

*Lector/Extraordinary Minister
of Holy Communion Meeting*

September 2015

Church of the Visitation, Brick

Fr. Ed Blanchett



Welcome

- First, thank you!
 - Offering the gift of your ministry
 - Working with the Holy Spirit
 - A benefit to all:
 - Ourselves as ministers
 - The parish community as a whole



What we'll do tonight

- Sign In
 - Particularly important for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) Commissioning cards
- Review qualifications for Ministry
- Distribute handout "An Exceptional Reader"
- Discuss Parish Liturgy Guidelines
- Exercising Ministry here at the parish
 - Proposal for new EMHC stations in church
 - Upcoming changes for EMHC Rite of Dismissal
- Q&A
- Closing Prayer and Dismissal
- Instruction points for those interested in being new Lectors and EMHCs

Qualifications for Ministry

Roman Catholic whose qualities of life, faith and morals recommend them

1. fully initiated Catholics (they have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist);
2. at least 18 years old;
3. regular participants in the sacramental life of the Church;
4. if married, to be within a wedding bond that is recognized as valid in the Roman Catholic Church.

- EMHCs are duly commissioned by the Bishop
 - Can be “deputized” at need
- If there is a problem, PLEASE SEE ME
 - all may not be as bad as it seems

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS
AT CHURCH OF THE VISITATION:
A REFERENCE GUIDE FOR:ORDAINED MINISTERS,
USHERS, READERS EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
OF HOLY COMMUNION, SERVERS

- To be used as a guide for celebrations at Church of the Visitation
- Clarifies roles and duties for ministries
- Defines terms used in church
- Has a "Question & Answer" section
- Is to be considered a "living document"
- Will be available on parish website
 - Updates will be posted there as well

Please review and don't hesitate to ask questions

- Please take particular note of directives for Lectors and EMHCs
- *New point:* time for EMHCs to come forward (during Lamb of God)
- *New point:* time for EMHCs to leave (in a single line after all have completed ministry)
- Other changes...

NEW Communion Station Layout

- Beginning First Sunday of Advent:
11/28-29

- Potential EMHCs:



- Additional Stations for ministry at Mass
- Need to recruit more ministers
 - Excellent opportunity to evangelize
- Until we have enough, will need to help by stepping in when needed and available

Line up order from Celebrant's chair to Choir (suggested):

Host (B or C)

Cup B

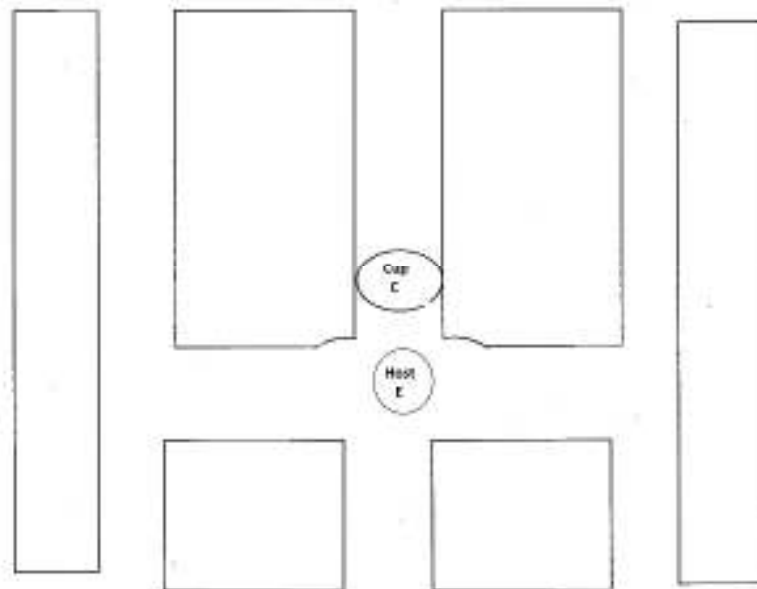
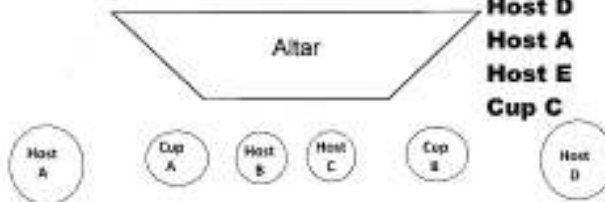
Cup A

Host D

Host A

Host E

Cup C



NEW RITE OF SENDING for EMHCs to the Homebound/Hospitalized

- Also Beginning First Sunday of Advent:
11/28-29
- OPTIONAL RITE – may also receive
consecrated hosts after Mass

NEW RITE OF SENDING for EMHCs to the Homebound/Hospitalized

HOW IT WORKS:

- BEFORE MASS: place pyx on table by Altar with the number UNCONSECRATED hosts that you will need
- AFTER COMMUNION: Celebrant will call up minister(s), distribute pyx(es) and offer a brief prayer and blessing
- After blessing, EMHCs may either return to pew or leave directly from church

a) Before Mass begins, each Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) places his or her pyx with an appropriate number of unconsecrated hosts on the altar (or on the tray provided for this purpose.)

b) The pyx(es) are left on the altar during the distribution of Communion and remain there until the Eucharist is reposed in the Tabernacle. If a side table has been provided, the celebrant will move the tray with the pyx(es) containing the consecrated hosts onto it.

c) When Communion has been completed, the celebrant addresses the assembly in these or similar words:

"Will the Extraordinary Minister(s) of Holy Communion who will take the Eucharist to those unable to join us please come forward."

The EMHC(s) approach the altar and take their pyx. They stand in front of the altar, facing the celebrant.

d) Then, using these or similar words, the celebrant addresses the EMHC(s):

"As you go, take with you not only the Sacrament we have celebrated, but also the Word of God which we have heard. Please assure the sick, the lonely and the afflicted that you visit of the prayers of this parish community. Go in peace."

e) The EMHC(s) remain standing. The celebrant invites all to stand and the Prayer after Communion follows.

f) The EMHC(s) may either depart in silence after the "Amen" to the Prayer after Communion or process out with the priest and other ministers.

A blue-tinted photograph of a vast ocean under a cloudy sky. The word "QUESTIONS?" is centered in white serif font.

QUESTIONS?

Wrap-Up

Thank You!

May God bless you!

Closing Prayer