

Welcome!

Our Mission Statement

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming community in a traditional and Eucharistic setting focused on prayer, service, and life-long faith formation on the values and teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

By virtue of our baptism, all are invited to utilize their gifts to the praise of God and service to his people.

We hope this booklet will help you discern areas of interest where you can offer YOUR GIFTS of time or talent with our community.

Pastoral Council

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 5:10

The Pastoral Council is primarily charged to advise the pastor in the development of a mission that is focused on the parish and attempts to place at the heart of the parish a zeal for the mission of Jesus Christ. The Council is the body in the parish community that discerns the parish direction, as well as calling forth those gifted to serve in that capacity. The council assists the pastor in his leadership role over evangelization, worship, faith formation and service activities within the parish. The Pastoral Council is composed of parishioners and staff members (who serve ex-officio).

Membership on the Pastoral Council is for three years and subject to reappointment. The members are chosen from registered parishioners accepting nomination and are seated on the council through a process of discernment – not election.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Willingness to be nominated.

Finance and Facilities Council

There are different kinds of service but the same Lord. 1 Corinthians 12:5

The parish Finance and Facilities Council is assembled by the pastor as an advisory body to review and monitor the results of operations, prepare the fiscal year's budget, assist in implementation of internal control practices, prepare the financial statements for the parish community and strategize on future needs and fundraising. This council also reviews and recommends the on-going proper maintenance of the facilities. Members of this Council are invited to join by the pastor. Those who are interested and volunteer are selected for their knowledge of finance, facilities, legal and business experience.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Sharing expertise, fundraiser and event leaders, organizers, workers.

Life-Long Faith Formation

"There is no greater task than the education and formation of our young." St. John Chrysostom

Family Faith Formation Grades K-6

Youth Ministry Grades 6-12

Adult Faith Formation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA

Adult Bible Study

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Facilitators, teachers, assistants, special projects, workers.

Office Volunteer Ministry

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Office volunteers help out in the parish office as needed during business hours.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: assistance with mailings, computer work, and paperwork.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It is love, then, that you should strive for. Set your hearts on spiritual gifts, especially the gift of proclaiming God's message. 1 Corinthians 14:1

The RCIA Ministry involves working with adults who want to become members of the Catholic Church or those who have had little or no previous religious formation.

The RCIA process is a thoughtful, gradual approach to learning about the Catholic religion. Participants discuss Catholic traditions and lifestyles along with other inquirers, a team of committed Catholics and the pastor of the parish.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Team Member

Liturgy

Altar Server Ministry

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor serving the Lord. Romans 12:11

The responsibility of an altar server is to assist the priest at liturgical celebrations throughout the year. Boys and girls age 12 through high school, as well as adults are welcome. The spiritual rewards of this ministry are numerous as the current ministers will attest.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: For Boys and Girls (12 years old or older) at weekend Masses and Special Occasions ... For Adults at daily Mass and Funerals.

Art and Environment Ministry

Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:12

The Art and Environment Ministry calls parishioners to share their creative talents in order to enhance our beautiful church environment.

The purpose of this ministry is to design and to arrange settings that add to our celebrations and welcome our congregation. The church's liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time provide guidelines for our choice of arrangement, colors, content and placement.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Floral arranging, decorating the Church, workers.

Ministers of Communion

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. 1 Corinthians 10:17

Communion ministers assist in the distribution of Christ's Body at Mass. Ministers of Communion commit to lead a life worthy of their selection and manifest by word and action the reverence all should have for the Holy Eucharist. Requirements are that ministers be fully initiated and in good standing with the Catholic Church.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Serve Holy Communion at Mass and/or distribute Holy Communion to residents of our local nursing homes and to parishioners who are homebound. *All Eucharistic ministers are appointed by the Bishop and are expected to be good examples of Catholic living for others. They must be at least 18 years old; have received Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion; living a lifestyle in good standing with the Catholic Church (which means married persons must be married in the Catholic Church ... if single, must be living a single chaste lifestyle).*

Greeters/Ministers of Hospitality

Contribute to the needs of God's people pursue the practice of hospitality. Romans 12:13

Ministers of Hospitality warmly greet the people of God as they enter the church, setting a welcoming tone for worship. They help to create a friendly environment that encourages the congregation to become involved in the liturgy. Ministers distribute worship aids and bulletins, assist people with seating, and collect and secure the monetary offering of the people

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Greet and welcome parishioners to church and assist in seating people and distribute the bulletin. After Mass, they prepare the church for the next Mass.

Ministers of The Word - Lectors

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. John 1:1

When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel.

Lectors are provided training and utilize the USCCB Website for preparation of the readings.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Lectors proclaim the word of God at each of the masses of liturgical celebration.

Music Ministry

Those who sing, pray twice. St. Augustine.

The Music Ministry is a praying ministry. The musical talents of our parishioners are requested to enhance our liturgy and to create a pathway to a deeper faith experience for our congregation. Those who can play instruments and sing have gifts that can be enjoyed many times over. The Music Ministry offers several options for parishioners to share their gifts.

Traditional Choir

This music ministry sings hymns rooted in the Christian tradition and other classical anthems. The choir strives to bring a mix of traditional and contemporary musical hymns in our church life. This ministry meets to practice for the upcoming Sunday and special liturgical seasons, such as Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: The Choir supports the weekend Masses and Holyday Masses with sung hymns. The choir meets for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church.

Cantor Ministry

The role of the Cantor is to facilitate and lead the singing of congregational hymns. The Cantor sings the responsorial psalm and gospel acclamation (alleluia), and intones the Mass settings.

Cantors work closely with the Music Director and musicians to ensure a respectful celebration of the Mass.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Cantors and choir members.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Commission creates and maintains opportunities that provide outreach and spiritual support to all parishioners, the poor and the homebound.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: knitters, prayer line, Eucharistic Ministers, nursing homes, homebound, involvement with elderly & veterans, parish nursing, greeting cards.

Bereavement Meals

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

The death of a Christian provides the Christian community the opportunity to express care and concern toward those who suffer the loss of a loved one. This ministry involves the preparation of a buffet meal in the parish hall after a funeral. (This ministry is under construction.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Organizers, Food preparers, shoppers, servers, and clean up.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge. Psalm 16:1

The Prayer Shawl is handmade by parishioners while they pray for the strength and comfort needed by each recipient in their time of need. Each prayer shawl is blessed and given with a prayer card showing the support and love from God and the parish.

Outreach

New Evangelization Commission

And he said to them, "Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 6:1

The New Evangelization Team (NET) is forming the grassroots venues to encourage and support the new evangelization by the Church community. The goal is to reach out to fallen away Catholics, but also to the most vulnerable in our society to bring hope and invite them to come and worship God together in community. The goal of NET is to pray, invite and offer hope to all those hurt by the Church, imprisoned, lost faith, discerning vocations, individuals struggling with challenges and many more. (This commission is under construction.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: leaders, writers, facilitators, organizers, assistants, workers, spiritual renewal, book study/club, weekly bulletin, pilgrimage/mission trips, men's and women's prayer groups.

Community Affairs

This Commission focuses on the following community programs: SHARE Outreach which provides food and financial help to our community's poor & vulnerable.

Community Action for Safe Teens (CAST), sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Milford that combats the challenges raised in the opioid crisis in our community.

This Commission is also tasked with designing, maintaining and communicating responses that promote the safety of the parish community in critical and disastrous events.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: leaders/liaisons, workers, organizers, people to promote and participate in the events of these organizations.

Social Ministry

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, as you are doing. Thessalonians 5:11

The Social Ministry provides parishioners social opportunities to build and foster a vibrant community life in the parish. Volunteers are mobilized to support and /or initiate social events in the parish, parish dinners, coffee hour, as well as bereavement meals offered to families. Talents and volunteers are always welcome. (This ministry is under construction.)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Providing social events, Breakfasts, coffee and donuts, St. Patrick's Day Supper and other dinners. Event leaders, organizers, workers, cooks, shoppers.

NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

A fraternal benefit organization of Catholic men which supports church doctrines and teachings.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: St. Patrick Helpers engage in projects to help with repairs for church and parishioners.

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VOLUNTEER AREAS OF INTEREST

(Tear off, Mail, Collection Basket, Fillable on Line)

PRINT NAME _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____



Pastoral Council

Nominee

Finance/ Facilities Council

Nominee

Event leaders

Organizers

Workers

Faith Formation

Facilitator/Assistant

Teachers

Evangelization

Leaders/Organizers

Workers

Youth & Family

Leaders/Organizers

Workers

Community Affairs

Leaders/Liaisons

Social Committee

Event Planners

Cooks

Workers

Shoppers

Office Helpers Bulletin/Website/Mailings

Prayer & Worship

Cantor

Choir

Adult Server (daily Mass and funerals)

Boy and Girl Altar Server (weekend masses & other occasions)

Lectors

Ushers

Greeters

Eucharistic Ministers

Church Decorators

Pastoral Care

Nurses

Knitters

Prayer Line

Eucharistic Ministers

Bereavement Meals

Bereavement Meals

Organizers

Food Preparers

Shoppers

Knights of Columbus

workers

membership

Men's Prayer Group

membership

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