



A Message from the Pastoral Team

Peace and good! At the request of the officers of the Homebound Outreach ministry there was a restructuring of the ministry as of March 1, 2017 in order to meet the needs of the parishioners.

After discussions with the officers of the Homebound Outreach ministry, the Parish Advisory Council (PAC), the pastoral team, and the appropriate individuals on the parish staff there is agreement and affirmation that **the parish staff and the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EM) will take responsibility for the following as of March 1, 2017:**

- Oversight, responsibility, and coordination for the requests for EMs to visit the sick and homebound of the parish;
- Oversight, responsibility, and coordination for the EMS visiting Reston Hospital and the assisted living residences in the parish boundaries;
- Oversight, responsibility, and coordination for the Prayer Line and requests for EMs. This ministry will become a prayer request; and
- Oversight, responsibility, and coordination for the shuttle bus to the 11:30 am Sunday Mass.

The parish staff and the parish's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will work together to provide home, hospital, and nursing home visits (within the parish's boundaries) – both with Communion and pastoral visits – to the sick and homebound in our parish. **Please call the parish office at 703.880.4302 or 703. 880.4343.**

The new ministry name is: **Communion for the Homebound.**

As agreed upon, the other responsibilities which Home Bound Outreach offered will no longer be offered. Know that the pastoral team and parish staff are grateful for the ministry of the members of Homebound Outreach over the years.

As with any transition, there will be some overlap of communication and perhaps confusion. We thank you for your understanding and patience.

Many blessings!

The Pastoral Team