

NEW ENERGIES IN ACTION

Our parish has partnered with Sacred Heart in Rochelle Park and St. Philip's in Saddle Brook as part of the archdiocesan New Energies program. New Energies parishes work together to strengthen each other by sharing ideas and resources. The first New Energies event is a gathering entitled "Ministry of the Assembly". It will feature three guest speakers (Donna Cole, David Fedor, and Ada Simpson) who have been working in church ministry collectively for over 100 years in areas of music, catechesis and liturgy and have published many articles and several books on these topics. This gathering will offer an opportunity to reflect upon the significance of our participation in the celebration of the Eucharist as members of the assembly, examining the radical change brought about by the promulgation of the Mass of Pope Paul fifty years ago. As Rev. Eugene Walsh writes, *"The full, life-giving sacramental sign of eucharist is the parish assembly, the body of Christ, fully aware of itself as God's people, deliberately and consciously sharing themselves through the sacramental actions of gathering, hearing God's word, and responding through eucharist and mission... (this) calls for radical changes in our way of thinking and doing."*

All parishioners are invited to participate in this event. There will be three gatherings in order to provide opportunities for as many people as possible to attend. The dates, times and locations are:

Wednesday, April 3: 7-9:00pm - St Philip's

Thursday, April 4: 9:30-11:30am - Sacred Heart

Saturday, April 6: 9:30-11:30am - St Philip's

Please plan on joining us.