



September 2006

Dear Parish Organization Leader:

Recently there was an announcement in our Parish Bulletin about a special meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, which will be held on **Tuesday, October 24, 2006, from 7:00-9:00 P.M. in the Church Basement.** **The purpose of this letter is to invite you and all members of St. Mark's Parish Ministries to attend.** After the meeting we will have a wine & cheese social. All people who wish to attend are asked to R.S.V.P. to the Parish Council Phone Number at the Rectory by calling (732) 449-6364, Extension 116 by October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pass this information on to your members.

**The guest speaker at the meeting will be John J. Boucher, Director, Office of Parish Life, Evangelization Ministry, Diocese of Trenton. He has an excellent interactive program titled "Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things – to Connect Others to God." All who attend should gain considerable insights to help improve our effectiveness in our Ministries.**

Finally, you may recall that last October, St. Mark's had a special Parish Pastoral Council meeting with the leaders of our various Ministries to gather your feedback and suggestions on a number of thought provoking questions. All comments, suggestions and recommendations from that meeting were documented, and then from January – June 2006, these recommendations were thoroughly discussed at our monthly Parish Council meetings. Many suggestions have already been implemented and others are being considered for future implementation. This is all summarized in a document entitled "Ongoing Activities, Plans and Suggested Actions Resulting from the October 25, 2005 Planning Meeting" which will be available for distribution at this year's meeting along with the Agenda.

Thank you for your continued dedication, support and hard work.

May God bless you and your families!

**Monsignor William J. Carton**