

WELCOME MINISTRY

*"Welcome one another, then, just as Christ welcomed you,
in order to bring praise to God." [Romans 15:7]*

To be true to our Mission Statement which states in part, "...You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved at St. Brendan the Navigator Parish...", new parishioners, visitors and guests must feel accepted, recognized, informed, and most of all feel that their visit is appreciated. Welcoming new parishioners, visitors and guests is the responsibility of each and every member of St. Brendan the Navigator parish. The Welcome Ministry is one of the most important ministries in the church.

Our Greeters and Ushers have initial contact with those who come to attend Mass and worship in our church and represent the entire congregation. Just as we greet guests to our home, make them feel welcome, and tend to their needs, so do the ministers of hospitality make those who have gathered to worship, feel welcome and comfortable.

The Welcome Committee team seeks to establish and maintain a welcoming presence and communication with new parishioners through the mailing of a welcome packet which includes a letter of welcome from the pastor and extensive information about the parish. Follow-up phone calls are made to offer support, answer questions about the parish, and introduce new parishioners to the different ministries of the parish. Twice a year (April and October), receptions are held to continue to support new parishioners and further fellowship. Newcomers are able to connect with other parishioners and discover how they can participate in parish life and deepen their spiritual lives as part of the body of Christ.

The Welcome Ministry was re-activated in 2014 through the efforts of Pat Bowers, Corrine Butera, Karen Carr and other interested parishioners in response to suggestions made at group meetings and recommendations of parishioners who participated in the parish survey.

New members are needed and always welcome. If you are interested in being a part of any aspect of this very important ministry, please contact:

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