

## SERVANTS OF THE WEEK—

### JANET & TONY MASIELLA



Janet & Tony Masiella say they are fortunate to have a very close-knit family of two married sons and wives, and two young grandchildren. Tony retired from AT&T in 2006 with 32 years service as a telephone repairman. Since then, he has enjoyed working part time in the Horticulture Department at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Janet worked for Ohio Bell for 10 years before resigning to raise her two sons. Since 1992, she has been working as an orthodontic assistant for Dr. McElhinney in Stow. More recently, she has also been spending two days each week babysitting her grandchildren. Janet said “It seems like we've always been members of OLV because we feel so much at home here”, but

our records show that they joined us in 2004. Within weeks both stepped forward to get involved in OLV ministries. Janet has served as a Eucharistic Minister for six years, and has helped out at the bake sale and raffle ticket sale for the Christmas Bazaar. Since coming to OLV, Tony has been an Altar Server. Through the years he helped as a Money Counter for about a year, and volunteered as a Janitor Helper when Dick Stolzenburg was recuperating from heart surgery. Two years ago, Tony became a Funeral Server, and shortly after took on the role of leading this group to call for a team when a funeral was scheduled. They said, “Sunday 8:00 AM Mass is a special memory for both of us....serving with the "golden group" was always very interesting and very enjoyable!!” They went on to mention many active OLV folks who regularly ministered at our early Sunday Mass, and said. “they are our inspirations!! These people show us in countless ways what it means to be a part of OLV's parish community. They show us that involvement in our parish family develops a stronger relationship with Christ and each other. We were past members of St. Anthony's, Christ the King, and Saint Patrick's, but it wasn't until joining OLV that we truly felt spiritual growth.” Janet said that, “a cherished memory for me was receiving a warm and welcoming hug from a stranger when I became an EM. For Tony, a fun memory was serving a Mass with Bill Rodeman. Bill and Tony ‘forgot’ to present Father John with the bowl and water for the washing of the hands. Father John gave them the ‘look’ and they immediately responded. When they finally approached Father John, Bill said that they didn't forget to bring up the bowl, water pitcher, and towel, but that they thought that Father's hands were already clean! All three got a chuckle and no one attending the Mass was the wiser. For Tony, being an altar server later in life fulfills the dream of a painfully shy child. For both of us, as a server and as an EM, being this close to Christ in the Eucharist is both a humbling and a profound experience. We thank the Lord every day for allowing us to be a part of the celebration of the Mass.”