



St. Mary's Catholic Church

Ministry Directory 2016

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Lord God, You alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.

Together with our Blessed Mother, we praise You and we thank You for Your great power and Your tender, faithful love.

Everything we are and everything we have is Your gift, and after having created us, You have given us into the keeping of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His Spirit we may be bonded together into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.

In the Name and Spirit of Jesus and through the intercessions of St. Mary our patron, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus.

Amen.

INTRODUCTION

Use this ministry directory as you prayerfully consider how your time and talents can best serve your parish community, foster your faith and build your Stewardship way of life. Please contact a ministry leader or a staff member for more information.

A BIG thank you to all St. Mary's faithful stewards who year long serve in various volunteer and giving roles! Like living stones, you selflessly donate your time and talent to build the Kingdom of God amidst our community both near and far.

We invite you to continue in the fellowship and fun! By giving of yourself, will you find the true joy of belonging!

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This Stewardship Directory presents you with those activities that make up the ministries of our parish. It represents the mission of the parish lived out by the people of our community.

Please look through all of the ministries to see where and how you can best serve our parish efforts of building the Reign of God. Each ministry is described for you in detail. The required time commitment is included wherever possible.

You have here, then, a picture of those investments of time and talent that give energy and life to our parish mission. After you have studied this picture, review your own treasury of resources...the gifts of time and talent that are yours to share. With thought, discernment and prayer, decide upon the portion of your resources that you will share with God and us. This giving of yourself and what is yours is your stewardship among us.

Along with my thanks for your life with us, I add the prayer that your giving will always be generous and that your joy in serving will always be great and full.

Sincerely yours,



Rev. Jeremiusz Sojka

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PARISH STAFF DIRECTORY

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PARISH LEADERSHIP

PASTOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Pastor's Advisory Council makes recommendations to the pastor about the well-being of the parish with a concern for where the parish wants to be in three to five years.

Time Commitment: once a month
Term: Appointed— 3 years
Chair: Jill Sible
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Members: Jean Duetsch, Vice-Chair
Kate Bixby, Secretary
John Morris
Bob Canfield
Daniel Crawford
Dennis Jones
Joe Merola
Rick DiSalvo

FINANCE COUNCIL**

The Finance Council reviews and evaluates the finances of the parish and recommends courses of action. Accounting, legal, finance or business acumen helpful, but not necessary.

Time Commitment: once a month
Term: Appointed— 3 years
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Members: Anna Chisholm
Felix Amenkhienan
Dennis Dowdy
Ted Borny

***These two committees are dissolved according to Canon law when a new pastor takes over. He has the discretion to reappoint members or seek out new ones. Look for new members information later in the summer.*

PARISH LEADERSHIP

THE STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT COMMITTEE

The Time and Talent Committee supports ministry leaders as they recruit, train, thank, and provide retreats for volunteers (R2T2).

Time Commitment: once a month
Term: 3 years
Chair: Meghan Weyrens-Kuhn
540-231-1756
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THE STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE COMMITTEE

The Treasure Committee leads the St. Mary's Capitol Campaign each year and the Living Our Mission endowment campaign that will start in 2015. It looks for ways to increase funding by increasing communication regarding financial needs and through fundraising initiatives.

Time Commitment: once a month
Term: 3 years
Chair: Jerry Diffel
540-961-2519
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COLLECTION COUNTERS

This appointed ministry is for those who have a gift of accuracy, confidentiality and service to our faith community. Ministers serve 1-2 Mondays per month, meeting at 9am, for about 1.5–2 hours.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Eligible ministers must be Baptized, Confirmed members of the church, urged to grow in love for the Eucharist and their love of Christ and others. Training is provided in groups or individually. All ministers are required to participate in ongoing faith formation and enrichment opportunities offered throughout the year.

Time Commitment: Scheduled according to their Mass preference using an on-line scheduling program

Contact: Lois Baumgartner
540-951-7962
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Geoff Vining
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LECTORS

These ministers proclaim the Word of God and share Prayer of the Faithful at all Masses and Liturgical Celebrations throughout the year. Training is provided as needed in groups or individually for those new to the ministry. All ministers are required to participate in ongoing faith formation and enrichment opportunities offered throughout the year. Lectors also meet monthly for scripture study.

Time Commitment: Scheduled according to their Mass preference using an on-line scheduling program

Contact: Beth Shaver
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ALTAR SERVERS

Adults, families and children 8 years and older who have received the Sacrament of Holy Communion are invited to become active participants, assisting the priest during Mass and

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other Liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Attentiveness during the Liturgy of the Word and a reverence for the Eucharist are required when assisting in all areas of our celebrations. Training is held in small groups or individually. All servers are required to participate in ongoing faith formation and ministry enrichment opportunities offered at throughout the year.

Time Commitment: Scheduled according to their Mass preference using an on-line scheduling program

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MUSICIANS

The role of the Church Musician, whether cantor, vocalist or instrumentalist, is not to entertain, but to inspire the *full, conscious and active participation of the assembly*. Accompanists, cantors, a traditional choir and Rise Up, a contemporary ensemble enhance our sung praise.

Time Commitment: Traditional Choir Practice-Wed/7pm
Rise Up Practice-Thurs/7pm
Youth Ensemble-TBD
Kids Praise Choir-seasonal

Contact: Barbara Mackin
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MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Ushers and Greeters are an important and welcoming part of our joyous celebrations each week. Establishing a warm and inviting

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atmosphere to those entering the church, this ministry provides worship aids, directs parishioners to appropriate seating, directs processions, takes "head counts," and takes up collections. As the face of Christ, these ministers truly evangelize by making each person feel valued and welcomed as they enter and move about our church. All ministers are required to participate in ongoing faith formation and enrichment opportunities offered throughout the year.

Time Commitment: Scheduled according to their Mass preference using an online Scheduling program

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SACRISTANS

Our team of sacristans takes care of the behind-the-scenes details of our celebrations, making sure the priests and ministers have what they need to perform their ministries effectively. The duties include inventory of church supplies, storage and maintenance of vessels and laundering the Altar Linens

Time Commitment:

Sacristans: Jeanette Snider
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Altar Linens: Lois Baumgartner
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SACRISTAN CLEANERS

This dedicated group of men and women meet to clean and organize the gathering and worship spaces. Their mission is to keep these areas clean and beautiful for our parish, using special cleaning techniques for the pews, the altar area, the Holy Water

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fonts, statues and candle stands. Duties include dusting and vacuuming, cleaning windows and organizing the Breaking Bread books and worship aids. Training is provided on introduction.

Time Commitment: Monday mornings at 9am.
About 1 hour each week. New volunteers are welcome

Contact: Nelson and Patty Carey
540-382-2071

ENVIRONMENT AND ART

Creating an atmosphere conducive to worship and prayer requires only a willingness to reflect the spirit of our varied liturgical feasts and seasons throughout the year. Talents in the areas of decorating, floral arranging, gardening and plant care, sewing, and color and design are helpful but not necessary.

Time Commitment: Fridays afternoons for weekly care of the plants. Special work times are held for liturgical seasons such as Christmas, Lent and Easter

Contact: Beth Shaver
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This is a beautiful time to spend time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Worship Area.

Time Commitment: 1st Friday of the month; 9-11AM

Contact: Kathy Maiuri
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MINISTERS OF INCENSE

The purpose of incensing and the symbolic value of the smoke is the of prayer, blessing, purification, and sanctification and adds a sense of solemnity and mystery to our Mass. Training is provided.

Time Commitment: Seasonal holy day liturgical celebrations and feast days

Contact: Catherine Merola
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CHRISTIAN FORMATION MINISTRIES

As parents, you are the first and primary teachers of the faith to your children. We want to support you in this endeavor by encouraging you to make it a priority that your children participate in our programs.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

New parents will enjoy this time preparing to welcome their child into the Church. The theology of the Sacrament, and family practices and customs are discussed.

Time Commitment: 3rd Thursday of the month
5:30-7pm

Contact: Sue Ellerbrock,
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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a time of specialized instruction on the Readings and the Gospel for children, ages 4 through 2nd grade, during Mass. Children and the catechists make the Gospel come alive with reading and discussions. Children are dismissed after opening prayer and return following the homily.

Time Commitment: September-April during the 8:45am
and 11:30am Mass

Contact: Sue Ellerbrock
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ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (4 YEAR OLD—5TH GRADE)

Volunteer catechists assist parents, the primary catechists of their children, in passing on the faith and love of Christ. Catechists attend training workshops, work in pairs or groups, and have a full curriculum within which to teach the children.

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Time Commitment: Sunday mornings, 10-11:15am
(between the Masses), from
September - April

Contact: Sue Ellerbrock
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1ST SACRAMENT PREPARATION

1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion take place during the 2nd grade. No teaching experience is required, only a love of the faith and of passing on our faith to our children.

Time Commitment: Sunday mornings, 10-11:15am
(between the Masses), from
September - April; special times to
prepare for sacraments

Contact: Sue Ellerbrock
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MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (6TH-12TH GRADE)

All youth join together for lunch and fellowship. Middle school and high school students receive a presentation before dismissal to grade level small groups for discussion and review. Special speakers, clergy and catechists host the group presentation and volunteer catechists facilitate grade level small groups.

Time Commitment: Sunday afternoons, 12:30-2:30pm
(after 11:30AM Mass), from
September - April

Contact: Sue Ellerbrock
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MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth Ministry program is the social aspect of middle and high school students formation and seeks to involve them in service projects, outreach opportunities and social activities throughout the year.

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Time Commitment: September - April, usually the 1st Sunday of the month

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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Classes for those preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation are offered for teens in the 10th grade or older on a yearly basis.

Time Commitment: September-May

Contact: Sue Ellerbrock
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

For one week each summer, St. Mary's holds a dynamic Vacation Bible School (VBS) program, with themes that help to bring the Bible alive for children 4 years of age through the 5th grade. There are many ways for teens and adults to volunteer time and talents to this fun-filled week.

Time Commitment: One week each summer

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

St. Mary's adult faith formation program, AFFIRM (Adult Faith Formation is Right for Me), offers various sessions and programs throughout the year (usually on Thursdays) to strengthen and instruct the adult faithful. As followers of Christ, we should never stop trying to learn about and fully live our faith.

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RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the universal series of classes and rites to join the Catholic Church. It is for those who are interested in becoming Catholic, those who have been baptized but never Confirmed, and those who want to learn more about our faith. We have a dedicated group of men and women who assist the candidates and catechumens on their search and journey to full communion. Volunteers are welcome! This is a joint class which includes St. Mary's and St. Jude.

Time Commitment & Location: Tuesdays, 7:00pm at St. Mary's
Wednesdays, 7:30pm at St. Jude

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE

The purpose of this visionary committee is to help guide the Christian Formation staff to provide exceptional Catholic Religious Education programs to our parish.

Time Commitment: Meets once a month during the school year

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ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE
"VIRTUS"—PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN TRAINING AND A
"SCREENING ONE" BACKGROUND CHECK

EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES

WELCOMING MINISTRY

Share your Christian joy as we warmly welcome new parishioners from around the world and locally to our parish with hospitality baskets and bi-annual dinners, friendship, and practical help in settling into their new faith community.

Time Commitment: Two welcoming dinners per year–
late August and late January
Preparation & delivery of welcoming baskets– as needed

Contact: Glenda Canfield
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HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group's mission is to foster awareness of the graces of the Holy Spirit which enable Christians to develop, restore, or deepen a personal relationship with God. The prayer group meets for prayer, song, and reflection on a weekly basis. New members of all ages are welcome.

Time Commitment: Monday, 7-9pm
Location: Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Contact: Joseph Mukuni
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YOUNG ADULT MIINISTRY

The Young Professionals Group at St. Mary's is a group of twenty and thirty somethings who meet weekly to share a meal and engage in faith formation. The group also occasionally plans social events. Some members work in the NRV, while others are pursuing master's or doctorate degrees. The group has both single and married members.

Time Commitment: meets Monday night, 6:30-8:30pm
at the Tyson's home

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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY (MORNING AND EVENING)

Encounter Jesus in His Word and you will change! With new friends, discover the delightful treasure and challenge of Scripture. An optional social following. Studies vary.

Time Commitment: Morning session
September - May, Wednesdays,
9:30-11:00am

Evenings session to be announced
7:00-9:00pm

Location: Church Library

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EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES

NEW EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

There is abundant joy in first meeting Christ and irrepressible joy in sharing Him. Join the Holy Spirit and the Evangelization team in praying and working for the conversion of ourselves and others. Join the mission; share the joy!

Time Commitment: As needed; various activities through year

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Glenda Canfield
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MEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

An ecumenical study group with leadership provided by St. Mary's parishioners.

Time Commitment: Mondays, 7:00-8:30pm

Location: Library

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PASTORAL CARE HEALING MINISTRIES

PASTORAL CARE HEALING MINISTRIES (PCHM) SUPPORT TEAM

This group provides support for the healing Masses and Remembrance Prayer Services along with coordinating the receptions for those services.

Time Commitment: 4-6 events per year
Contact: Kitty Devereaux
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HOMEBOUND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

"When I was sick, you came to visit me." Bringing Holy Communion and visiting the homebound is an invaluable ministry to those who need a familiar, loving face, a conversation, a hand to hold. Visits includes taking communion to the home, hospitals, nursing homes and other institutions. Training and support is provided, and the rewards are eternal.

Time Commitment: weekly visits
Contact: Kitty Devereaux
540-922-2541
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HEALING MASSES

Spring and Fall, we offer the comfort, peace and healing of a Mass that includes the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Contact: Beth Shaver
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REMEMBRANCE PRAYER SERVICES

Prayer services are held four times a year to remember those who have gone before us.

Contact: Beth Shaver
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PASTORAL CARE HEALING MINISTRIES

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

A bereavement program of lectures and discussion is offered over dinner at various times during the year for those who have lost a loved one.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

St. Mary's offers a Stephen Ministry that provides confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister is a well-trained caregiver who listens, cares, prays, encourages, and shares the love of Christ during a time of need. Please contact us if you would like to speak to a Stephen Minister or learn more about becoming one.

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Terry Robinson
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PARISH HEALTH PROGRAMS

Nurses, doctors, dentists, nutritionists and mental health professionals; our programs need you! Blood drives and educational programs can be scheduled throughout the year.

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Kitty Devereaux
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PASTORAL CARE HEALING MINISTRIES

CHICKEN SOUP MINISTRY

New baby, family illness, surgery or death in the family? The Chicken Soup Ministry serves Christ by serving others meals. Hot meal and prayers are delivered as needed.

Time Commitment: As needed to make & deliver food

Contact: Susan DiSalvo
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sdisalvo55@gmail.com

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you knit or crochet? Have a heart for prayer? This is a beautiful ministry for those who create *and* for those who receive. The Prayer Shawl Ladies stitch and chat until it's time for Mass and the Blessing of the Shawls. Contact this group if you know someone who needs a Prayer Shawl or would like to stitch a blessing.

Time Commitment: 1st Friday of the Month at 10:00am

Contact: Mary Scesney
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FUNERAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Volunteers set-up and facilitate funeral services, assisting the Pastor and Director of Liturgy.

Time Commitment: as needed

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Kitty Devereaux
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PASTORAL CARE HEALING MINISTRIES

FUNERAL RECEPTION BAKERS

Receptions for families and friends are hosted by a team of bakers, cooks and volunteers following funeral Masses.

Time Commitment: as needed
Contact: Karen Collier
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MENTAL HEALTH PRAYER AND SUPPORT GROUP

The St. Mary's Mental Health, Prayer, and Support Group seeks to affirm and validate the experiences of all individuals experiencing mental illness in the parish, as well as their family members. We believe that your stories matter, and that the Catholic community can act as a source of support along the journey. Regardless of whether or not you have an official diagnosis, we invite you to come pray and share with us every Thursday. The group is not intended to replace individual therapy or medication.

Time Commitment: Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm
Location: Library
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JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMITTEE

This leadership group of the J & P ministries meet to discuss and evaluate current community needs, projects and events. Those with a calling for Justice and Peace issues are urged to attend.

Time Commitment: 3rd Monday of the month, 7-9pm
Contact: Suzi Austin
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TO OUR HOUSE SHELTER FOR MEN

During the coldest months of the year, area churches gather their resources to host and serve the homeless men in the NRV. St. Mary's serves as a support church, providing meals and volunteers for other hosting churches.

Time Commitment: TBD
Contact: Suzi Austin
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suziaustin@comcast.net

HIS HANDS MINISTRY

Many people do not know who to call for help around their homes. His Hands is established for parishioners by parishioners. The ministry will help the elderly, disabled and financially challenged parishioners with yard work, minor home repairs and even light cleaning. The ministry is always in need of those who will commit the time and have the skills to help.

Time Commitment: as needed
Contact: Rick DiSalvo
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JUSTICE AND PEACE MINISTRIES

HAITI MINISTRY

We are a twin parish with Notre Dame du bon Secours in Pignon, Haiti and St. John the Baptist in Savanette Haiti". We are presently "twinned" with two parishes to providing financial support for child and adult education, seminarian support, health programs and special projects as needed. The group has a Lenten tuition and lunch sponsorship drive, an annual fund-raising auction and dinner, and special projects that occur throughout the year.

Time Commitment: 1st Monday of the month, 7-9pm

Contact: Bill Barbeau
540-557-1221

SANCTITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

In communion with the Holy Catholic Church and its teachings, we are a community which honors and respects the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Group activities include prayer, fundraisers for the annual March for Life trip, support for the local Pregnancy Resource Center, baby showers for new mothers, meals and support for new parents, Baptismal Preparation gift baskets and educating the parish on Sanctity of Life issues. Monthly Committee meetings plan for special events. Join the celebration of joy that Life brings!

Time Commitment: as needed

Contact: Bob Canfield
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PRISON MINISTRY

Volunteers go to the Juvenile Detection Center.

Time Commitment: twice a month

Contact: Christy Gabbard
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THE GLEAN TEAM

The New River Valley Glean Team aims to feed and nourish the hungry in our community by assembling people and organizations to harvest excess or blemished produce from local farms and gardens, and to deliver these foods to organizations that serve the hungry. Our efforts center around two activities: 1) gleaning excess foods from local farms during the harvest season, and 2) hosting a potato drop in the fall/winter. Join us!

Time Commitment: 2nd Sunday of the month, 10:00am
times vary when gleaning begins

Contact: John Galbraith
540-392-1184
ttcf@vt.edu
newrivergleanteam@gmail.com

MICAH'S GARDEN

In collaboration with St. Michael's Lutheran Church volunteers plant, grow and harvest fruits and vegetables that will go to local food pantries and be used by Micah's Mobile Backpack.

Time Commitment: varies by season

Contact: Dick Neves
540-357-1104
mussel2@verizon.net

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRISTMAS STORE

Our parish community comes together at the holidays to serve the neediest in our midst. Jars of peanut butter or monetary donations are collected in the Narthex in the fall that will directly benefit The Christmas Store.

Contact: Amelia Ball
540-951-1267
ameliaball2715@comcast.net

THE ANGEL TREE

Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, St. Mary's teams up with Commonwealth Catholic Charities to be an "angel" to foster children in the area by purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts. Volunteers are needed to decorate the tree, collect and organize the gifts.

Contact: Martha Morris
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marthakmorris@gmail.com

THE CARING CUPBOARD AND FAMILY CRISIS

When there an immediate need for food either by our own parishioners or those "who come to our door", the Caring Cupboard food pantry is ready. Situations of family crisis can be addressed directly with the Pastor

Contact: Fr. Remi Sojka
540-552-1091 x17
remi.h.sojka@gmail.com

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Since 1987, parishioners have helped "the least of us" stock their pantries in the NRV. Bring in non-perishable canned or packaged goods for the pantry each week as you come to Mass (place in the box in the Narthex) AND/OR come to the IFP location to distribute food and be the St. Mary's Face of Christ.

Time Commitment: 4th Wednesday and Thursday of the month, 9:35am

Location: Interfaith Food Pantry
706 Harding Rd.
Behind Blacksburg United Methodist

Contact: Barbara MacDonald
540-552-7485
rbmacd@verizon.net

BUILDING AND GROUNDS MINISTRIES

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"There's ALWAYS something" when you take care of your house. Same goes for Our House. Many hands are needed to take care of the building and grounds. If you like to garden, have a skill (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, construction) or just like to get sweaty and dirty, please volunteer!

Time Commitment: as needed
bi-annual work days (Fall & Spring)

Contact: Steve Gerus
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steve@bellelectric.com

Andy Cohill
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Rick DiSalvo,
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540-951-3121
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ST. MARY'S FLOWER GARDEN

Located behind the church, just below the back yard, the beautiful 1/3 acre garden grows fresh cut flowers for bouquet sales and church decoration throughout the summer. All revenues are used as a fundraising opportunity for the church! Cutting and wrapping flower bouquets occur every Saturday morning from July through September. Regular weeding and planting are throughout the week. Any amount of time—frequent or infrequent—is welcomed and needed!

Time Commitment: May-September, varying times

Contact: Megan Dickhans
703-405-1821
megan.dickhans@gmail.com

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY

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Hospitality, community, fellowship, fun and food! These are the hallmarks of this important ministry within our parish. Parish Life needs people who can cook, serve and throw a great party. Please consider helping with the monthly or annual events hosted by the Parish Community Life Ministry. These events include Hospitality "Donut" Sunday, Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off, the Parish Picnic, Sacrament receptions, the Feast Day/Parish Picnic Celebration and the Hanging of the Greens.

Time Commitment: varies with events

Contacts: vacant

***Please contact the Pastor if you would be interested in finding out more about heading up this ministry.*

ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

OUR LADY OF LOURDES GIFT SHOP

We are blessed to have the only Catholic religious articles Gift Shop in the NRV right in our own parish hall! The proceeds of the shop have been given back to the parish community in various ways, including support for St. Mary's Little Angels Program and gifts of First Communion candles to each child making his/her First Communion. The Lourdes Gift Shop also offers special hours by appointment, special orders, and sales for Christmas, First Communion, and Confirmation.

Time Commitment: 15-30 minutes after each Mass
4-6 times per quarter

Contact: Mike Martin
540-449-1173
miketechtransfer@comcast.net

ST. MARY'S CHURCH LADIES

This group's mission is to provide fellowship, friendship and support to all women in the parish, as well as serving those in need in our community through fundraising and volunteer efforts. The group activities include the Prayer Shawl Ministry, the St. Patrick's Day Salad Luncheon, the Fall Meet and Greet Social, volunteering at the Montgomery County Christmas Store, a Book Club, and monthly Bunco games.

Time: 1st Wednesdays of the month, 7pm

Contact: Anne Overstreet
540-552-3172
vthokie2@juno.com

ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"In service to One. In service to All" is the motto of the Knights, with core principles of Love, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. The local Fr. Edward Fox Council #6747 includes St. Mary's, Holy Spirit in Christiansburg and Holy Family in Pearisburg. The Knights focus their activities on Church, Family, Community, Youth and Council. To join, go to www.kofc.org.

Time Commitment: 2nd Wednesday of the month,
7:30pm
Location: 400 College Ave. NW
Christiansburg, VA
Contact: George Burrows, Membership
(540) 951-3450
burrough@vt.edu

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA TROOP 706 AND PACK 706

The Boy Scout mission is to develop character, leadership, respect and reverence in young boys in a fun, rewarding environment. The scouts participates in many of the usual scouting activities such as camping, hiking, biking, canoeing and fishing as well as conducting many service projects with our parish and local community. Our goal is to balance fun with development of leadership, sense of service & self-confidence.

Time Commitment: Meetings on Monday,
6:00-7:00pm, Cubscouts
7:00-8:30pm, Boy Scouts
Location: Parish Hall
Contact: John Keesee, Troopmaster
540-230-4832
john.keesee@kollmorgen.com
Zach Bradley, Cubmaster
540-315-3165
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ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 1019

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Open to 4th & 5th grade girls in the parish and in the community. Activities include troops meetings, completion of Girl Scout Journey Book and Badge requirements, fundraisers, community service projects and field trips.

Time Commitment: As needed

Contact: Toni Pimintel Nelson
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tonipimintel@yahoo.com

Teri Wysocki
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MOMS (MOTHERS OF MANY SEASONS)

This group meets weekly to blend fun, faith formation, and fellowship. Locations vary each Friday from the Parish Library to area parks and members' homes. "Walking With Purpose" and other programs are used, with lots of coffee and laughter! Our mission is to support one another in the challenging and joyful vocation of marriage and motherhood and to grow closer to Jesus through the domestic church.

Time Commitment: Friday mornings, 10-11:30am

Contact: Joanna Hitzelberger
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LITTLE ANGELS PRESCHOOL & PARENT'S MORNING OUT

A quality preschool education lays the foundation for formal education and can boost children's self esteem, giving them the edge they need for lifelong success. The skills and knowledge (not to mention aptitude and attitude) that a child develops in the preschool years will have a dramatic impact on that child's success in school and in life. In addition, preschool provides a place to strengthen socializing and behavior skills. Preschool is a place where a child can explore, play with friends, and build self-confidence.



All SMLA staff hold at least a Bachelor's Degree or fulfill the Licensing Standards' general qualifications. All SMLA and PMO staff fulfill the requirements for Religious Exempt Child Day Centers . These requirements can be found in the Standards for Licensed Child Day Centers or in the information for Religiously Exempt Child Day Centers on the Virginia Department of Social Services web site. In addition, staff and volunteers complete background screenings and attend the Diocese of Richmond's class *VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children* and must be certified annually by a physician or nurse practitioner to be free from any disability that would prevent them from caring for children.

If your labor of love includes children ages 18 months to 4 years of age, then let Little Angels Preschool become part of your discipleship.

Contact: Kim Keesee, Coordinator
Amy Lawrence, Co-coordinator
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VIRGINIA TECH'S NEWMAN COMMUNITY

Virginia Tech Campus Ministry operates under its own administration, with its own clergy, but is affiliated with St. Mary's Parish since it is located within our boundaries.

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DURING FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS

SUNDAY MASS @ WAR MEMORIAL CHAPEL

10 AM, 12 NOON, AND 8 PM

WEEKDAY MASS @ NEWMAN CHAPEL

MONDAY 5:30 PM
TUESDAY 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM
WEDNESDAY 12:30 PM & 5:30 PM
THURSDAY 5:30 PM & 9:00 PM
FRIDAY 12:30 PM & 5:30 PM
SATURDAY 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 9:00–9:50 AM, 11:15–1:50 AM, 7:00–7:50 PM
@ War Memorial Chapel

Thursday 8 pm – 8:50 pm @ Newman House

Or by appointment with Fr. David

DURING SUMMER SEMESTER, PLEASE CONSULT THE WEBSITE

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service
but the same Lord;
there are different workings
but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.*

-1 COR 12:4-7