www.twitter.com/Pontifex>

"LET US ASK THE LORD FOR THE GRACE NOT TO SPEAK BADLY OF OTHERS, NOT TO CRITICIZE, NOT TO GOSSIP, BUT RATHER TO LOVE EVERYONE."

(OCTOBER 7, 2014)

***Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter***

by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran (Ave Maria Press, 2013)

Reviewed by Gerard Havasy

Every few years, a new movement catches on in the Catholic Church and helps bring out the beauty and depth of our faith. Father Robert Barron and his Word On Fire ministry are focused on *The New Evangelism* and on the beauty of Catholicism. Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Catholicism* has excited many Catholics around the country and the world.

Into this mix, Father Michael White and Tom Corcoran have been leading an effort to rebuild our parishes and provide tools and experiences to stop the exodus from the churches. Father Michael and Tom were newly assigned to Nativity parish in North Baltimore where the weekly attendance of approximately 1400 kept going down. The two tried everything that most Catholic parishes try today to increase membership, to increase stewardship, and to develop people dedicated to the risen Lord. They implemented many changes in the liturgy, changes in the Mass times, and challenged people to be better disciples and to evangelize outside the parish. Some people found them hard to take and left the parish further lowering attendance. The good news is that after several painful years of change, the membership grew to over 4000 people attending Mass on the weekend and more people involved in various ministries and outreaches.

The two went to conferences and learned from successful parishes and mega churches around the country including Rick Warren's Saddleback Church in California, Joel Osteen in Texas, and other growing churches. It didn't matter that they weren't Catholic. What were these churches doing right?

They coined a term, "Consumer Catholic," to describe parishioners who came to Mass and the sacraments but did little for the church. Often these were folks who did not want to see any change in the church. Most were not involved in any ministry nor in any way helped the church to bring in new disciples. "Tough love" might be the best way to describe some of the changes they implemented to

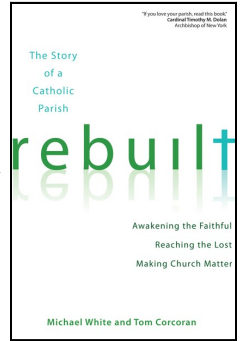
turn their parish on fire for the Lord.

ICC has many of the same issues faced in Baltimore by Fr. Michael, however we also have many strong attributes that should set us on the right path to growth and evangelism. He had no greeters, failing teen and faith formation programs and no adult education.

ICC does well in many of these areas. We have a new organ coming, beautiful music and liturgies, and various programs for adults, teens and youth. A glaring deficiency we have is our lack of an evangelistic spirit. We want others to do this hard work, yet we are called to proclaim "Jesus is risen." Fr. Michael was successful with small groups in all areas to reinforce the Gospel to "welcome home" those who have been away and to give the tools and knowledge to be successful. He also developed a self-sustaining coffee time after all masses for coffee and refreshments which can be purchased at a reasonable price as well as simple food that goes from freezer to microwave. This time is well attended and helps develop improved community among parishioners.

This book is very insightful and a must read for everyone interested in growing their Catholic faith and developing a faith-filled parish. If you've ever thought that "If only they would do this or do that, or change the pastor or the bishop, then things would turn upwards," here's your chance to find out how difficult some things are to do and how wonderful others are. No one-size-fits-all. If you like this book, you will find their follow-up book, which describes 75 practical ways to improve your parish, full of thought-provoking ideas.

There is exciting time ahead for those working to bring the message of the "Risen Jesus" to our increasingly materialistic and secular society. Jesus wants us all on board.



In this fourth issue of the *Parish Pipeline*, some of our ministries have updated their activities. Immaculate Conception is fortunate to have many more ministries which will be highlighted in coming issues. For a complete list of ministries,

- see the church website: <http://www.icglenville.com>
- contact Maryann Haskell, 399-6706, e-mail [maryann.haskell@gmail.com](mailto:maryann.haskell@gmail.com)
- fill in the information below and drop it in the collection basket. You will be contacted.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in the following ministry/ministries:

\_\_\_\_\_



