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MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY REPORT

OCEAN CITY COUNCIL #9053

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

SELECTED PROJECT REPORT

2023 - 2024

15 MARCH 2024

**HELPING HANDS
PERSONS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES**



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CATEGORY (MARK ONE): Faith Family Community Life

COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: 9053 Total Council Members: 359
Grand Knight: James Matthews E-Mail: homejamesmatt@comcast.net

PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Helping Hands-Persons w/ Developmental Disabilities Program Date: 07/01/23-09/03/24
Participation: $\frac{47}{\text{Members}} + \frac{0}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{47}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{70}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$
Program Planning: $\frac{37}{\text{Costs}}$ & $\frac{2}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: 0 Donations: 5786
Local Currency

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Ocean City Council #9053 has had a great relationship with the Worcester County Developmental Center (WCDC), which is committed to empowering adults with developmental and physical disabilities to be productive, responsible and participating members of the community. WCDC provides opportunities for meaningful employment and independent living for adults by identifying, enhancing and creating opportunities so adult individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, known as 'clients', can achieve

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their highest level of economic and social independence. The WCDC needs financial assistance to continue its work within Worcester County, and Council #9053 has previously held annual Campaigns for People with Intellectual Disabilities, formerly known as the Tootsie Roll Drive, to raise funds to donate to WCDC. This year was no exception for Council #9053 supporting this charitable program which raises funds to support client activities at WCDC -- we just have altered our fund raising collection procedure. Since COVID surfaced, our Council's collecting venue has changed from after Masses and local store-fronts to just after Masses on the weekends of July and August and culminating on Labor Day weekend -- vendors are not as open to having people stand by their entrances.

During the collection period, we thanked people for their donation while trying to remind them how fortunate we are for God's grace, for our blessings in life and the ability to donate for the good cause of supporting our disabled neighbors in need. As a token of our appreciation, we offered the donor a Tootsie Roll -- hopefully, the Tootsie Roll tasted even better when the donor thought about helping those who were really less fortunate. Our Council donated one hundred percent of the collected funds to WCDC. WCDC can use these funds to care for adult individuals, and particularly, those afflicted with one or more forms of intellectual disabilities, to create, maintain and develop educational and charitable activities and projects.

Because approximately 47 Knights volunteered their time to ask for donations for People with Intellectual Disabilities, Council #9053 collected \$5,786, which was almost \$1,000 more this year than the previous year.

With emails, Church announcements, sign-up sheets, organizational skills and the famous yellow and red vests, our Council has met its goal. We have been able to provide funds to an organization whose goal is to provide opportunities for individuals with intellectual disabilities so they can excel at activities that are suited to his or her skills and interests. As Knights, we have benefited knowing that we have volunteered and participated in a community endeavor that benefits the lives of these individuals while the Knights of Columbus gain more visibility within the Community. The effort has also enhanced Fraternity and membership, as well as, the visibility of the drive to foster good will in the community. Therefore, as a group of Catholic men, we have stood up in the community showing how we care for community, life and individuals making us worthy of this award.

Signed: James C. Matthews
Grand Knight

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Pictured above: A Sweet Treat for Helping those with Intellectual Disabilities



Pictured above: K of C well-recognized 'Tootsie Roll' Vest

Pictured below (Left to Right): Bill Turner, Worcester County Developmental Center and GK James Matthews



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FAITH ACTIVITY REPORT

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**LIVING ROSARY
RELATING A SAINT
WITH EACH MYSTERY**



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PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Living Rosary-Relating a Saint with each Mystery Program Date: 10/08/2023
Participation: $\frac{20}{\text{Members}} + \frac{50}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{70}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{145}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$
Program Planning: $\frac{10}{\text{Costs}}$ & $\frac{6}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: 0 Donations: $\frac{0}{\text{Local Currency}}$

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The Rosary is one of the most cherished prayers of our Catholic Church. We begin the Rosary with reciting the Apostles Creed, the Our Father, three Hail Marys and followed by reciting five sets of Glory be, O my Jesus, Our Father and ten Hail Marys and conclude with the Salve Regina. It is normal practice that while reciting the prayers, individuals meditate on the mystery, e.g., Christ's life and/or the Blessed Mother, mentioned in the mystery.

Last year, Council #9053 embarked on a new spiritual program, a Living Rosary, and invited the St. Luke's Catholic Community to join us. This spiritual effort of praying together as a group for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters living in a war-torn country proved very successful, meaningful and well attended. This year, Council #9053 decided to have another Living Rosary with a different twist. We invited the St. Luke's Religious Education students and parents to join us to form a 'Living Rosary' as a teaching exercise, as well as, religious/spiritual experience. Today, families seldom

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pray together, and even more so, they do not pray the Rosary. For this reason, children do not have the experience or guidance on how to pray a Rosary – from beginning to end, understanding the various mysteries associated with each decade and even knowing the prayers associated with saying the Rosary.

Foremost, our goal was to pray the Rosary as a group stating our intentions because of the fact that the Lord God Almighty invited us to pray to Him, and Jesus told us about the power of prayer. He said that prayer was one of the most important spiritual exercises for a believer -- (Matthew 18:19-20: "Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.")

Another goal of our Living Rosary was to teach the students how to pray as a group -- a teaching exercise how families can pray together while teaching the students the prayers of the Rosary, i.e., teaching by example.

Our final goal was teaching both parents and students facts about certain saints, i.e., we connected a saint to each decade/mystery of the Luminous Mysteries and each bead in that decade related a fact about that saint.

Normally, one used a physical rosary consisting of a Crucifix, the pendant (5 beads), the centerpiece (a medal or medallion joining the two ends of the loop), and 54 beads. For our 'Living Rosary' we used individuals representing the cross and beads of the Rosary -- 59 individual and one person holding a Crucifix for a total of 60 individuals. Although we had more than 60 persons present, 60 volunteers stood on designated spots, with written verbiage to read, that represented the cross and beads of the Rosary while the others gathered around on the outside. After each Glory be and O my Jesus, an individual would state the particular saint related to the applicable Luminous Mystery.

The following list are the paired mysteries and saints:

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| 1. The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan | St. John the Baptist; |
| 2. The Wedding Feast at Cana | Mary, Mother of God; |
| 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom | Call to the Conversion of St. John Chrysostom; |
| 4. The Transfiguration | St. Peter; and |
| 5. The Institution of the Eucharist | St. Maximilian Kolbe. |

After each Hail Mary in that decade, the immediately following individual would read a fact about the saint. Examples of the individual facts were:

St. John the Baptist

1. St. John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus; his mother was Elizabeth and his father, Zechariah
2. St. John the Baptist, after baptizing Jesus said, 'I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit". And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

Mary, Mother of God

1. Mary intoned the Magnificat, her praise to God
2. Mary lived in Nazareth; her parents are St. Ann and St. Joachim

St. John Chrysostom:

1. St. John Chrysostom's name means 'golden-mouth' because he was the greatest preacher in the history of the Church;
2. St. John Chrysostom said, "Do not say then, 'I am hated, and that is why I do not love.' For this is why you ought to love the most."; and
3. St. John Chrysostom said, "Repentance imitates God and disciplines Satan."

St. Peter:

1. St. Peter was the first to call Jesus the Messiah;
2. St. Peter is also known as Simon Peter, or Cephas, and his brother is St. Andrew

St. Maximilian Kolbe:

1. St. Maximilian Kolbe and his brother friars were arrested by Nazi occupiers in 1939, but were released 3 months later on the feast of the Immaculate Conception;
2. St. Maximilian Kolbe once said, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be for one reason: Holy Communion;"and
3. St. Maximilian Kolbe took the place of a fellow prisoner condemned to death, and died soon after.

The power of prayer is, quite simply, the power of God, who hears and answers our prayer, and by this Living Rosary, we bring this beautiful prayer to life by involving everyone — body and soul. Through our prayers, we move the heart and hand of God.

What could have been complete chaos turned out to be a powerful testament to the Rosary coming alive for the participants. It brought families together to pray the Rosary. It taught us facts about our faith and some saints and how their lives/actions coordinated with the Luminous Mysteries. This program exemplified the K of C commitment to the Blessed Virgin Mary and our faith.

Hence, we have actively shown the community that we are rooted in the truth of the faith making us worthy of this award.

Signed: James C. Matthews

Grand Knight

02/01/2024

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Pictured above and below: Participants representing the 'beads' of the Rosary. A disc and a bag with a votive light along with state to read marked each 'bead' of the Rosary.



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LIVING ROSARY 08 OCTOBER 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION
ST. PETER

JOINT
ST. LUKE'S
AND

THE PROCLAMATION
OF THE KINGDOM
OF GOD AND THE CALL
TO CONVERSION
CALL TO CONVERSION:
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

THE INSTITUTION
OF THE EUCHARIST
ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



THE WEDDING
OF CANA
MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD

OC K OF C
PROGRAM

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
IN THE JORDAN
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JOIN US
IN PRAYER

ST. ANDREW'S

14401 SINEPUXENT AVE
OCEAN CITY, MD 21842



TIME: 11:00 A.M.

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FAMILY ACTIVITY REPORT

OCEAN CITY COUNCIL #9053

OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND

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FOOD FOR FAMILIES



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PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Food for Families Program Date: 11/ 18-20/2024

Participation: $\frac{23}{\text{Members}} + \frac{150+}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{173+}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{90}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$

Program Planning: $\frac{320}{\text{Costs}}$ & $\frac{43}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: 0 Donations: $\frac{9440}{\text{Local Currency}}$

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A key principle of the Knights of Columbus is Charity, and a food drive is a form of Charity -- it is generosity with a capital 'G'. With 1 in 7 people in the United States counting on food pantries for some of their nutrition, food drives can play a critical role in keeping shelves stocked for those in need, as well as, helping shelters feed the homeless and less fortunate members of our community. Through close contact with the Ocean City St. Vincent de Paul (OC SVdP) Society, Council #9053 knows that OC SVdP prefers food store and gas station gift cards, as well as, cash. The food cards enable OC SVdP to make bulk food purchases taking advantage of more food for less money, and gas station gift cards enable clients

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to purchase fuel for medical and work traveling expenses. Hence, we also encourage contributors to donate not only non-perishable food items but also monetary donations food store and gas station gift cards. The benefactors of Council #9053's food drive efforts are: The Joseph House (Salisbury), Diakonia (West Ocean City) and St. Vincent de Paul (Ocean City). Through these organizations, our donations flow down to the local needy individuals/families. These donations play an important part in improving the quality of life for those who live in poverty, low-income and homeless circumstances including infants, children, children in foster care, families, men, women, veterans and homeless on the Lower Eastern Shore.

Although Council #9053 cannot solve the entire 'needy' situation, we feel that our food drive, and cash and gift cards collection, which we donate to our local food pantries and shelters, allow these organizations to serve our local, needy neighbors with dignity. These organizations can better enable people to break free from poverty by providing additional support to help them resolve the crises that they are facing. The immediate aim is to provide help by giving food and extending a hand of friendship to our less fortunate neighbors feeling the economic pinch; the ultimate aim is help these service organizations to offer additional services like debt advice, mental health support and/or benefits guidance. Food drives are also a great way to raise awareness about hunger and inspire the more fortunate people to help provide alms in the future.

The right to food is essential for a dignified life, and it is vital for the realization of many other rights such as the rights to health and a good life. Food is important not just for survival but also for the full development of one's physical and mental capabilities. Fr. McGivney's belief that we should not have an aloof attitude or separate people and their problems, and therefore, our primary concern should be for the love and welfare of all individuals. So since the greatest of all virtues is charity or love, we see holding food drives as an extension of Father McGivney's vision for his Knights to make a difference in many lives and bring hope and healing to countless others.

Hunger exists in every state and county in the United States, and the Ocean City area is no exception. Our local food pantries and shelters rely on the donations they receive to help keep their shelves stocked and provide other services. Through our food drive program, Council #9053 has collected \$2,800 in cash and gift cards and 158 boxes of food -- in monetary terms, Council #9053 figures these boxes equate to about \$7,900* of food to donate to these local facilities. What a rewarding example of charity sharing with those less fortunate to improve their quality of life.

To make our food drive program as successful as it is, Council #9053: outsources the printing of 1,000 full page flyers which Knights and ladies then insert into the Church's bulletin; has the lecturers make pulpit announcements for several weekends; and sends as mass email reminders to all of its members. All of the advertising starts the giving process with Knights and parishioners bringing non-perishable food items, checks, cash and gift cards to Mass. At Church, Knights and some spouses collect and pack the food items into boxes and tally the cash and gift card value, and finally, our Council makes the distribution of charitable donations.

For our Councils' effort, we got about 100 times a return on our effort—what a great way to have met our goals of 'helping the poor', and even though not the Council's intension, this \$10,000 effort merits recognition.

* each box weights approximately 27 pounds, using \$1.85 per pound, each box has a value of approximately \$49.95

Signed: James C. Matthews
Grand Knight

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**Ocean City
Knights of Columbus**

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Ocean City, MD 21842
(410) 524-7994
www.koc9053.com

DONATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FACILITY/ORGANIZATION: _____

Joseph House

DATE OF _____

DESCR _____



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DONATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

AUTHOR _____

FACILITY/ORGANIZATION: _____

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

DATE OF DONATION: _____

Nov. 21, 2023

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DONATION ACKNOWLEDGMENT

FACILITY/ORGANIZATION: _____

DIAKONIA, WEST OCEAN CITY, Md

DATE OF DONATION: _____

Nov. 20, 2023

DESCRIPTION OF DONATION: _____

CANNED FOOD &

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD

95 BOXES

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

E. White

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Pictured above (Left to Right): Advertisement for Food Drive, Judy Zanetti and Jackie Denhart helping to sort donated staples.

Pictured below (Left to Right): Brother Neil Foote by packed boxes, Brother Richard Thomas transporting packed box to the truck for delivery.



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Pictured above on the Left (Left to Right): Waiting for the pick-up truck -- Brother Neil Foote, Kathy Foote, Brothers John Sharkey, Richard Thomas, Ron Briggs and Eddie Mardaga



Pictured above on the Right (Left to Right): Loading the delivery truck to the Joseph House -- Brothers Ron Briggs, John Sharkey, Richard Thomas and Eddie Mardaga. Inside the truck, Brother Jim Stone and Joseph House driver.



Pictured on the Left (Left to Right): Loading completed and a minute to rest
Front Row: Brothers John Sharkey, Jim Stone and Richard Thomas;
Middle Row: Joseph House Driver;
Back Row: Brothers Ken Lamont, Eddie Mardaga and Joe Zanetti

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LIFE ACTIVITY REPORT

OCEAN CITY COUNCIL #9053

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**MASS FOR PEOPLE
WITH 'SPECIAL NEEDS'**

MORE APPROPRIATELY 'DISABILITIES'



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PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: Mass for People with ('Special Needs') Disabilities Program Date: 03/18-19/2023

Participation: $\frac{126}{\text{Members}} + \frac{475}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{601}{\text{Total Participants}}$ $\frac{52}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$

Program Planning: $\frac{95}{\text{Costs}}$ & $\frac{19}{\text{Time}}$ Members Recruited: 0 Donations: $\frac{0}{\text{Local Currency}}$

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Council #9053 completes many service programs each year. Most of these programs we do year after year -- especially under the Life Program, e.g., Novena for Life, Pregnancy Center Support, March for Life and Aid and Support After Pregnancy. This year we decided to include the featured program Mass for People with 'Special Needs' or more appropriately called, Mass for People with Disabilities*.

Although people with disabilities resulting from physical, emotional, mental or cognitive conditions are all around us in society, e.g., at school, at work and in our families, we seldom think of the challenges for these important members of our society to participate in church due to physical and social barriers or even family member anxiety.

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What seems like a very logical, invaluable opportunity/program to welcome families of disabled children and adults who might not normally feel comfortable coming to a regularly scheduled Masses turned out to be a daunting task.

For a Council that has Knights/members attending three local Catholic Churches, our obvious starting point has to be talking to each Pastor to organize and conduct an annual Mass for People with Special Needs (intellectual and developmental disabilities).

Two out of three of the Pastors were not keen on the idea. They said that they did not want to make families with children or adults with disabilities feel uncomfortable or to draw attention to their situation. These Pastors totally missed the point for this program -- regardless of the reason, having a Mass that was specifically welcoming to these families would be an essential step in bringing them back into the Church.

On the other hand, one Pastor readily agreed to support our effort -- at least in his own terms. He wanted to create an environment free of stigma and wanted to preach about disabilities at all of his Masses one weekend. In preparation for event, Council #9053's Program Director researched the internet for a saint and prayer that would be appropriate for these Masses. He found out that the patron saint of the Handicapped/Disabled was St. Giles, and based of this fact, he designed a prayer card and had 1,000 cards printed for distribution at all the Masses. On the selected weekend, Knights placed the prayer cards in the pews at all the Masses prior to the service beginning.

Father chose the Sunday in which with the Gospel according to St. John (9:1-38) -- where Jesus healed the blind man, because it was the perfect introduction to a disability. Father wanted to emphasize how Jesus used the situation to teach about spiritual blindness -- the ability to see the truth, and landing a knockout blow to the religious and social hierarchy which perpetuated the institutionalized discrimination against disabled people. To Christ, a disabled person was an individual with worth and dignity. In fact, it was the 'these least brothers of mine' (Matthew 25:40) and 'those parts of the body that seem to be weaker' (1 Corinthians 12:22) who were to be given special places of honor.

Another way in which we can view disability is that we should acknowledge that we are all disabled or handicapped in some way. The need for eyeglasses indicates impaired or 'handicapped' vision. Dental braces are a sign of imperfect teeth. We can also consider diabetes, arthritis, rosacea, and even a 'trick' knee as disabilities to some extent. The whole human race lives with the reality of imperfection. Everyone experiences less-than-ideal conditions. We are all broken in some way. The handicaps we live with are simply a matter of degree.

Father's approach may differed from the K of C approach of having a 'special' Mass for those with disabilities, but his weekend long, multiple homilies brought home the message of promoting and protecting the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively supporting their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes.

After Father's homilies, the lecturer led the congregation in reciting the prayer to St. Giles.

Although Council #9053 approached three pastors to take a step out of the ordinary and talk about including individuals with disabilities, only one pastor accepted the challenge. One was better than none. If Council #9053 had not taken the initiative to request that our local Pastors consider extending a welcome to individuals with disabilities with the hope of working every day to build a future of inclusive worship, Father probably would have not considered this topic. Hence, it was a win for Council #9053 executing another meaningful program; it was a win for the congregation hearing about respect and dignity of individuals with disabilities; and it was admirable for Father to address this issue.

**"Special Needs" is confusing and offensive. A 2016 study found that people think of the term "special needs" as more negative than the word "disabled."
"Disabled" is a straightforward word with a clear-cut meaning, which is why many people prefer it to the phrase "special needs."

~according to the Americans with Disabilities Act

Signed: James C. Matthews

Grand Knight

02/01/2024

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PRAYER OF HEALING FOR THE DISABLED

GRANT, WE BESEECH YOU, O LORD, THAT THE PRAYERS OF YOUR HOLY ABBOT, BLESSED GILES, MAY COMMEND US UNTO YOU.

MAY WE, WHO HAVE NO POWER OF OURSELVES TO HELP OURSELVES, BY HIS ADVOCACY FIND FAVOR IN YOUR SIGHT.

WE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR ALL THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH DISABILITY AND DISCOMFORT OF ANY KIND, AS WELL AS, FOR THE HOMELESS, BEGGARS AND OUTCASTS OF THIS WORLD.

THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF SAINT GILES, STRETCH FORTH YOUR HAND AND BRING THEM THE HEALING, PEACE AND JOY OF YOUR KINGDOM, WHERE THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST.

THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO BEING GOD, LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN

Faith in Action



Life Program



Pictured above: Prayer card created, printed and distributed for use during Mass

Pictured to the Right: Congregation at Holy Savior

