

The New Roman Missal is Coming!!!

As you may be aware the Third Edition of the Roman Missal will begin to be used in the Diocese of Metuchen on the first Sunday of Advent just a few weeks away.

The Roman Missal is a collection of prayers, rubrics (instructions), readings and chants we use at Mass and other celebrations. Other terms for the Roman Missal include the Sacramentary and the Lectionary. The new Latin version was established in 2002 and after many years of careful theological, scriptural and translation efforts, the English version will be available in the United States this Advent.

Over the next several weeks, we will highlight parts of the Mass that will be changing. This week we will discuss the Greeting and Dialogues

Current	New Language
PRIEST: The Lord be with you PEOPLE: And also with you	PRIEST: The Lord be with you PEOPLE: And with your spirit

What’s with SPIRIT?

When the Priest greets the assembly, he affirms that Christ, the risen Lord, is present during the celebration of the Holy Mass, especially in the Eucharistic elements.

When the people reply “And with your spirit”, they return the greeting expressing a prayerful wish that the Priest will also be filled with the presence of the risen Lord, and that his ministry may receive the blessing and power of the Holy Spirit.

This liturgical dialogue in the Mass is an exchange whereby all present – both Priest and congregation – ask that the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, establish a stronger communion among us.

We are one body in Christ!!