

Fulfilling the Mission of Mercy

2016 MINISTRY CATALOG



ST.
& JOSEPH PARISH
NATIVITY
OF THE BVM PARISH

Please keep until Fall 2017

Parish Ministries

IMPORTANT: On the following pages are the descriptions of the various ministry opportunities available at both St. Joseph Parish and Nativity of the BVM. A brief description of each ministry is included. In addition, **ALL MINISTRIES** are available for members of either parish to participate in. Unless otherwise stated, all ministries are held at St. Joseph Parish. Additionally, ministries that are available at both parishes will have the leaders for each parish noted. For more information on how you can assist, contact the ministry coordinator listed at the end of each description.

WORSHIP

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY (Held at Nativity of the BVM)

Mission: The Altar and Rosary Society is composed of women of the parish dedicated to promoting devotion of the Rosary, and serving God and the parish through behind-the-scenes tasks, including care of the altar.

Talent: All women are welcome and invited to take part in this ministry by helping with a variety of tasks, such as preparing altar cloths, general cleaning and maintaining of the church, preparing meals for funerals, assisting in our "Christmas in July" event for the needy, and more.

Time: Variable

Ministry Leader: Kathy Pearce, 440-328-3381

ALTAR SERVERS (ADULT)

Mission: We are servants of the celebrant at Mass. We are there to help Father in all aspects of the celebration.

Talent: Having been a server in the past as a youth does help, but is not necessary. Being a reliable member of your serving team for the month assigned.

Time: For 2016, each serving team (three members) has two months during the year that they are assigned to serve. You are not scheduled two consecutive months, but you are given a full year schedule. There may be two short meetings prior to the Christmas Eve and Easter Vigil Masses.

*Ministry Leader: Dave Kuckuka, 440-452-5887,
Kookjr@msn.com*

Second Contact: Erma Camp, 440-985-1282

ALTAR SERVERS (YOUTH)

Mission: To provide altar servers to assist the priest(s) during Mass on Saturdays, Sundays, weekdays, funerals, weddings and special occasions.

Talent: Responsibility and willingness to make a commitment.

Time: Moderate

*St. Joseph Ministry Leader: Angie Niehart,
440-988-8328, AngieN@oh.rr.com*

*Nativity Ministry Leader: Ann Holowenko,
440-670-2826*

ADULT CHOIR AND CANTORS

Mission: To encourage active participation in the liturgy through song. Tapping into the hidden talents of parishioners to increase the number of choir members, as well as teach more songs that can be sung in multiple harmonies.

Talent: The enjoyment of singing or the ability to play an instrument, as well as the willingness to learn the music. The ability to read music is not necessary.

Time: Moderate. Practice for one hour typically every week.

*Ministry Leader: Ed Klimczak, 440-320-3508,
edwardklimczak@gmail.com*



CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

Mission: Create an environment in God's house that is welcoming and encouraging to parishioners to praise our Lord. To tap into the hidden talents of parishioners to continue making a prayerful and inviting home for our Lord, and for all who attend parish celebrations.

Talent: Individuals who have creativity, decorating and/or craft skills (i.e. making bows, etc.).

Time: Variable

Ministry Leader: Currently looking for a volunteer to lead this Ministry.

CONTEMPORARY CHOIR - ST. JOSEPH

Mission: As a music ministry, our primary mission is to magnify and glorify Jesus Christ through sacred music. Furthermore, it is also the mission of the music ministry to facilitate the fulfillment of our overall vision through the delivery of spiritual and spirit-led music that enhances the liturgy and anointed music that edifies, inspires and challenges the body of Christ and further enables them to experience Christ on a personal level.

Talent: The only qualification needed is the desire to glorify God through your voice, with the purpose of rejoicing in and worshiping the Lord through music and singing. We accomplish this by recruiting new choir members and teaching new music.

Time: Commitment of time is one weekly rehearsal for about an hour generally in the afternoon; on occasion in the evening and the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Ministry Leader: Ron Renick, 440-233-4386, ronrenick@roadrunner.com

Second Contact: Tony Alessandro, 440-452-3727, talessandro51@gmail.com



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT MASS

Mission: To assist the celebrant in distributing the Body and Blood to parishioners present at Mass.

Talent: Must be a member in good standing with the Catholic Church and possess an inner spirituality and a firm belief that you are handling the Body and Blood of Christ. A firm desire to honor the commitment to be present when scheduled.

Time: Rotating monthly schedule(s) based on the number of ministers available per Mass and homebound, plus initial training and yearly review. There is an initial class sponsored by the diocese, and a two-hour introductory class at held at St. Joseph. Thereafter, there is usually a yearly review and prayer session.

St. Joseph Ministry Leader: Tim Nye, Scheduler, 440-988-3565, tnye92884@gmail.com

Nativity Ministry Leader: Ed Klimczak, Scheduler, 440-320-3508, nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Mission: To provide support to the choir and enhance the liturgy through music. To find a nice compliment of musicians that can work together and support each other to enhance and create a spiritually moving liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days.

Talent: The ability to play almost any musical instrument that would support a worship service.

Time: Variable/Moderate, typically practice every week for one hour.

Ministry Leader: Ed Klimczak, 440-320-3508, edwardklimczak@gmail.com

LECTORS

Mission: To proclaim the word of God to the people of the parish.

Talent: The ability to read confidently and to have time to prepare prior to the service.

Time: Varies depending on availability, usually reading 3-4 months of the year rotating with others and occasionally filling in as needed.

St. Joseph Ministry Leader: Chris Annable, 440-965-4371, c_annable@yahoo.com

Nativity Ministry Leader: Ed Klimczak, Scheduler, 440-320-3508, nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com

RESURRECTION CHOIR

Mission: To sing for funeral liturgies, providing support to the families of the deceased from the parish family.

Talent: Availability during the day, particularly mornings, and the ability to sing.

Time: Variable - Approximately one hour per funeral.

Ministry Leader: Sheila Montgomery, 440-988-5367

SACRISTANS

Mission: Individuals to set up for daily, funeral, wedding, and special holiday Masses. This ministry also consists of teams who help with a variety of tasks, such as general cleaning and maintaining the church. We would like to form at least one more team to lighten the time commitment of present teams.

Talent: The desire to keep the Lord's home clean.

Time: Low

Ministry Leader: Currently looking for volunteer to lead this Ministry.

USHERS

Mission: To provide a team of parishioners to greet, usher, and distribute bulletins at every weekend Mass. To increase volunteerism through discipleship and grow the roster of ushers so that every Mass has at least six regular ushers.

Talent: The gift of a warm smile and the ability to make parishioners feel welcome as they come to Mass, and the willingness to make a commitment when scheduled.

Time: Low, one hour per week during Mass when scheduled.

Ministry Leader: Jeff Mount, 440-984-4223,

jm Mount182@gmail.com

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mission: To plan and execute the parish liturgies such as penance services in conformity with the universal Church by creating a spiritual setting for all who come to worship and pray here.

Talent: Inner spirituality and commitment.

Time: Low

Ministry Leader: Pam Belskis, 440-985-1054,

pambel@oh.rr.com



EDUCATION

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION / C.Y.O.

Mission: To promote Christ's teachings through athletics. Increase the number of volunteers to continue providing sports to the youth of the parish and to be able to continue the programs and increase the scope of commitments to the young people of the parish.

Talent: A love of sports and previous experience are a plus but not essential. Coaches must have patience and primarily want to teach the fundamentals of their sport and only secondarily want to win.

Time: Moderate - Monthly association meetings, helping with fundraiser. Coaches' time also includes practice and game schedules.

Ministry Leader: Jason Kuhnle, 440-465-0880,

jkuhnlecyo@gmail.com

IMMERSION YOUTH MINISTRY

Mission: The purpose of IMMERSION is to feed the teen's soul in an active, interesting, and "practical-application" way. Through understandable, bite-sized morsels, it is designed to uplift, motivate, encourage, strengthen and guide them in their relationship and understanding of our Lord. It should prepare them to face challenges to their faith as Catholic men and women, and help them find the fulfillment God longs for them to have using the talents, interests and skills He has bestowed upon them. Lastly, it's a comfortable time and place where Catholic teens can socialize, discover and freely ask questions. Through fun activities, interaction and service, we can teach students the importance of personal prayer, scripture, the Mass, and the sacraments. Our slogan is: "Seek His will in All you do, and He will direct your Paths" (Proverbs 3).

Talent: Genuine interest in the spiritual and physical welfare of high school teens and their daily interests and challenges. Participants must have Virtus training, which includes fingerprinting and background check.

Time: Currently we meet for 7 p.m. Mass on the first Thursday of the month and the 2nd or 3rd Sunday, either at 1 p.m. or in the evening from 7-9 p.m. Meetings are typically one to two hours; about four to five hours per month. Planning/organizing can be done at home and participation is showing up at times listed.

Ministry Leader: John Kowalski, 440-988-2848,

ext. 204, johnkowalski@stjosephamherst.com

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

(3 AND 4 YEAR OLD, K-8 GRADES)

Mission: The mission of St. Joseph Parish School is to educate and develop the whole child: spiritually, intellectually, physically, and socially within a Catholic environment centered on Christ's values of love, truth, and service.

Talent: Anyone who has experience in the education field.

Time: One or two days each week or for a specific number of hours.

Ministry Leader: Karen Casper-Linn, 440-988-4244, kcaspersjs@oh.rr.com

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PARENT CLUB

Mission: To provide support for the educational and recreational needs of the children of St. Joseph School (SJS) and to promote a good working relationship between parents, teachers, pastor and principal of SJS. Our vision is to help people see St. Joseph Parish School as more than just a school their child/children attend. We want families to want to be part of this great group of people who share the same goals for their children, which is providing them with a faith-filled education. We do a variety of activities from service, family fun, fundraisers and enrichment.

Talent: All parents with a student at SJS are automatically members.

Time: Meetings are once a month and last about one hour. They are at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the MPR room. As far as additional time, it is at each person's discretion. Someone can choose to just attend the meetings or volunteer for events, fundraisers or activities.

Ministry Leader: Kathy Kuhnle, 216-287-8982, President, thekuhnles@gmail.com

Second Contact: Lisa Jeffers, 440-787-7528, Vice President

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Mission: To help parish children (from preschool – grade 8) develop as faith filled, committed Catholics ready to serve our church and our world by instructing them in the ways of the Gospel. To continue to proclaim our faith as we have been commissioned to do by Jesus, "Go and teach all nations." Our PSR program is a collaboration of both St. Joseph and Nativity parishes and is held on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. in the St. Joseph School building. Volunteers are always welcome.

Talent: A love of children and to witness your

Catholic faith in word and action. A willingness to learn more about doctrine and catechesis at an adult level while working towards certification as a catechist.

Time: Moderate Time Commitment.

Ministry Leader: Carol Wallington, 440-988-2848, ext. 242, dre@stjosephamherst.com

SPIRITUAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION

ADORATION (Held at Nativity of the BVM)

Mission: To help parishioners experience grace in their lives through spending time in meditation, prayer, and adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Talent: A desire to spend time with our Eucharistic Lord.

Time: One hour per week, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Ministry Leader: Josie Tornabene, 440-988-7773

Second Contact: Larry Zaleski, 440-396-9853

Third Contact: Zoila Johnson, 440-365-7345



CONFIRMATION

Mission: To help our parish youth in grade 8 prepare for life as Catholics in today's world. While diving into the rites of the sacrament of Confirmation, the goal is to help them to recognize the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives. While certain components do use volunteers, the confirmation preparation team is made up of parish staff members, who challenge our youth, to be Disciples of Christ, and go make a difference in our world through service, and participation in parish life, all while helping them adopt stewardship as a way of life.

Talent: To be a member of the Confirmation team, one must (1) be at least 18 years of age and a practicing, baptized Catholic who has celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, (2) have a good knowledge of the Catholic religion and its beliefs and teachings as shown by Scripture and Tradition, (3) have a willingness to learn more about, and teach, our religion, and a willingness to share her or his own personal journey of faith, (4) have a regular prayer life.

Time: Varies based on program needs.

Ministry Leader: Carol Wallington, 440-988-2848, ext. 242, dre@stjosephamherst.com

MEN'S/WOMEN'S RENEWAL TEAMS

Mission: To provide parishioners the opportunity to renew their faith in God, build a loving and trusting relationship with God, reconcile with God and spiritually grow, experience new and deeper ways of praying, feel the love of God the Father, and have a positive experience within the church community so they will feel like the parish is their home and they now have a new family of support. It is the hope that all parishioners attend a renewal weekend.

Talent: A simple "yes" to our Lord's invitation to follow Him. 18 years or older.

Time: A member must first attend a renewal weekend in order to serve on the next team. Members meet once a week for about 90 minutes for approximately six months prior to the weekend. Some additional meetings once or twice a month prior to that.

Ministry Leader: Steve Frankart, 440-984-3682, stevemfrankart@gmail.com

Second Contact: Michelle Bussard, 440-666-0439, michelle.bussard@yahoo.com

PRAYER CHAIN

Mission: To invoke the power of prayer by praying for parishioners special intentions. That people continue to contact them with their needs so they can pray for them.

Talent: A willingness to pray for others.

Time: Daily - Pray for special intentions.

Ministry Leader: Currently looking new leadership.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (R.C.I.A.)

Mission: To welcome all inquirers -- those not yet baptized, those of other Christian faiths, and Catholics who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation -- to help them feel comfortable and eager to learn about Christianity and the Catholic Church, and to prepare to receive the Catholic Church's Sacraments of Initiation.

Talent: To be a member of the RCIA team, one must (1) be at least 18 years of age and a practicing, baptized Catholic who has celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, (2) have a good knowledge of the Catholic religion and its beliefs and teachings as shown by Scripture and Tradition, (3) have a willingness to learn more about, and teach, our religion, and a willingness to share her or his own personal journey of faith with the other team members and the RCIA participants, (4) have a regular prayer life, and (5) keep confidential the private information others share in the RCIA process.

Time: Team members and the RCIA participants meet for approximately one-and-a-half hours one evening a week from September until Pentecost, for which meetings all are expected to prepare with assigned readings and tasks to be completed prior to the meeting. In addition, from the First Sunday of Advent through Palm Sunday, each RCIA participant is expected to attend a Mass on Sunday morning through the homily, and then leave the congregation

with some team members and the other RCIA participants to participate in a post-homily discussion and reflection until that Mass is concluded. There are additional celebrations and events involving the team and participants throughout Holy Week.

Ministry Leader: Tom Theado, 440-320-8625, TomTheado@aol.com,

Second Contact: Brian Sarvas, 440-396-8329, Sarvii@hotmail.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS ADAPTED FOR CHILDREN (RCIA FOR CHILDREN)

Mission: To prepare children (of any age), who have not gone through the regular channels of religious education, to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation and Eucharist and to continue to encourage candidates to participate more fully in the life of the church. Additional people are needed to share in the instruction of these candidates or catechumens.

Talent: A willingness to learn more about our Catholic doctrine and become a catechist who enjoys sharing their faith with children of all ages.

Time: Moderate – Six sessions in autumn and six in the winter to prepare.

Ministry Leader: Carol Wallington, 440-988-2848, ext. 242, dre@stjosephamherst.com

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING & SUPPORT

Mission: To provide opportunities to learn more about our faith and experience God's love by offering spiritual programs/activities throughout the year. The committee plans and coordinates these various programs/activities like our Advent Day and Lenten Programs, suggestions about our spiritual growth as individuals and as a parish are always welcomed.

Talent: A willingness to do what is needed, i.e. help with planning, advertising, set up for the program/activity, clean up, and make arrangements for speakers.

Time: Parishioners may help out with any one or as many of these activities as they'd like.

Ministry Leader: Evelyn Caffarel, 440-452-4361, ecaff543@yahoo.com

Second Contact: Tony Alessandro, 440-452-3727, talessandro51@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Mission: For 4 - 9 year old children, includes Scripture lessons, singing, and arts and crafts.

Talent: A desire to work with and share your faith with children.

Time: Planning sessions plus one week in the summer during the actual Bible School.

Ministry Leader: Carol Wallington, 440-988-2848, ext. 242, dre@stjosephamherst.com

OUTREACH

BAKERS

Mission: To provide baked goods as needed to other groups in the parish.

Talent: A genuine willingness to bake as needed.

Time: Approximately six hours with baking and delivering the baked goods. Possibly two times per year.

Ministry Leader: Linda Gross, 440-787-3685, lindagross17@gmail.com

Second Contact: Rachel Gross, 440-282-8394, G12x12@centurytel.net



BEREAVEMENT

Mission: To provide ministry, understanding, and support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. This is accomplished during a four session Journeying with Loss workshop. The workshop is scheduled two times per year. Phone calls are made to families after funerals to offer support.

Talent: Good listening skills with an understanding and caring heart. A true understanding of how it feels to lose somebody close.

Time: As need arise plus participation in the workshop.

Ministry Leader: Sister Stefana, 440-988-2848, ext. 205

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA - CUB SCOUT PACK 429

Mission: Instill values in young men and prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime. To help instill solid values, confidence and citizenship in young people through Scouting and related activities and events.

Talent: Willingness to assist the Scouts in meeting requirements for advancements to higher ranks.

Time: Pack 429 meets once a month during the school year. Small projects and activities are completed at home to help achieve badges.

Ministry Leader: Eric Korbel, 440-984-2717, mlgunner_19k2h@yahoo.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND, HOSPITALIZED, AND NURSING HOME FACILITIES

Mission: To facilitate the reception of Communion to those who are unable to be present at Mass due to illness or disability. Volunteers take Holy Communion to those living in private homes or in one of the nursing homes in the Amherst area. Personal transportation is necessary. To increase the volunteer base so that everyone who cannot come to church can be visited to receive the Holy Eucharist if they so desire.

Talent: Volunteers must be Eucharistic Ministers, have compassion, the ability to bond and offer friendship to the people they meet, and have the ability to drive to a specified destination.

Time: One or two hours on Sunday mornings after Mass. Ministers distribute on a monthly rotation.

St. Joseph Ministry Leader: Sister Stefana, 440-988-2848, ext. 205

St. Joseph Second Contact: Rita Hiser, 440-233-8640

Nativity Ministry Leader: Joe Siekeres, 440-965-4001

FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEE (Held at Nativity of the BVM)

Mission: To provide a meal immediately following the funeral service. Often these luncheons can be quite large, so many volunteers are needed to prepare and serve the meal.

Talent: A willingness to cook and serve, as needed.

Time: Approximately two hours per funeral.

Ministry Leader: Currently looking for volunteer to lead this Ministry.

GIVING TREE

Mission: To collect and distribute gifts and basic necessities for the needy at Christmas time.

Ornaments are prepared and the Giving Trees are set up for the first weekend of Advent. Additional ornaments are added as needed. As gifts are brought in, they need to be grouped and delivered.

Talent: Placing paper ornaments on the trees and the sorting/grouping and then delivering of gifts for each institution being served.

Time: Approximately 12 hours per year, during the Advent Season (between Thanksgiving and Christmas).

St. Joseph Ministry Leader: Joanne Palun, 440-258-9029, jpalun@hotmail.com

St. Joseph Second Contact: Evelyn Caffarel, 440-452-4361, ecaff543@yahoo.com

Nativity Ministry Leader: Carol Zellmer, 440-935-2310

GOLDEN AGERS

Mission: To share fellowship, a light lunch, and an informational program. There are other exciting activities during the year

Talent: A desire to get together with old and new friends.

Time: Meetings are held on the third Wednesday monthly at 11:30 a.m. in the social hall

Ministry Leader: Marilyn Wilson, 440-984-7275



HOSPITALITY FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

Mission: To make a personal contact with each new parishioner and welcome them into the parish. To maintain a welcoming spirit and to gain a reputation as a welcoming parish.

Talent: A hospitable attitude.

Time: First Sunday of each month after each Mass, one hour to serve refreshments, to help cleanup, and to set up for the next Mass. Additional time needed to contact new parishioners.

Ministry Leader: Helen Coughlin, 440-985-1569, markecoughlin@centurytel.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mission: The Knights are men who are committed to supporting the Catholic Church, to enhancing their own faith and family life, and to making the community a better place.

Talent: A strong desire to serve.

Time: Various service activities during the year.

Ministry Leader: Ron Yacobozzi, 440-476-5642, bigyac@1stnationwidetitle.com

MEALS FOR THE ST. JOSEPH SHELTER

Mission: To provide one hot meal each week for the St. Joseph shelter in Lorain. This ministry provides a way of continuing the mission of Jesus to evangelize the world by showing our love & care for our homeless brothers and sisters. Our members are organized into 8 captains who have 12 to 15 individuals each, who cook enough food to serve approximately 60 to 70 people (men, women and children) a meal each Friday from mid-October to mid-May each year. The St. Joseph School staff also helps by serving one of the meals each year.

Talent: The only prerequisite is the desire to serve the needy with your gifts and talents. All the meals are prepared at your own expense, but because of the number of parishioners involved, each individual is only asked to make enough food to feed approximately 6 people about 4 times a year.

Time: Once part of team, the time for the individuals involved is fairly low, and roughly on a quarterly basis.

Ministry Leader: Bob Leghart, 440-988-2453, legartr@hotmail.com

Second Contact: Marge Bailey, 440-988-8110

MOMS MINISTRY

Mission: Calling all Moms (single, married, stay-at-home or working) from St. Joseph and Nativity! We are looking for those who would be interested in helping to form and join a new ministry just for MOMS. It would be a place for socializing, service, sharing faith and connecting with each other in a supportive and welcoming environment. It would be a great place to meet other like-minded MOMS! You choose how involved you want to be.

Talent: An openness to sharing your life with other mothers.

Time: You choose time commitment.

Ministry Leader: Joanne Wagner, 330-219-6723, annie2037@hotmail.com

Second Contact: Kim Difilippo, 440-935-6560, kimdifilippo@yahoo.com

PARISH HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

Mission: To extend the healing ministry of Jesus by improving the health of the church community we serve. We provide education to raise health awareness to the church community through health screenings, health counseling and linking people to appropriate community resources.

Talent: A license in the State of Ohio as a RN or LPN, a person with a health related occupation, or a person interested in wellness, ability to understand and communicate the relationship of body, mind and spirit to health and wellness, understand the commitment of the church's mission in fostering wellness in today's society, good communication, interpersonal and caring skills, and understands that the Health Ministry/Nurse Program is a health education service, not "hands-on" nursing.

Time: Commitment of time is 30 minutes to one hour 6-8 times a year when health screenings are scheduled after weekend Masses.

Ministry Leader: Kathy Northeim, 440-984-3366, 2weln@jetnet.org

Second Contact: Michelle Bussard, 440-666-0439, michelle.bussard@yahoo.com



ST. JOSEPH MISSION TEAM

Mission: Sharing our God-given gifts by building relationships with many people, supporting projects, helping people in ways that are meaningful and lasting and sharing the Gospel. More importantly the mission team goals are to know our brothers and sisters in Christ, to love and serve them. Jesus gives us the freedom to go into our mission trips and service others with the goal of just plain ministering. Whether it is going on a mission trip to El Salvador, helping out Catholic Charities, or donating to special causes in which the Mission Team has been involved.

Talent: Willing hands and hearts with the willingness to love people.

Time: Two meetings one to two hours a month except one meeting a month in June, July, and August. Volunteering for fundraisers three to five hours twice a year. If desired, a one week mission to El Salvador.

Ministry Leader: John Sabo, 440-984-4429, jsaboinsp1@yahoo.com

ST. JOSEPH PLAYERS

Mission: Produce an annual show that will entertain and amuse our parishioners and community, while earning money for continuous improvements to the social hall. To continue production of a fun and entertaining evening for all who participate and increase the effectiveness of the social hall for all who use it.

Talent: A desire to perform or assist with back-stage activities. Most musical numbers are lip-synched, but some are live for those who really want to share their talents.

Time: Practice for show two to three times per week, typically two hours per practice, primarily after New Years and before Ash Wednesday. (It's a great way to get out and have fun during the winter months!)

*Ministry Leader: Cathy Sekletar, 440-988-5353
Second Contact: Rick Hobson, 440-240-3091*



VINCENTIANS

Mission: To assist those who are in need of the basic necessities of life in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul.

Talent: A strong compassion for those in need and a desire to help them.

Time: Weekly meetings as requests for assistance come in.

Ministry Leader: Ed Molnar, 440-320-0120, e.molnar@oh.rr.com

Second Contact: Dave Wohlever, 440-988-7078

VOICES FOR LIFE

Mission: To advocate supporting life from conception to natural death. To attract new members to expand the ministry and possibly include advocacy for the elderly.

Talent: A willingness to promote and be an advocate for life from conception to natural death.

Time: About two hours per month.

Ministry Leader: Sandy Schuler, 440-937-8229, sams2004@roadrunner.com

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

BULK MAILERS/BULLETIN STUFFERS

Mission: To process (fold, seal, and label) the 2,400 plus monthly joint newsletters and various once a year projects (such as the Fall Stewardship Renewal packets) in preparation for mailing. This group also places inserts in the Sunday bulletins as needed and prepares the annual Christmas gift bags.

Talent: The ability to work with others in a variety of tasks.

Time: This is a daytime ministry. Approximately 3 hours for the bulk mailings and Christmas gift bags and 1 hour for bulletin inserts. Because of the large number of volunteers you may only be called once or twice a year.

Ministry Leader: Pam Belskis, 440-985-1054, pambel@oh.rr.com

Second Contact: Tillie Sroka, 440-988-3138, T717@Centurytel.Net

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mission: To manage the overall purpose and function of the St. Joseph Cemetery.

Talent: Organization, planning, execution, and good communication skills.

Time: Meetings are as needed, time commitment is low.

Ministry Leader: Mario Lombardi, 440-988-8603

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Mission: Weekly counting of collections and make deposit to bank. Individuals will be responsible for counting and tallying up weekly collections, which consists of cash and checks. Consist of five teams with four to five people. Each team responsible once a month for Sunday collection, counting and depositing.

Talent: Must be able to keep information confidential and be able to follow directions.

Time: One time a month with a 2-2 ½ hour time commitment.

Ministry Leader: Doris Pippert, 440-988-8826, dorpippert@gmail.com

GARDENING

Mission: Beautify the grounds of the churches, school, rectory and convent.

Talent: Gardening skills.

Time: Variable

Ministry Leader: Jane Koss, 440-988-2151, janekoss@centurytel.net

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Mission: To provide an ongoing response to the spiritual, social, educational and economic needs of the parish, local and global community.

Talent: A willingness to work with the pastor as part of a consultative body, a dedication to the mission and spiritual welfare of the parish, a commitment to work in a group process of prayer, consensus building and planning, a commitment and ability to give time to attend meetings and to prepare for them sufficiently.

Time: Monthly meetings plus ad-hoc committee commitments.

St. Joseph Ministry Leader: Jennifer Jackson-Ausperk, 440-670-2898, Jennifer.jackson79@gmail.com

St. Joseph Second Contact: Jim Pecchio, 330-631-9948, carminep49@yahoo.com

Nativity Ministry Leader: Lucy Costanzo, 440-986-3304, lmc353@centurylink.net

STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Mission: The Stewardship Council helps the pastor guide the development of stewardship within the parish. The first duties of Council members are to educate themselves and to live as good Christian stewards. Only in this way can members intelligently advise the pastor and become credible witnesses to other parishioners. The Council will also seek ways to promote stewardship within

the parish through year-round communication and special initiatives, and most importantly, by supporting the annual Stewardship Commitment Renewal.

Talent: Council members should be active in parish activities and/or in other Ministries and have a strong commitment to making Stewardship a way of life in our parish. Members should have organizational skills as well as planning, implementation, creativity, and communication skills.

Time: Council typically meets once a month for approximately one and a half hours. Planning meetings are held as needed, typically two or three a year.

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Stewardship Prayer

*O Lord, giver of life
and source of our freedom,
we are reminded by the Psalmist
that Yours is 'the earth and its
fullness; the world and those who
dwell in it.'*

*We know that it is from Your hand
that we have received all we have
and are and will ever be.*

*Gracious and loving God, we
understand that You call us to be
the stewards of your abundance,
the caretakers of all You have
entrusted to us.*

*Allow us to grow in a greater respect
for the gift of all human life.*

*Help us to use Your gifts wisely and
teach us to share them and the
resources of our planet generously.*

*May our faithful stewardship bear
witness to the love of Christ in our
lives. We pray with grateful hearts,
In Jesus' name./Amen*

“How much I desire that the year to come will be steeped in mercy, so that we can go out to every man and woman, bringing the goodness and tenderness of God!” — Pope Francis, Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy



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