

Coffee and more...

Featured the following ministries

Lectors & Ministers of Communion

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED AT MASS?

Have you ever thought about being a communion minister or a reader and just don't know if you qualify? Perhaps you were in one of those roles in a former parish and would like to consider this here at St. Rene. There is a need for more people who feel called to serve our parish community in these ways. Stop by our table display and give us your name and phone number if you are interested in knowing more about these ministries. You will be trained to know the mechanics of the role you chose as well as insights in that role. There is a workbook for readers so they know the readings in advance and can practice.

Both roles are about sharing your faith with others by the way you regard the Holy Vessels or the Holy Book. In training you will learn about how to proclaim the Bible readings. Stop by our table and speak with some of our readers and communion ministers who will be available at each Mass. Pick up some information on display table and take it home. If you feel drawn to a particular role, talk with Father Tom. When are you scheduled? When are you available? All this is taken into consideration when Debbie puts the schedule together.

Christ Renews His Parish

Christ Renews His Parish is a new and exciting ministry at St. Rene's. Each CHRP weekend is conducted by a team of parishioners, just like yourselves. It is a weekend of spiritual renewal, which emphasizes continued growth in your Christian life and in your daily contact with others. The weekend offers an excellent opportunity to move away from your regular activities and commitments to be spiritually and personally enriched in a friendly, relaxing, yet highly stimulating environment within our own parish. You will share conversation and thoughts (*as much or as little as you desire*) with others in the parish who are as challenged as you are with the many demands of everyday life represented by families, society, and jobs. Each year, one weekend for men and one for women will be conducted in the parish.

Our coming retreat weekends are:

Men's weekend
April 25th and 26th

Women's weekend
April 4th and 5th

St. Rene Religious Education Program

Have you ever thought about becoming a Catechist?

Our St. Rene Religious Education program celebrates God's presence among us by creating a Christian education environment for children who attend public schools, primary through junior high.

We will be in the narthex next weekend to inform, recruit Catechists, and provide early registration for the 2009/2010 school year.

Kay Marks
Coordinator

50th Anniversary Celebration

Please stop by the parish's 50th Anniversary Celebration table next weekend to get a sense of all the wonderful happenings that will be taking place during 2009 to honor our parish milestone!!!

- **Anniversary Celebration Banner**.... consider honoring a loved one or your families involvement in our parish by purchasing an anniversary banner
- **Parish First-Fill Eco-Friendly Tote Bags**... are available to anyone interested in helping a local soup kitchen and our environment by utilizing this reusable anniversary tote
- **St. Rene School All Year's Alumni Reunion**...will take place Saturday August 1, 2009 at St. Rene School
- **50th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon**.... will take place in October 2009
- **50th Anniversary Commemorative Book**...do you have photos or historical information about our parish that could be used in our parish memory book?
- **Memorial Pavers**.... are still available and are a great way to commemorate a special date or loved one.

St Rene Mothers' Club

Do you have a favorite Mothers' Club memory? Please stop by our table and share your cherished memory in our Memory Book!!

What does St. Rene's Mothers' Club do?

- We hold monthly meetings with topics that range from Gang Awareness, Breast Cancer Awareness, to Spa Nights and Shopping.
- Host the annual Christmas Bazaar to provide our children a chance to purchase gifts for their families. The bazaar also includes a raffle.
- Organize and host the Receptions for families following First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Give out two \$500 Scholarships to two of our Eighth Graders based on scholastic standing.
- Supply each eighth grader with a special commemorative t-shirt
- Our primary fundraiser is Market Day
- We host the Eighth Grade Dinner Dance every May
- This year another fundraiser we will host will be a Candlelight Bowl in January
- Every year in February we host an Anniversary Dinner

If you would like more information about any ministry, leave your name and phone with our rectory staff at 773-229-8523 and a leader will return your call.