



# ECC ENGAGE

## ESSEX CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*Holy Family St. Lawrence St. Pius X*

**Building A Vibrant Worshipping Community**

### Parish Council

Holy Family/St. Lawrence and St. Pius X Parish Councils jointly endorsed the developing ECC Engage Action Plan focusing on Evangelization, Building a Vibrant Parish and Communications. Several Parish Committees will be re-activated and a Ministry Fair will be held January to let parishioners know ways they can help strengthen our parish through service to our Catholic community.

### Seeking New Parish Council Members

Many members of the Parish Councils have served for many years. It is time to enrich our Councils with members bringing new ideas and energy to our commitment to build a vibrant parish. Please contact Father Ranges if you would like to be considered for selection to your Parish Council.

GET READY TO



### ECC Action Plan 2019-2020

#### Evangelization

*(Team Lead: Lisa Rees [lisareesvt@yahoo.com](mailto:lisareesvt@yahoo.com))*

- Deliver 5-7 adult religious education programs by June 2020
- Enhance Sunday Worship (Sat & Sun Masses) guided by Liturgy Committee by June 2020
- Other focus areas: *Sacramental instruction, Youth Liturgy, Family Religious Education, Light of the World Retreat, Adoration, Understanding Discipleship*



#### Building a Vibrant Parish

*(Team Lead: Tim Guziak [tguziak1@gmail.com](mailto:tguziak1@gmail.com))*

- Strengthen awareness and involvement of lay ministry by December 2019.
- Grow participation of ECC through new and current fellowship and events by 10% Dec 2020.
- Parish Council Governance - focus on strategic issues
- Other focus areas: *events for youth (teen night/movie night); welcome events & outreach to new parishioners, and ministry fair*

#### Communications

*(Team Lead: Katharin Brink [kbrink711@gmail.com](mailto:kbrink711@gmail.com))*

- Develop consistent messages across all media
- Build a shared vision of the Essex Catholic Community by spring 2020
- Create a quarterly Newsletter for insertion into bulletin
- Create an ECC Engage event each quarter, e.g., invitations to a brunch; raffle for a spiritual book; new parishioner receptions
- Create a personalized parish registration process

# Kids Corner

## Learning about Jesus

Children's Liturgy of the Word resumed in October and Emma Goff has gathered a group of enthusiastic parishioners who love sharing their faith with the young children. Some of the topics shared with the children are that God hears and answers their prayers; that they should be thankful to God for their blessings and that through their prayers they get to know Jesus better.

### Did You Know?

A study of parishes by [DynamicCatholic.com](http://DynamicCatholic.com) reported that **6.4%** of registered parishioners contribute **80%** of the volunteer hours in a parish and **6.8%** of registered parishioners donate **80%** of financial contributions **and** there is an **84%** overlap between the two groups!

We don't want that be the profile of the Essex Catholic Community! We are compiling all the volunteers in our parishes so that it will be so much easier to keep in touch and reach out to parishioners when ministries need more resources!

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## Listen & Learn

- Build an annual calendar
- Update parish directories

Many parishioners enjoyed the recently completed sessions on *Catholic Social Teaching*. Thank you Josh McDonald delivering this program to our parishioners.

**Catholic social teaching** is a branch of moral theology that addresses contemporary issues within the political, economic, and cultural structures of society.

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Solidarity
- Care for God's creation.
- Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

### Distinctly Matthew: Most Quoted Gospel

Join our November program!  
 Presenter: Father Berube Mondays: Nov 11 & 18 7pm



### Devotions for Advent

Small group sessions are being formed in our neighborhoods to help us prepare for the birth of Jesus. Watch the bulletin for more information!

### Serve Our Neighbor Day Great Success!

#### CONTACT US

- with your suggestions and ideas for addressing our Synod priorities of Evangelization, Building a Vibrant Parish and Communications at [ECC.Engage@gmail.com](mailto:ECC.Engage@gmail.com)