

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING for Pat Brannigan**  
**May 9 at 11:30**

**Seating:** We should save about 20 seats in the front rows for Pat's family & special guests. Fr. Jim will sit with Msgr Ron & Pat. Deacons (and any additional Priests) will sit in the Section by the Tabernacle. Servers will sit in their usual places.

**ORGAN PRELUDE**

*As people arrive they will be invited to come in – partly because we are expecting a crowd, and also because there is an Introduction before the Opening Song that we would like them all to hear.*

**INTRODUCTION** (Fred Kreisler)

**GATHERING SONG:** Here I Am, Lord (#386)

*We will sing a whole verse (or even two) before starting the procession, so that we take time to sing the whole song.*

**PROCESSION**

Cross Bearer (with the Crucifix, not the Resurrection Cross) – Bill Trebus

Servers (they can carry candles if you like; two stay by the Font)

Deacons (there's no need to carry the Book of the Gospels; Pat will process back to the Font to get it during the Gospel Acclamation)

Visiting Priest(s)

(Priests and deacons will go two by two to the altar and kiss the altar then move to the chairs on the tabernacle side where they will remain standing.)

Msgr. Ron & Pat (& two Servers) will stop at the Baptismal Font.

**GREETING & BLESSING THE WATER**

**Msgr Ron:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Msgr Ron:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**Msgr Ron:** Dear friends,  
this water will be used  
to remind us of our baptism.  
Let us ask God to Bless it,  
and to keep us faithful  
to the Spirit he has given us.

*(pause for a moment)*

**Msgr Ron:** Lord God almighty,  
hear the prayers of your people  
as we celebrate our creation and redemption.

Hear our prayers and bless this water  
which gives fruitfulness to the fields,  
and refreshment and cleansing to mankind.

You chose water to show your goodness  
when you led your people to freedom  
through the Red Sea  
and satisfied their thirst in the desert  
with water from the rock.

Water was the symbol used by the prophets  
to foretell your new covenant with your people.

You made the water of baptism holy  
by Christ's baptism in the Jordan:  
by it you give us a new birth  
and renew us in holiness.

May this water remind us of our baptism,  
and let us share the joy  
of all who have been baptized at Easter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## **SPRINKLING / GLORIA**

*As Msgr Ron & Pat move around the Church sprinkling everyone, the musicians will lead the Assembly in singing the Gloria (Mass of Creation).*

*We skip the traditional concluding prayer and go straight to the Sacramentary for the Opening Prayer.*

## **OPENING PRAYER**

*from the Sacramentary*

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

First Reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

*Anne Brannigan Hitchcock*

Psalm 118: *Response sung first time by Cantor, then by all.*

*Verses read by Kathleen Brannigan*

*Response:* This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad;  
this is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!

*Verse 1:* Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,  
“His mercy endures forever.”

*Verse 2:* “The right hand of the LORD has struck with power;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted.

I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.”

*Verse 3:* The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

*Cara Packard*

## **GOSPEL PROCESSION**

*Celtic Alleluia*

*Verse: Whoever loves me, will keep my word;  
and my Father will love him and we will come to him!*

Deacon Pat rises to receive a blessing from Msgr. Ron.  
When the Deacon stands up, the Alleluia can begin.

The Deacon and two Mass Servers (with candles), process to the Baptismal Font, where the Book of the Gospels is enthroned.

The Deacon takes the Book and, holding it high, goes to the Ambo.

When the Procession reaches the Ambo, the Deacon places the Book on Ambo and the Servers with the candles stand behind him. *Note: We will not be using incense.*

At this point the Alleluia ends. We may need an additional refrain to cover the whole ritual.

**Pat:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**Pat:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**All:** Glory to you, Lord.

Gospel: John 14:15-16

After the Gospel, the Servers leave the Ambo and place the Candles on the Altar.

Homily: Pat Brannigan

Creed

## **Intercessions**

### **Monsignor Ron:**

Let us pray together to ask God's Blessing  
on our Saint James Parish, the Church throughout the world.  
and all those who are in need.

Our response will be: **Risen Lord, Hear Us**

### **Deacon Pat:**

- For all the followers of Christ, especially, the parishioners of Saint James, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop Smith, Monsignor Ron, all priests, deacons and religious -  
That we may live our lives with such Love for One another that those around us will recognize the dazzling New Jerusalem described in today's second reading -  
WE PRAY:

- For our Country -  
That our State and national leaders are granted the same wisdom and integrity of the Early Church Elders that we read about in today's first reading -  
WE PRAY:

- For Mothers every where -  
That God may grant them strength, patience and longevity so that they will have the happiness and joy of nurturing and caring for their children's, children's children. WE PRAY:

- For the poor and the lonely, the homeless and hungry, that they may have hope, and that we may work to fill their needs –  
WE PRAY:

- For those who are ill, and for those who care for them – especially:  
Nancy Centra,

That the Peace of Christ may be with them and that their hearts may not be troubled or afraid. WE PRAY:

- For all those who have died,  
Gloria Clark,

that they may now enjoy happiness and Peace in the presence of God. WE PRAY:

- For all of our mothers and grandmothers, those still here with us and those who have died....who we remember in a special way at this Mass.

WE PRAY:

- For all the intentions in our Prayer Request Book and for those that we hold in our hearts. WE PRAY:

**Monsignor Ron:**

Ever-living God,

help us to celebrate our joy in the resurrection of the Lord  
and to express in our lives your love that we celebrate today.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God forever and ever. **ALL: Amen**

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*Pat's Grandchildren (escorted by his son-in-law?) will bring up our gifts for the Eucharist (Bread, Wine & Water) plus a Bible and a Breviary. The books will be placed on a small table in front of the Altar.*

Preparation Song: Prayer of St. Francis (#495)

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Mass of Creation for Sanctus, etc.

*Dick will coordinate the Eucharistic Ministers – drawing first from the Deacons and Priests, and supplementing with Extraordinary Ministers if needed. One Deacon may be responsible for checking that all EMs have sufficient supply of Hosts.*

Communion Hymn: Eye Has Not Seen (#479)

Reflection Song: Amazing Grace (Courtney)  
*Adult Choir*

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

### **FLOWERS FOR MOTHERS**

*Children who have not yet received First Communion are invited up to present carnations to all of the women in attendance who have “shared a Mother’s love with a Child.”*

Closing Song: Let There Be Peace on Earth (#497)

*We will print the version with Inclusive Language in the Program. Perhaps we can sing it in a lower key?*

## PROCESSION

*Cross: Jeff Hitchcock*

*Servers*

*Deacons*

*Priests*

## RECEPTION

*There will be a Reception in the Gathering Space afterward, during which Pat will most likely be very busy Blessing people!*