

Ruth's Ministry (412)

Overview: Offers fellowship between widows who come together to share their grief, their stories, and provide strength for each other.

Vacation Bible School Team (319)

Overview: To help organize, set up, and help at our annual Vacation Bible School, held in July. We need many volunteers in areas such as Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks and music.

Welcome Ministry (702)

Overview: Welcomes new parishioners, facilitates registration in the parish, introduces opportunities to serve and be served in our parish.

XYZ Club (Seniors) (407)

Overview: Senior citizens celebrate life through friendship and prayer. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday afternoon of the month at 1:00 PM during most months.

St. Joseph Ministry

Overview: Cares for & maintains Church grounds and buildings.

Grounds/Building Maintenance (001): General upkeep and maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds.

Adopt-a-Garden (003): Maintains flowerbeds and shrubs. Help with the planting of Easter and seasonal flowers after they are removed from the Church.

Parish Clean-up Days (011): Seasonal clean-up of the church grounds.

Snow Shoveling (018): Clear the footpaths to the entrances of our buildings.

Youth Ministry (321)

Overview: ALL high school teens are welcome to join the year round program. We offer a fun, safe, upbeat, and inviting environment.

Youth Music Ministry - Singer (111)

Overview: Lead and support the assembly in song prayer.

Youth Music Ministry - Instrumentalist (111A)

Overview: Provides music during our liturgies and times of meditation.

Fundraising:

Overview: Plans, organizes, set ups and cleans up for any fundraising activity; may include donating prizes and materials, soliciting donations gift wrapping, selling tickets, and event promotion

Giving Tree:

Overview: Prepare, organize, collect and distribute gifts to families. May include creating gift tags, shopping, and giftwrapping,

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things."

— Mother Teresa

The ministries listed below are temporarily inactive. If you are interested in helping these ministries reactivate, please contact Joanne at 973-827-3248, ext. 324.

Golf Core Team (708)

Overview: Plan, organize and set up for our annual golf outing.

Library Core Team (608)

Overview: Organize, maintain and staff our lending library as a resource for our parish community.

Meals (delivered to homes) (802)

Overview: Provide meals to individuals or families enduring hardship or disability.

Midnight Run (816-821)

Overview: Seek out and help the homeless poor in NYC. May involve a few hours sorting clothing or preparing meals, or making an overnight trip into Manhattan two or three times a year.

Mom to Mom (408)

Overview: To provide an opportunity for mothers to reach out to each other in friendship and fellowship as they offer support and encouragement in sharing the experiences of motherhood.

Parish (Church) Historian (610)

Overview: Maintain historical files on all parish events including newspaper clippings and photographs.

Rainbows for All God's Children (406)

Overview: Supports children who have lost a parent through death, divorce or separation.


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Stewardship Renewal 2021-2022

Commitment Weekends

November 13 & 14, 2021

November 20 & 21, 2021

Commissioning

January 8 & 9, 2022

Listed in this brochure are brief explanations for each ministry active in our parish



For more detailed information, check the kiosk in the atrium with brochures on each individual ministry.

Additional Covenants (Pledge Cards) for Adults are located in the back of the Church.

Cards for the younger members of our parish are available through Religious Education.

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Adoration (204)

Overview: Offer an hour a week in adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as a form of prayer, solace, and support to all members of our parish family

Adult Education Core Team (209)

Overview: Invites adult Catholics to deepen their relationship with God and the church in the world today through presentation and discussion experiences. Sessions are independently offered throughout the year, everyone is welcome!

Altar Linen Care (118)

Overview: Helps to wash and press the altar linens; clean altar cloths and vestments when needed.

Altar Servers (103)

Overview: Assists before, during, and after weekend and special liturgies. Grades 4 and up. Mandatory training at the beginning of each ministry year is required.

Art and Environment (120)

Overview: Decorates and maintains the church, sanctuary, atrium and gathering spaces throughout the year with appropriate seasonal displays.

Baptismal Preparation Team (410)

Overview: Prepares parents for their role as teachers of faith as they look forward to the baptism of their child.

Baptismal Gifts (119 and 119A)

Overview: Welcomes our newest family members with a commemorative certificate and bib.

Certificates: (119) Cut boards, color and assemble certificates.

Bibs: (119A) Cut, add lace, trim or glue a cross to bib fronts.

Bible Study (206)

Overview: Study scripture in a small group environment. Meets once a week for 6-8 weeks, in the Spring and the Fall.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (112)

Overview: To share the weekly readings with our youngest members during the 10:00 AM Mass. The readings are geared for children from Kindergarten through Grade 3.

Circle of Friends (712)

Overview: A quilting and craft ministry where women can come together to relax, talk, and get away while working on individual craft projects.

Communication Ministry (601, 611, 709, 710)

Overview: To keep parish members informed of news and events through bulletin boards, newsletter and other media.

Confirmation Adult Core Team (308)

Overview: Adults who provide focus and education for the Confirmation candidates (1st & 2nd year) through faith formation, service and discussions to allow the youth to better understand their faith.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group (205)

Overview: Prays the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and prepares for the annual observance of the Feast of the Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter. Daily after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Emmaus (Men's Group) (711)

Overview: Platform for men to come together for fun, service projects, and to tackle issues facing us as Christian men, husbands, and fathers.

Eucharistic Ministers (101)

Overview: To provide hospitality at the Lord's table. Eucharistic ministers share the Body and Blood of Jesus with fellow parishioners, at all our liturgies throughout the year. Ministers serve once or twice a month on a rotating schedule. Participants must be confirmed. Membership is through the counsel of the pastor.

Family Promise (812)

Overview: Help guests in our homeless shelter for people who find themselves temporarily displaced by providing meals, interacting with the families or spending an evening. We have guests two weeks a year.

Funeral Support Ministry (121)

Overview: Supports families attending funerals at St. Francis; greets and assists them as they arrive.

Health & Wellness (911)

Overview: Promotes preventative health care by offering services and information. Nurses and health care professionals welcome!

Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry (903)

Overview: Offer the Eucharist each week to individuals who are in nursing homes or homebound.

Host Ministry (701)

Overview: To provide hospitality to parishioners and visitors

Lectors (102) Daily Mass Lectors (102A)

Overview: Proclaim the Word of God at liturgies and special services. Time/Training: 1 or 2 Masses a month; attend an annual workshop each year.

Liturgy Committee (116)

Overview: Assist the pastor in coordinating themes and special related activities that take place before, during and after Mass as well as seasonal celebrations. Meetings are once a month.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry (803)

Overview: Package groceries for people in need of assistance. Food is distributed out from the Food Pantry on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Involves a few hours weekly to stock pantry.

Men's Retreat Core Team (207)

Overview: Plan and organize the annual weekend retreat for the men of the parish.

Ministers of Hospitality — Usher (105)

Overview: Maintain appropriate decorum during worship, seating members of the assembly; assist in any way needed. Ushers help facilitate details for all liturgies. Participants must be confirmed. Proper attire is required. Please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to Mass.

Music Ministry—Cantor - Leader of Song (106)

Overview: Leads and supports the assembly in song prayer.

Music Ministry—Adult Choir (107)

Overview: Sings at one Mass each week. Rehearsals are throughout the year. Choir meets 1/2 hour before Mass to prepare. Members should be Confirmed.

Music Ministry—Children's Choir (110Y)

Overview: Sings at Mass during the Advent/Christmas seasons and special celebrations, such as Family Advent Day. Rehearsals are Mondays from 4:15 to 6:00 PM.

Music Ministry - Librarian (109)

Overview: Helps with the organization and filing of liturgical music for the choirs and music ministry in general.

Office Assistants (604, 605)

Overview: Involves clerical work, answering phones, mailings, and copying.

Picnic Core Team (706)

Overview: To help plan, organize and set up our annual parish picnic.

Prayer Shawl Ministry (805)

Overview: Create shawls to support the sick of our parish and community.

Office of Sacristan (117)

Overview: Prepare the altar and credence table for Eucharistic celebrations including daily Mass, Weddings, Funeral Masses and other special occasions.

Pre-Cana Core Team (402)

Overview: Plan and facilitate a one-day retreat for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

R.C.I.A. Core Team (213)

Overview: To help prepare Catholic & non-Catholic adults for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation.

Religious Education (303, 308, 310, 311, 318)

Overview: Positions available for Teachers, Aides, Hall Monitors, Baby Sitters, Traffic Control or Office Coordinator. The program supports parents in educating their children on the Catholic faith. The program runs from Sept. to April and follows the VTSD school calendar. **Must be PGC Compliant.**

Rosary Makers (804)

Overview: Spread the message of Mary's prayer by making and distributing rosaries to the sick and missions.