

CHECKING IN AT THE  
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S  
SCHEDULE LOCATION  
BEFORE MASS

Even if you are not scheduled or it's not your regular mass, please always check in with the mass captains. They just might be in need of you to fill in for someone that was unable to be there. To those that always do stop by already, THANK YOU!

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SAVE THE DATE

JANUARY 12, 2019

FOR POSSIBLE

LONG AWAITED EM

SOCIAL EVENT  
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SCHEDULNG

"Tis almost time for the holiday season, approaching rapidly, once again we'll be looking at many more special opportunities to serve our Lord at his table. Pleae plan to be generous with your time when the schedules are presented

# SAN RAFAEL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER UPDATES

Winter 2018

**Please welcome new Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Diana Sisson**

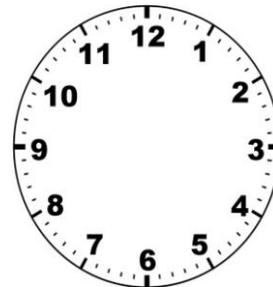
**Salome (Sally) Bismonte**

**Will Wheatley**

**Bill & Janice Magilton (new EM Captains)**

**We are very happy that they have chosen to join us in the service of our Lord and San Rafael Parish.**

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## SUGGESTION

**When you approach the altar after the sign of peace to begin the Eucharist service, please stand as close to the altar as possible so Clergy or your Captain don't have to reach way out to present the Body or Blood of Christ to you. Also, please form a closer semi circle staying perhaps as the hands of a clock within four o'clock and eight o'clock.**

# **Why go to Church?**

**If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this!**

**If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it**

**If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!**

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column.

Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals.

But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today.

**Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"**

**When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!**

**Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!**

**Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!**

**B. I. B L. E. simply means: Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!**

## DEFINITION OF AMEN

to express solemn ratification (as of an expression of faith) or hearty approval (as of an assertion). in current usage, the term "amen" has become little more than a ritualized conclusion to prayers. Yet the Hebrew and Greek words for amen appear hundreds of times in the Bible and have several uses. Amen is a transliteration of the Hebrew word *amen* [[em'a](#)]. It means to take care, to be faithful, reliable or established, or to believe someone or something. The idea of something that is faithful, reliable, or believable seems to lie behind the use of amen as an exclamation on twenty-five solemn occasions in the Old Testament. Israel said "amen" to join in the praises of God; and at the end of each of the first four books of Psalms, It can confirm a statement made by people These kinds of uses lie behind the popular, basically correct, dictum that amen means "So be it."

In our service we say THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE BLOOD OF CHRIST with the response AMEN from our recipient of the precious speci. Do we believe without a doubt that as we declare to our parishioner that our statement is true. Do we show it by looking directly at the person, saying the words clearly. Do we offer it with true feeling and meaning? Do we try to connect with the parishioner as we offer this life giving PRECIOUS Jesus. Do we give the experience a special moment in time without regard to how long our line waiting to receive is? Do you feel a bond with that person that says the amen as a response?

## Corn Stalks

Have you noticed the excellent job our Landscape Crew doe on the grounds of San Rafael? There is something always to marvel at - the beauty of the blooming plants no matter what time of year. Every single spot of soil on the premises is put to good use, even the one odd shaped plot near the statue of Mary near the rectory. Why, what church do you know of that has a thriving corn patch and other vegetable garden on it's premise maintaind by our very own Ruperto and Emilio. Nope, it doesn't have a bit of religious significance as a visitor asked? Our special gardeners reap the benefit of the harvest and do share theses fresh home grown vegetables with Monsignor.

## **REGARDING OUR CLERGY AND THE LITURGY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**We have all been told never to correct the clergy during the liturgy on the altar in the works. It definitely distracts as it draws unneeded attention to YOURSELF that hinders the sacred Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist. Very recently we were blessed with two new and helping priests who are not necessarily aware of our routine and have passed the cup or ciborium differently than our EMs are used to. We are to accept what you have been handed ( including the wrong ciborium) without correction and discreetly proceed to a station where it can be distributed. There are only two positions where this rule does not apply and that is -- the two captains are both to have ciboriums because of where they serve.. If a captain ends up without a ciborium and you have a ciborium, please gently hand it to a captain and go discreetly to your seat. Other than that you all know where the positions are, we are experienced in both species proceed to serve where needed. There will always be visiting clergy that will be helping at San Rafael, they are not expected to know our little quirks, the clergy is never wrong during these times, feel blessed they are helping and remember that we are a symphony with a visiting conductor, and we can orchestrate this without anyone knowing something is different.**

### **NOTE TO EM CAPTAINS**

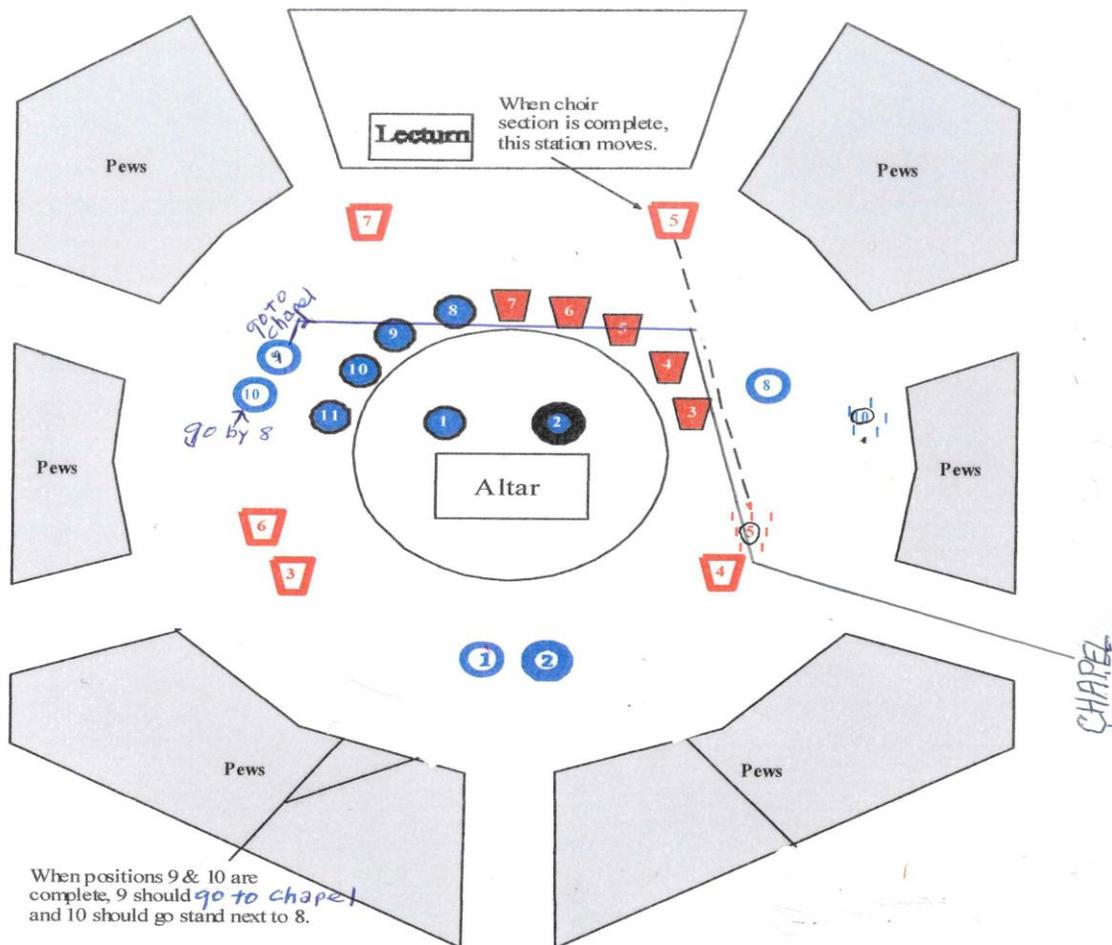
**In a meeting I had with Deacon Bob he stated that at the masses he participates in that he prefers to do the consolidation of the Eucharist at the end of the distribution. When Deacon is not present and the priest does not consolidate, please do so remembering that the Eucharist is our precious Jesus. This does not include those that are in the chapel. At the present time those two are combined in the chapel preferably at the tabernacle site.**

### **NOTE TO ALL EMS**

**If you are distributing the Eucharist do not combine your remaining Eucharist with any other ciboria. That will be done by the Priest, Deacon or Captain only. Place your ciborium on the altar and return to your seat.**

The map on this back page is the same as the one that appeared EVERY TIME we do a newsletter. I want to be sure that you have the opportunity to review this diagram, particularly those who serve the Eucharist other than the Captains. Most particularly are the ones who serve in positions 9 and 10. They have changed slightly and need the attention of those who serve in those areas. Position 9 goes back to the chapel when their line is completed using the path as shown on the diagram. Position 10 should assist by the organ. Thank you.

Every mass should follow the very same procedure for the serving of the Eucharist and the Cup so that when a substitute is needed that person knows exactly what to do. Thank you again for not varying from what we all know is the the way we all know.



Key

	Ciborium
	Cup
	Secondary Position
	Deacon or Captain

Positions 8-11 on the Ciborium side (Position 11 being the Captain who goes to the physically challenged and Chapel position. Note: the secondary positions on the floor. Positions 1 & 2 in front of the altar are the Celebrant and the Deacon or Captain.

