

Musical Parish Mission
March 31st – April 2nd – 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
with Reverend James E. O'Connor

Father Jim, as a brother of the Sacred Heart Province of the Third Order Regular Of St. Francis of Assisi, received a Master of Divinity from St. Michael's College of the Toronto School of Theology of the University of Toronto, Ontario CA.

Prior to his higher education, Father Jim served in the United States Air Force as a North Vietnamese linguist and crew member of reconnaissance missions over Vietnam and Laos.

After ordination to the Roman Catholic priesthood on May 29, 1982, Father Jim became, as a Franciscan, the parochial vicar of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pittsburgh, PA. From there he returned to his home state of West Virginia and became the pastor of the Marshall Catholic Community, overseeing the operation of the Catholic Newman Center at Marshall University. Over his thirty-seven years of priesthood, Father Jim, now a priest of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, has pastored several parishes and is presently the pastor of St. Brendan and St. Patrick parishes in Elkins and Coalton, WV.

As a Christian musician/songwriter/vocalist, Father Jim has traveled to more than a hundred United States Catholic Churches. In 2000 he was invited, by the US Army, to give presentations to the troops stationed in Egypt, and again in 2007 to the troops stationed in Seoul, South Korea

Father Jim's three-night Musical Parish Mission will incorporate music, story, reflection and prayer. His presentations, with the focus on "the Grace of the Kingdom of Heaven," "the Grace of The Sacramental Life," and "Mary: our Grace – filled Blessed Mother," are meant to help us come to a greater appreciation of the visible manifestation of the gift and presence of God, through Jesus Christ, the Church, the Sacraments and the Sacrifice of the Cross. He hopes that his audience will come away not only inspired but also encouraged to seek "The Kingdom of Heaven" now and to come.

Sunday, March 31: The Grace of the Kingdom of Heaven
Monday, April 1: The Grace of the Sacramental Life
Tuesday, April 2: Mary: Our Grace – Filled Blessed Mother

