

DOCUMENTING OUR MINISTRIES

MINISTRY: RECOVERY MINISTRY

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MINISTRY DESCRIPTION:

Recovery Ministry Mission Statement:

St. Michael & All Angels Recovery Ministry exists to support those who desire a renewal of faith and life through recovery and understanding of drug, alcohol, and other addictions. Through education and trust building, we work to develop an environment where support, hope and understanding are available to all.

Description:

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Activities in 2008:

- Ministry of the Month Bulletin Board Display
- Personal Testimony and Discussion of the “experience, strength and hope” of a parishioner in recovery with youth of the parish, moderated by the Associate for Ministry with Youth
- Workshops, including one titled “Empathetic/Reflective Listening” and presented by Neil Leibowitz, a drug and alcohol addiction counselor, and another presented by Neil Leibowitz and Diane Walker
- Recovery Ministry Meetings where ideas were discussed regarding how to develop a “resource” cart, bringing all the Recovery Ministry literature to one location and offer it to the congregation anytime, not just during events
- A “Recovery Eucharist” together with the “Spring Ministry Fair,” Sunday May 4th, “Get On Board Sunday,” and the “Advent Faire” all provided opportunities for the Recovery Ministry set up a display with books and pamphlets in order to share information and resources with the congregation

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know
the difference. – Reinhold Niebuhr*