

## Return & Remember

If we are a typical Catholic parish about 25% of us drifted away from Church at some point in our lives, For two years or more, we seldom went to Mass except for Christmas, Easter, or an occasional wedding. The reasons for our withdrawal were varied. Perhaps we turned 18 and declared our independence. We cut hair and picked our clothes to suit ourselves, and if we felt like sleeping in on Sunday morning, that was our adult business. Whatever the reason, many of us have had the experience of drifting away from the Church. Then for some reason, we returned, to the delight of the Lord who never ceased looking for us. Whatever our personal story, it is typical of millions of American Catholics. What are they like, these "inactive" Catholics? They are good people, in many cases, they are deeply religious people. They believe and they pray, and they want their children to learn about God. They have gotten out of the habit of practicing their religion. If the Gallup polls are accurate, fully half of them, are open to an invitation to return. Why don't you invite them? Ask them to join you for Mass on Sunday.



### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR JUNE GOLDEN AGERS!**

June 4-Virginia Campbell;  
June 5 — Warren Schimizzi  
& Anthony Mascaro & Rose Campbell;  
June 7 — Kathryn Marchitelli; June 8-Mary Ann McIlwain & Eugene Shellhammer; June 9~Joan Zidek; June 10th-Margaret Gvoth; June 16 - Marion Cocco; June 18th-Joyce Durianciak; June 19th-Paul Heil June 21 — Veronica Metro & Rose Pisone & Raymond Previni; June 23 — Edward Potkanowic & Raymond Nagy; June 25-Dorothy Stefaniak & Charlotte Suprano; June 29th-Ron Pugliee; June 30 — Alice Calderone. God's blessings to you and to all who celebrate a birthday during the month of June!

## ***Volunteers Make a Better Tomorrow***

Volunteers help in our Parish in many different ways. We are so grateful to all who contribute their time and talent to help make a better tomorrow for our Parishioners. It is true that sometimes one never sees the fruits of his or her labor, but good endeavors produce good results over time. For anyone who has ever felt unappreciated, please know that we are very grateful for your wonderful volunteer support. We want to recognize our volunteers and say thank you. Thank you, thank you for a job well done.

### **Planning Meeting for Parish Picnic**



In anticipation of this summer's parish picnic on Sunday, August 5th we are having an organization meeting at St. James Parish in the St. Vincent de Paul Room at 7:00p.m. on Monday, June 4th. Anyone who has assisted with the picnic in the past, as well as those who are interested in helping this year, are welcome to attend.

### **Weekend and Weekday Masses**

As you may know, each weekend there are a total of four Masses which are celebrated in the partner parishes of Our Lady, Queen of Peace and Saint James — a 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and an 11 a.m. Sunday Mass in Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church; and a 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass and a 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass in Saint James Church. As Father Vincent assumes his role as Pastor of Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish and Pastor of Saint James Parish, he will maintain this current weekend Mass schedule. Each weekend Father Vincent will be celebrating three of these four Masses [which is the diocesan norm] on a rotating basis and Father Mike has graciously agreed to celebrate the fourth Mass on a rotating basis. Similar arrangements have been made with regards to maintaining the current weekday Mass schedule with Father Vincent and Father Mike rotating as celebrants. We are grateful that we are able to maintain the current weekend and weekday Mass schedules, yet we ask for your patience and understanding as the new celebrant schedule for these Masses is implemented.