

Pastor's Letter ... *On Our Mass of Welcoming*

Sept. 6, 2015

Dear Friends,

This weekend, our parish welcomes persons with disabilities, their families and friends as we joyfully celebrate our second monthly **Mass of Welcoming & Inclusion at 11:30 am. Sunday, Sept. 6.** This Mass will be shorter than normal, music and lighting will be softened, and the liturgy will be interpreted in American Sign Language.

Our first Mass of Welcoming last month affirmed St. John's as a worshipping community that reaches out with love to all who seek to experience and share the love of Jesus. Indeed, at all of our parish Eucharistic celebrations, we welcome and support people with physical, emotional or cognitive disabilities.

To our parishioners: Thank you for warmly welcoming our brothers and sisters. We appreciate your courtesy and flexibility in seating and in parking. As you are able, kindly leave the parking spaces closest to the rear entrances of the church for those who may need them.

To our visitors: Thank you for the gift of your presence. If you would like more information about our parish or our ministry with persons with disabilities, kindly contact the Parish House at 610-874-3418.

Wishing you God's peace and love,

Father Ed Hallinan