



From Father Victor Molka, Parish Chaplain:

I want to thank all of you for the warmest welcome back anyone could receive. It's good to be back home for sure. I've been busy the last four weeks introducing myself to the staff at all the nursing homes and hospital. I can't begin to tell you how happy they are to have a priest chaplain come to visit. I have celebrated Mass and the Anointing of the Sick at these nursing homes so far: Shenango on the Green, Golden Hills, the Grove in New Castle (formerly Silver Oaks), Carriage Manor, Jameson Care Center, Haven Nursing Home and Edison Manor. Everyone was Anointed and those who could receive Holy Communion did. My goal is to have all our Catholic residents visited and Anointed by the end of November so that they are not neglected of pastoral care.

I've also tried my best to visit all the Catholic patients at UPMC Jameson. I have to admit that this has presented some challenges. I have discovered that many of our Catholics are being processed through the ER or Admissions and they are not being identified as a Catholic. Please help me with this by insisting that your information should include your religion. I am also challenged by the HIPPA Law that prohibits the sharing of patient information. I am doing my best, but if you could also let the Parish Office (724-652-3422) know that your family member is a patient and give us their room number, I will be sure to do my best to visit with them.

I am hoping that those of you who have volunteered to become, or already are a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, will be patient with me. I want to get through my first month of first visits to the nursing homes before I ask anything from you right now. If you are going to the nursing homes, please continue to do so. If you want to start to visit, please wait until I schedule an meeting for all of you to share my schedule and to assist you in becoming a EM to the nursing homes. As for now, please do not worry about the patients receiving Holy Communion at UPMC Jameson because I am taking care of that need myself for the time being.

One last important thing to share with you is that the parish grouping (all our parishes) are in need of Mass Intentions. The Mass schedule book is being opened now for 2019. If you would like me to offer a Mass for your intention (loved one) at one of the nursing homes, please use the simple request form below and return it to the Parish Office in an envelope that you either mail in or drop in the regular Sunday collection basket. Please make your check out to your parish, NOT to me. Write on the outside of the envelope: "Nursing Home Mass Intention".

I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your prayers for my ministry to the sick and be assured of my prayers in return.

May God bless you. *Father Molka*



MASS INTENTION FOR NURSING HOME

Your Name: _____

Your Phone: _____

Nursing Home (optional) _____

Mass offered for (their name or intention) _____

Office use only:

Cash ___ Check # _____

Scheduled Date _____

Please make your check out to your parish for \$10.00 and return this form in a sealed plain white envelope marked "Mass Intention for Nursing Home". Please return this to your Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday Offertory Collection. Thank you and God bless you!