

**MILLE GRAZIE ♥THANK YOU!**

*What a superb turn out for the Surprise Party for honoring our Fr. Bob. It was funny...the big question was: Why are we having this party? Well for three very important reasons: June 19, 2009 was proclaimed as the beginning of the year of the Priest by Pope Benedict XVI, we wanted to honor this special designation immediately! Second, this was Father's Day weekend, and after all, he is our "Father" Bob... Our third reason was more personal on a Parish level: 2009 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. Bob as our Pastor! What better way to thank this man for giving up having a family of his own to embrace the family of God...Most especially our little parish family!*

*Events like these (especially when they are a surprise!) require a tremendous amount of team effort on the part of these putting it together as well as the word of mouth from each guest. It was so neat running into people at local haunts, city hall, the Post Office and the mall and having them say, "Hey! We're having a surprise party for Fr. Bob!" It brought lots of folks home to the 4PM Mass and to the CYO that has seen so many happy times in years gone by. And so, before we thank anyone, we Thank You, our parishioners and friends who passed the word on and made this the exceptionally successful evening it turned out to be!*

*First and foremost, we are most profoundly grateful to Chocka, owner of Gambino's Inn on Remsen Avenue for having donated the five hot buffet items which enabled us to offer this celebration at no cost our guests. Chocka, you are a living example of the Gospel message of generosity! We thank Pierre's for donating the full sheet cake! Thanks to Tania Cernul who custom made the balloon weights! And that brings us to the Thank You for the rest of our supporters, bakers, and workers:*

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*Members of the St. Anne Society (Marion Pingatore), the Golden Age Club, the Italian American Social Club (Vito Puleio), the Italian Cultural Society (Joanne Lukanski), St Mary's Choir family and the ASLF. We are most especially grateful to John Chiapetta, Grand Knight of Council #6572, who arranged for the Fourth Degree Knights who added such a regal quality to our Mass... and we truly thank Papa John for picking up and dropping of Fr. Bob's Mom in a full stretch limo. You are amazing! Thanks to Vincent Vignuolo for the flower arrangement and corsages; thanks to Fr. Capistran Polgar – for covering the 6PM Mass and keeping the evening a secret!*

*You all did a great job!*

*Dolly and Sonia  
Committee Chairladies*