

Announcing the new **Homebound Ministry** Saint Peter and Saint John the Baptist Parishes

Would you like to take part in a very meaningful ministry connecting you with parishioners who can no longer attend Mass or participate in other parish functions?

Would you like to bring the joy of the Gospel to our homebound parishioners?

Have you wondered how you might help Mr. Jones or Mrs. Smith, who sat in front of you at Mass or was once very active in the Altar and Rosary Society but whom you have not seen for several months?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, you should become involved in new **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY** of Saint John the Baptist and Saint Peter Parishes!!!

You may want to simply visit one of the homebound parishioners on a weekly or monthly basis. You might be willing to also bring Holy Communion to one or two homebound parishioners on a weekly basis.

We need your help.

If you would like to volunteer for this new ministry, please fill out the form on the reverse side of this letter and return it directly to either parish rectory or place it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “HOMEBOUND MINISTRY.”

Once we have determined who would like to participate, we will have a training session to prepare you for the ministry.

Some who would like to participate in this ministry would feel uncomfortable giving Holy Communion to the homebound and that is okay. We will tailor your visits to your ability and comfortability. **This is not a ministry of transportation, of shopping, or of house or yard work. It’s a ministry of presence and support.**

The Diocese of Allentown places two requirements upon this ministry:

1. All visitors must have their required background checks and training. The elderly are considered to be “vulnerable adults” under the same protected class as children and youth under the age of 18, under PA State Law.
2. To serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, i.e., a “Eucharistic Minister,” you must be 18 years of age, have received Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist, if married, be living in a valid marriage, and living a life in concert with the moral teachings of the Church. (Your willingness to serve in this capacity does not require you to be an EM at the parish Masses.)

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY VOLUNTEER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Parish _____

- ☐ I would like to be a parish visitor.
- ☐ I would like to bring Holy Communion to the homebound.
- ☐ I would prefer to visit parishioners only from Saint John the Baptist Parish.
- ☐ I would prefer to visit parishioners only from Saint Peter Parish.
- ☐ I am willing to visit parishioners from both parishes.

Please submit this form by November 1, 2026.