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COTA

Today we have been treated to the first appearance of our Assumption Bell Choir. It has been a long time dream of mine to have the financial and human resources to add to our Sunday worship by having a bell choir. This weekend we introduce to you, not one, but three bell choirs! Janie Marini, our Director of Music, has called forth the skills and gifts of many people in our parish to add to the wonderful music program that we are presently enjoying. Through a generous gift from a parishioner, a three octave bell set has been provided for us in memory of their loving parents. We will use this wonderful gift, as the palms say "to make a joyful sound unto the Lord". I am delighted that this dream has come to pass and I hope you agree that it is a fine addition to our parish liturgy.

This is the time of year in which our Sunday attendance begins to dwindle as people take vacation and go off to summer homes. First of all I hope you have a wonderful summer and that you remember that while you are away our ongoing bills continue, so your willingness to fulfill your commitments to our parish are most appreciated. I also ask you that, as you visit various churches where you vacation, to please bring back a bulletin for me. It's always great to see what's happening around the country in other parish communities.

As we approach our summer vacations, I hope this will be a time of relaxation and recreation for our sometimes weary spirits. I pray that the Lord will bless you with a safe summer and that all of your comings and goings will be blessed. May they also be for us another revelation of God's unconditional love. When you travel please do so safely.

And while you are driving about don't forget to keep your "COTA" car magnet visible. We believe the COTA magnet program is a complete success. Various people have reported seeing the COTA magnets all around the city and county. One person had to confess she had to drive more courteously because she knew she was only representing her whole church family. I myself was driving on the expressway once and came up to a car on my right which had a COTA magnet. I tooted my horn and waved but that person was busily concentrating on the road ahead and did not see me. I do know from other reports that people are seeing each others vehicles all around the county. This is providing wonderful reunions for us outside of the Sunday celebrations.

Remember the reason we got these magnets was not primarily to recognize each other but so much as to be a sign of invitation and hospitality for others who ask what does "COTA" actually mean? If you have had some experience with this -recognizing or being recognized, our AWE Team would be happy to hear them. It helps us establish the success of this handout.

Have a great week, I wish you peace!!
