

Holy Infant Catholic Church

2019-2020 Parish Update

PARISH UPDATE OVERVIEW

The 2019-2020 Parish Update describes the core activities and highlights of the parish ministries at Holy Infant. These achievements support the long-term objectives of parish commissions. As each ministry is part of a larger parish commission, the achievements and objectives of a ministry serve to meet the larger objectives of its respective commission. For example, the Faith Development for Children ministry is part of the larger Faith Development commission. As such, the accomplishments and goals of the Faith Development for Children ministry support the larger objectives of the Faith Development commission that are guided by the Holy Infant Long-Term Strategic Plan.

For more information about the long-term objectives and successes of each parish commission, see the Holy Infant Long-Term Strategic Plan at www.HolyInfantChurch.org.

PARISH UPDATE SUMMARY

Holy Infant has many Faith Development, Liturgical, and Financial achievements to celebrate over the last 12 months that would not be possible without the support of our parish family.

Achievements to Celebrate July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

- Over 450 parishioners involved in over 65 active ministries
- 160 children, youth, and teens enrolled in Faith Development
- Hundreds of service hours completed by teens
- Doubled participation in multi-generational Faith First
- 25 Baptisms
- 16 children received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist
- 15 teens received the Sacrament of Confirmation
- Continued focus on multi-generational involvement in Faith First
- Increased presence of young adults and young families within the parish community through spiritual enrichment and social events
- New ministers added to all Liturgical Ministries.
- 3 New Altar Servers in training.
- Dedicated Funeral Committee worked tirelessly at 9 funeral receptions
- 21 new families joined the parish and attended new parishioner orientations
- New members in both Adult and Youth Choirs serving at all 3 Masses
- Youth Choir -ongoing formation- they sing alternately at the 5:30 pm & 11:00 am Masses. Plans for Summer workshops in August.
- Val Limar Jansen Concert
- Sing Along Christmas event
- Program for all adults this July: 6 week program (Aging Series with St. Thomas More and Newman Center).
- New at Holy Infant- Funeral Pre-planning for parishioners. Well received and on-going.
- Social Justice initiatives were strong, through multiple ministries
- Approximately 2,524 lbs of fresh produce were shared from the Food Justice Garden-Bobbi Gallagher.
- Yarn ministry donated nearly 550 items to parishes in need
- Urban Ministries served approximately 2,000 dinners.
- 4 percent increase in First Offertory collections
- 227 parishioners participating in E-giving for their First Offertory gifts
- Received Diocesan approval on the finance plan for the new church, chapel and columbarium.
- \$27,500 raised from car raffle ticket sales for the new building project.
- Over \$57,000 in donations to charitable organizations

- Continued strong commitment to the building campaign with over \$3.4 million in pledges
- \$92,000 pledged to the 2019 BAA campaign
- 1,500 pounds of food donated for Thanksgiving to families affected by Hurricane Florence

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC)

Mission

To cooperatively plan with the pastor the means to carry out the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ, as embodied in the parish mission statement.

Core Activities

- Prayerfully and thoughtfully bring concerns that affect the whole parish community for consideration by the pastor.
- Provide guidance on pastoral matters by assisting the pastor in researching issues as well as making and implementing decisions.
- Provide oversight for the parish planning process inclusive of the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Long-Term Strategic and Annual Plans.
- Collaborate with the pastor to identify, introduce and coordinate new initiatives.
- Provide consistent communication between parishioners, the pastor and the PPC.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Implemented activities/programs aimed at awakening discipleship among parishioners.
 - Promoted monthly/bimonthly themed activities (Annual Picnic, Stations of the Cross / Fish Fry, Concert, Ministry Fair, etc.) that support and encourage all members of the Holy Infant community to actively participate in a parish ministry.
 - Discussed ways to engage millennials in the parish, including appointing a millennial to the PPC for the 2018-2019 year.
 - Supported hiring a new faith development coordinator who will work with our younger children.
 - Read and discussed “Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples”.
 - Early plans for fireside chats
- Supported hiring a new communications expert to handle the Connector, the parish website, parish bulletin and social media.
- Solicited parishioners to run for PPC.
- Held the parish-wide elections to select new PPC members.
- Appointed/opened position for a teen on PPC
- Supported the development of new committees for reboot of building the new church.
- Supported pastor’s reorganization of the parish staff.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Inform parishioners about the impact of parish contributions to various initiatives and programs (e.g. second collections, Bishop’s Annual Appeal (BAA), Share Your Christmas, etc.) and other charitable contributions in order to provide accountability to donors and increase participation.
- Hold a parish information session to discuss the Long-Term Strategic plan and review the accountability report. Also presented an update on the new building plans and contributions

- PPC to have more active input in parish leadership by weighing in prior to the implementation of major commission initiatives
 - Commission chairs proactive in assessing the direction of their commission.
- PPC more active in bringing forward concerns of the parishioners (attentive listening)
- Execution of fireside chats

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL (PFC)

Mission

To assist and advise the pastor regarding the development and management of parish financial resources to fulfill our responsibilities as Christ's financial stewards.

Core Activities

- Review and assist the pastor and staff in developing and maintaining a fiscally responsible budget.
- Participate with the teams developing facility plans and work to provide financial guidance on these issues.
- Promote participation and enhancement in all forms of offertory, with particular emphases in the E-Giving program.
- Promote and provide assistance in the *We Remember You* capital campaign

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Continued assistance, promotion and fulfillment of the *We Remember You* capital campaign to the parish.
- Reported monthly Stewardship of Treasure in the bulletin.
- Obtained financial approval of the budget and planned loan for the new church from the diocese.
- Maintained a strong financial plan through the hard work of our wonderful staff.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Perform an offertory renewal campaign during the fall of 2019.
- The Council will promote e-Giving after several masses throughout the year as a way to encourage even greater participation.
- Promote further pledges in the capital campaign as construction on the church begins.

PLANNING AND OPERATIONS

Mission

To fulfill certain parish administrative and operational needs in accordance with the guidance provided by the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils in liaison with Parish Administration.

Collection Counters

Mission

To precisely and confidentially tabulate, record and deposit offertory and other collections.

Core Activities

- Tabulate the weekly offertory and special collections.

Communications Committee

Mission

To develop and maintain a coordinated program of communication forums that will serve to inform, educate and guide our parish, conveying a message of inclusion and outreach to all.

Core Activities

- Document the general capabilities of and usage guidelines for parish communications platforms.
- Define and prioritize specific enhancements that are required for existing platforms. This includes assessing the availability of new platforms and determining the needs for new platforms to enhance communications within the parish.
- Develop general and targeted communications strategies that provide guidance for reaching the general parish population as well as targeted groups with specific interests.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Created a dedicated building updates section on the website
- Developed a ministry spotlight series to highlight the needs and work of parish ministries
- Developed a promotional plan for ministries with predictable communication needs (monthly, annually)
- Developed branded material for ministries, prioritizing those with predictable communication needs
- Began process of codifying editorial standards for public parish communication (style, grammar, punctuation, etc.)
- Developed standard timeline to ensure saturation of event promotion

Goals for 2019-2020

- Create ministry and group subpages for parish website
- Roll out communication request form and guidelines
- Research new products to enhance and streamline parish communications (web content and social media management tools)

Maintenance Committee

Mission

To efficiently, economically, and in a timely manner, attend to the maintenance needs of the buildings, facilities and grounds in order to ensure that they serve the needs of the Holy Infant community.

Core Activities

- Support the parish staff and the physical needs of the church facilities with maintenance activities, small projects and planning.
- Conduct work days as necessary for committee projects.
- Hold committee meetings as needed.

Planning Committee

Mission

To develop and implement a parish planning process that evaluates existing programs and resources while formulating long-term (strategic) and annual (operational) plans based on the goals of a Christ-centered, mission-focused and results-oriented parish.

Core Activities

- Implement the annual planning process.
- Compile and edit the annual plans of parish-wide ministries for publication in the Annual Parish Plan.
- Compile and edit the long-term strategic plans of parish-wide commissions on a schedule prescribed by the Parish Pastoral Council.
- Facilitate and record parish progress on long-term strategic plan objectives.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Compile and produce an Accountability Report that describes the status of the parish's attempts to meet the objectives of the last Long-Term Strategic Plan for FY16-FY18.
- Worked with the Parish Pastoral Council to develop, compile, and edit a long-term strategic plan for the fiscal years 2019-2021.
- Updated PPC By-Laws and Constitution.
- Held elections for the PPC, adding one elected and one appointed at-large new positions to the council.

Facilities Development Committee

Mission

To manage the design and development of parish facilities that adequately meet future needs for worship, gathering/hospitality, faith development and other parish activities.

Core Activities

- Continuously assess the parish's current and future use of facilities and identify any unmet needs.
- Manage the development of a master plan for facilities
- Oversee any facility improvement projects that the parish undertakes.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Formed three committees made up of parishioners to advance progress on Holy Infant's new church, chapel, and columbarium.
 - Building Team
 - Communications Team
 - Fund Raising Team
- Developed and a detailed Request for Proposal for a new Architect and General Contractor ("GC").
- Obtained firm estimates of the cost of construction for the new church project and selected an Architect and GC to construct the new facilities.
- Received approval from the Diocesan Building and Real Estate Commission ("BRE") on the schematic design for the church, chapel and columbarium.
- Entered into an AIA contract with the Architect.
- Conducted extensive research and value engineering of the proposed design changes to insure a quality project while reducing costs.
- Completed site work design and submitted drawings to City of Durham permit department for approval.
- Submitted design development drawings to the BRE and received approval for the Architect to progress into construction documents.

Looking Ahead (2019 – 2020)

- Complete design drawings and receive firm pricing for the project
- Negotiate and enter into a contract with the General Contractor
- Receive all required permits
- Begin site work in September 2019
- Begin building construction in December 2019
- At the conclusion of the 2019 – 2020 FY, construction should be 50% complete.

Office Volunteers

Mission

To integrate the administrative skills and talents of volunteer parishioners with those of the parish staff, commissions and ministries to assist in accomplishing one-time or periodic tasks.

Core Activities

- Help parish staff during the weekdays. Tasks might include answering phones, filing, making copies and preparing mailings.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Mission

To make Holy Infant the most vibrant community it can be, all members must embrace stewardship. Openness to stewardship allows us, with faith and gratitude, to know in our hearts that all we have is a gift from God and to consistently and willingly share all those gifts. Giving freely of time, talent and treasure defines who we are and is a necessary role for everyone in our faith community.

The Stewardship Commission's goal is to communicate to the parish that active involvement in parish ministries and groups is a return of the many gifts we have been blessed with by God. The commission encourages parish members to become good stewards through sharing of their time, talent and treasure.

The Stewardship Commission partners with the Finance Council to encourage sharing of treasure and encourages all parishioners to become involved in the ministries, councils, committees and programs that make our parish vibrant.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Together with Parish Life Commission, sponsored a Stewardship Fair on that was well attended and well received.
- The Filipino community hosted two very successful events, the BBQ event and Simbang Gabi, both with sales benefitting the new altar fund.
- A Stewardship Handbook in draft version was developed to reflect the initiatives of Stewardship at Holy Infant.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Mission

Increase awareness of how the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) affects Catholics in the Diocese of Raleigh and thereby create enthusiasm for the BAA among the parish community, encouraging continued stewardship and support.

Core Activities

- Inform parishioners about the programs that the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh implements as a result of BAA contributions.
- Emphasize Holy Infant's financial goal for the BAA and update the congregation on our progress to meet that goal.
- Solicit in-pew and post-liturgy pledges.

- Update parishioners on Holy Infant’s progress in meeting our BAA goal.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Our BAA goal was \$109,038. We received pledges of \$100,386 (92% of our goal).

Goals for 2019-2020

- Complete Stewardship manual and place on parish website by end of 2019
- Assist Parish Life committee in starting a “Dinners for Eight” program
- Form new committees under Stewardship:
 - Bishop’s Annual Appeal Committee
 - Documentation Committee
 - Evangelization Committee

FAITH DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Mission

The Faith Development Commission helps to discern the faith development needs of Holy Infant parishioners at all stages of faith life. It helps set goals and objectives to ensure this development. The purview of this commission is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), all sacramental preparation, and the faith formation of all members of the Holy Infant community at every stage of Christian life.

Faith Formation for All Generations: Multi-Generational Formation

Mission

To promote the core values or life-long learning and multi-generational formation in our overall faith formation process. This catechetical process aims toward growth in the many dimensions of Christian discipleship: knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer and belonging to community and missionary spirit.

Core Activities

- Sponsor monthly multi-generational faith encounters for people of all ages.
- Provide parent-child component to children's faith development program.
- Hold events aimed to bring seniors and younger generations together.
- Engage tweens and teens with younger and older generations.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Third Year of Faith First, a series of multi-generational faith encounters proposed for the first weekend of each month:
 - June 2, 2019: Summer of Service (S.O.S)
 - May 4, 2019: May the 4th be with you (Creation, God & Science)
 - April 7, 2019: Easter Egg Hunt
 - March 2, 2019: Unmasking Lent (Mardi Gras Party)
 - February 1, 2019 - Family BINGO
 - January 6, 2019 - Magi Lounge (Talent Show)
 - December 1, 2018 - Christmas Around the World
 - November 4, 2018 – God is calling...are you listening? (Focus on Vocations)
 - October 6, 2018 - Saints & Critters
 - September 1, 2018 - Focus on Social Justice
 - August 4, 2018 - Family Movie Night
- Please see Parish Website for event recaps

Adult Faith Development

Mission

To provide opportunities for adults to grow in their knowledge of scripture, tradition and church teachings. To discover the spirituality of everyday life and to embrace faith formation as a lifelong process.

Core Activities

- Provide opportunities for study and growth in Salesian spirituality.
- Provide formation/catechist training.
- Provide annual spirituality and study series.
- Sponsor enrichment events for more in-depth study of faith formation topics.
- Sponsor Little Rock Scripture Study.
- Sponsor Awakening Faith Series for inactive Catholics.
- Host a marriage enrichment event.
- Provide adult Confirmation preparation.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Promoted opportunities for parishioners to grow in their understanding of Salesian spirituality through continued support of Daughters of St. Francis de Sales.
- Hold a fall Little Rock Scripture Study and spring series (Genesis)
- Formed Lenten Small Groups – book discussion of the Christmas gift book, *Why I Am Catholic (And You should be too)* by Brandon Vogt

• Faith Development for Youth (grades 9-12) - TYM

Mission

To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today; to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community; and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

Core Activities

- Hold weekly Sunday evening TYM sessions.
- Support multi-generational activities.
- Hold monthly service activities.
- Host monthly social activities.
- Participate in Deanery / Diocesan activities.
- Hold Spring & Fall Weekend Retreats.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Fall and spring retreats- MET
- Volunteer service projects at the Food Bank of NC, Ronald McDonald House and Duke Hospital, Triangle Rise Against Hunger, and Parent's Night Out- MET
- Provided volunteer training and planning in summer- ONGOING
- Promoted teen leadership role with Youth Board- ONGOING
- Acted out and narrated Shadow Box Stations of the Cross- MET
- TYM volunteers are key to successfully VBC, and had one of the largest group of teen volunteers in July 2019- MET
- Piloted Lenten small group with discussion on *Why I Am Catholic (And You should be too)* by Brandon Vogt

Updates for Upcoming Year (2019-2020)

- Piloted Lenten small group with discussion on *Why I Am Catholic (And You should be too)* by Brandon Vogt. Will continue to trial small group model in 2019-2020 Faith Development year—NEW
- Piloting Summer Scripture Series for those teens who desire to delve more into Scripture Study—NEW
- Promote teen leadership role with Youth Board & PPC delegate—NEW
- Rewrite TYM Mission Statement, in “teen friendly” terminology, as developed by Youth Board—NEW
- Piloting Day Retreat for fall and overnight Retreat for Spring to increase participation in retreat experience for those who do not attend overnight events—NEW
- Recruit 1-2 new youth leaders--NEW

Faith Development for Youth (grades 6-8) - JYM

Mission

To provide a catechetical process for youth, grades 6-8, that aims toward growth in the many dimensions of Christian discipleship: knowledge of the faith, liturgical life, moral formation, prayer, belonging to community and missionary spirit.

Core Activities

- Hold weekly Sunday evening JYM sessions.
- Participate in Deanery / Diocesan middle school events.
- Sponsor a monthly service project.
- Host social events.
- Support multi-generational activities.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Increased service component of JYM to once a quarter - ONGOING
- Increased number of social events to once a quarter- ONGOING
- Provided opportunities for parent involvement- ONGOING
- Conducted volunteer training and planning in the summer - ONGOING
- Increased team member by one full-time catechist- MET
- Participated in fall Deanery middle school retreat- MET (2017- 3, 2018- 4)
- 34 youth enrolled in faith development (Grade 6-8).

Updates for Upcoming Year (2019-2020)

- New Faith Development Coordinator to oversee JYM—NEW
- Recruit x 1-2 new catechists as one has left after 4 years of involvement—NEW
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Faith Development for Children (ages 3-10)

Mission

To promote faith formation for pre-school and school-age children within the context of the faith formation process: monthly gatherings, children's faith formation sessions and faith lived in the home with the aid of home resources, regular participation in weekly liturgies and sacramental preparation as needed.

Core Activities

- Provide weekly Sunday morning faith development sessions.
- Provide weekly Liturgy of the Word with Children during Sunday liturgies.
- Host multi-generational activities.
- Provide Vacation Bible Camp.
- Provide resources for faith development at home.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Held parent/child sessions for each grade level- ONGOING
- Expanded outreach to families via social media tools- ONGOING
- Recruited 3 new catechists- ONGOING (2017- 6, 2018- 10)
- Increased Faith First event attendance by tie in with FD classes- ONGOING

Updates for Upcoming Year (2019-2020)

- New Faith Development Coordinator to oversee Pre-K through 5th—NEW
- Begin Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Training for Level I – NEW
- Recruit new catechists for open grade levels—NEW
- Rainbows- new ministry to support children dealing with life issues such as death of a parent

Baptism Preparation

Mission

To provide a formation program for adult members of our community who wish to have their child baptized at Holy Infant, and for parishioners who wish to be godparents for a baptism in another Christian community.

Core Activities

- Offer six Baptism workshops per year.
- Support Baptism hosts to assist parents at liturgy.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Prepared 25 families for Baptism of their children.
- Modified and updated the materials provided to parents at the workshops.

First Reconciliation Preparation

Mission

To help parents and children grow in their understanding of conversion, transformation, reconciliation and growth in their appreciation of the sacrament of Reconciliation as an opportunity to experience God's healing forgiveness.

Core Activities

- Provide parent introductory session.
- Provide monthly parent-child preparation workshops.
- Provide weeknight First Reconciliation service.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Children received sacrament with community at parish Advent Reconciliation Service.
- Prepared 16 children for sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Eucharist Preparation

Mission

To help parents and their children preparing for First Eucharist have a better understanding and appreciation of what it means to have full and active participation in liturgy. To assist and equip parents, as primary educators of their children, to prepare their children for this sacrament of initiation.

Core Activities

- Hold parent information session.
- Provide monthly First Eucharist preparation sessions Jan- April.
- Provide Eucharist Retreat the week before the sacrament with parents and children.
- Provide First Eucharist Mass and reception in Easter season.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Prepared 16 children for First Eucharist.
- Held a First Eucharist Mass and reception on a Saturday at 10:00 AM. Made special efforts to invite the parish.
- Continued the promotion of vocation awareness via communication with a seminarian.

Confirmation Preparation

Mission

To provide a parish program for youth preparing for Confirmation which includes sacramental catechesis, sponsor involvement, stewardship, a retreat, interviews and participation in a deanery celebration of Confirmation.

Core Activities

- Promote a two-year process to fulfill Diocesan and Holy Infant requirements.
- Provide candidate-only preparation sessions.
- Promote candidate/sponsor conversations.

- Enable candidates to participate in an interview with the pastor.
- Provide Confirmation retreats for year II.
- Encourage candidates to select a Confirmation saint and write an essay.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Prepared 15 youth for Confirmation.
- Utilized “Chosen” Confirmation program (Ascension Press).
- Met from September through March with monthly breakout sessions during regularly scheduled TYM.
- Participated in a Confirmation II retreat with four other local parishes.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Mission

To provide a sense of welcome and community combined with age-appropriate catechetical methodology, spiritual formation and liturgical celebrations for all those over the age of seven who seek to follow Christ as a Catholic Christian.

Core Activities

- Provide year-round inquiry sessions.
- Provide year-round Catechumenate.
- Provide Celebration of Rites, as needed.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Prepared and celebrated Rite of Initiation for 4 catechumens and one candidate.

Sponsor Couple Program (Marriage Preparation)

Mission

To prepare engaged couples and civilly-married couples seeking convalidation for the sacrament of Marriage by discussing various facets of married life with experienced married couples who are members of the parish.

Core Activities

- Coordinate and implement the program in which individual sponsor couples meet privately with individual engaged couples multiple times over the course of several months to discuss the spiritual and practical aspects of a healthy and successful Christian married life.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Prepared 8 engaged couples for the sacrament of Marriage.
- No new sponsor couples were trained during this period. All requests for assignment to a sponsor couple were met with the current contingent of seven sponsor couples.
- Celebration of the vocation of Marriage, a social event including Mass and a renewal of vows, held on Friday, February 8, 2019. (NOTE: This event was

not hosted by the Sponsor Couple ministry but was coordinated by parishioners Sam & Carol Ann Applegate.)

Goals for 2019-2020

- Continue preparing engaged couples for the sacrament of Marriage using the one-to-one Sponsor Couple model.
- Host a training session/social event for current sponsor couples to facilitate ongoing development.
- In anticipation of a possible increased need for sponsor couples after our new church is dedicated, demand will be carefully monitored and new sponsor couples recruited and trained as needs dictate.

LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Mission

To enrich and support the faith community of Holy Infant by acknowledging God's presence in the preparation and celebration of liturgical life in the parish.

Altar Attendants

Mission

To serve the community by assisting the presider during the liturgy to ensure that the liturgy proceeds smoothly.

Core Activities

- Maintain an active membership sufficient to cover all liturgies.
- Recruit and train new altar attendants as needed.
- Conduct training and formation sessions.

Altar Bread Bakers

Mission

To prepare the bread used during the celebration of our Eucharistic liturgies.

Core Activities

- Provide the altar bread in the Fall and Winter, once a month or as needed.
- Maintain an active membership.
- Recruit and train altar bread bakers as needed.
- Coordinate with bakers to be part of adoration on Holy Thursday.

Altar Linens Caretakers

Mission

To provide clean altar linens (and albs for the altar attendants) for our liturgies.

Core Activities

- Maintain an active membership that enables each member to serve at least once per quarter year.
- Recruit and train additional members as needed.

Art and Environment

Mission

To enhance our liturgies and special rites with a Christ-centered environment inside and outside the church building.

Core Activities

- Maintain an active membership.
- Creatively enrich our parish environment according to the liturgical season and special liturgical needs.

- Meet with the Director of Liturgy and Pastor on regular basis to review expectations.
- Coordinate floral arrangements in the decoration of the church and altar as needed.
- Review, evaluate and replace church decorations as needed.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Mission

To serve the community by distributing the Eucharist during liturgies.

Core Activities

- Join the presider in distributing the Eucharist during liturgies
- Incorporate the essence of Diocesan norms into regular practice.
- Maintain an active membership.
- Recruit and train additional members as needed.

Greeters

Mission

To project a spirit of welcome to parishioners and guests so they may feel the hospitality and sense of inclusion afforded by a Christ-centered community.

Core Activities

- Greet people entering the church, assist visitors, provide hymnals or worship aids, collect the offertory, and facilitate the Presentation of the Gifts.
- Set up and clean up the coffee/tea welcoming center in the Church.
- Recruit and train additional greeters to maintain a total of 60 ministers.
- Conduct refresher training for current greeters to review ministry roles and responsibilities.
- Evaluate the ministry's processes on a quarterly basis.

Hosts

Mission

To coordinate the liturgical service with the presider to provide a ministry of hospitality to current, new and visiting parishioners.

Core Activities

- Welcome the assembly, acknowledge guests, make announcements, and make sure the liturgy begins on time.
- Assist the Greeters by welcoming people and assisting wherever needed.
- Attend to any special liturgical needs that might arise.
- Maintain five hosts for each liturgy.
- Hold training sessions as needed.

Lectors

Mission

To proclaim the liturgical readings in a well-prepared and spiritually-inspired manner.

Core Activities

- Proclaim the Word of God to the assembly.
- Meet as a group twice a year to practice the ministry; receive feedback; and discuss guidelines, questions and issues.
- Recruit and train new lectors to maintain at least eight lectors per liturgy.

Liturgical Ministry Scheduling**Mission**

To ensure parishioners volunteering in liturgical ministries are adequately and fairly scheduled for their duties while avoiding as many time conflicts as possible.

Core Activities

- Maintain a web-based system for scheduling ministers.
- Provide assistance to ministers using the web system.

Music Ministry**Mission**

To effectively lead the assembly in praise and worship through song, while observing all facets of the parish mission.

Core Activities

- Provide well-planned and well-rehearsed music for all Parish liturgies.
- Maintain an adequate and faithful Catholic repertoire.
- Provide adequate training that will improve ministers' musicianship and understanding of the liturgy and scripture.
- Involve children and teens in some facet of Music Ministry.
- Recruit and train new cantors as needed.
- Recruit and train new music ministers.

Sacristan**Mission**

Maintain care of the Sacristy and all items needed for the celebration of Liturgy.

Core Activities

- Assist the pastor and the Director of Music and Liturgy as necessary to prepare for Mass.
- Assure maintenance and proper care of all materials needed for the celebration of Mass.
- Prepare all necessary items for celebration of Mass, placing them in their proper location.

Goals for 2019-2020

- To recruit & train more Altar Servers
- Expand the repertoire of Music Ministry, and standards of the music ministry, with new music, recruitment of additional musicians and singers
- Recruit and train new adult and youth cantors
- Ongoing training for Lectors: This happens twice a year
- Ongoing training for Eucharistic Ministers
- Training for new Sacristans, Hosts & Greeters
- Continuation of Christmas Sing along events
- Planning for new Concerts & Retreats 2020

Funeral Reception Committee

Mission

To minister to the members of Holy Infant and their families in their time of sorrow by providing food and refreshments after funeral services.

Core Activities

- Provide receptions following funerals for parishioners and their family members. Committee members provide the food, set-up and clean-up.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- One reception in fall for a previous parishioner. Family was impressed with Father Robert and parish.
- Seven funerals and receptions were held from January to September. Parishioners donated food and helped with serving and clean up. (Acknowledged as a wonderful caring parish).

PEACE, JUSTICE & HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Mission

The Peace, Justice and Human Concerns Commission works to promote an awareness of social justice issues within the Holy Infant community. It works to publicize opportunities for outreach activities, provide educational materials and make suggestions to the pastor concerning the disbursement of Charity and Justice funds.

CROP Walk

Mission

To raise at least \$1,000 for the Durham CROP Walk from walkers sponsored by Holy Infant Catholic Church.

Core Activities

- Recruit sponsored walkers from Holy Infant, including youth ministries.
- Encourage each walker to set a personal goal to raise a minimum donation from sponsors.
- Increase donations year over year.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Raised \$2,125 for the CROP Walk with a team of over 35 walkers. Our goal was \$1,500, up from \$1,000 in the prior year.

Goals (for 2019 – 2020)

- Raise at least \$2,000 for the CROP Walk with a team of at least 35 walkers.

DeSales Service Works

Mission

DeSales Service Works (DSW) is a Catholic service organization sponsored by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and based in the heart of Camden, New Jersey. As DSW volunteers, the Holy Infant mission group lives, works, prays, serves and experiences a retreat in this urban setting. A DSW retreat involves hands-on work that is helpful to the people of Camden. It provides an opportunity to learn from one another as we form relationships and share our common faith and compassion across economic, cultural, social and language differences. The DSW experience fosters the Christian worldview of St. Francis de Sales and brings the power of Salesian gentleness, humility and optimism to a very poor, hard-edged city.

Core Activities

- Run an annual retreat in Durham, helping teens connect to service opportunities in our local community

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Retreat in July 2018 – serving at Urban Ministries of Durham, Duke Hospital, Book Harvest. 7 teens participated.

Goals (for 2019 – 2020)

- Retreat in August 2019 – serving at Urban Ministries of Durham, Duke Hospital, Durham Food Pantry. 5 teens participating.
- Retreat in June/July of 2020. Serving at least 3 groups in the community. We'd like to have teens from other churches/groups join us.

Families Moving Forward (formerly Durham Interfaith Hospitality Network (DIHN))**Mission**

To support families with children in the crisis of homelessness by partnering with congregations and the community to provide a path to stability and self-sufficiency.

Core Activities

- Provide meals, hospitality and fellowship to families experiencing homelessness.
- Support activities for children so that residents can attend educational and support programs.
- Provide necessary household supplies for residents through the Barrels of Joy program.
- Participate in agency volunteer programs that support children and adults in residence.

Highlights from Last Year (2017- 2018)

- Continued with quarterly dinner and childcare events. The number of clients served increased from previous years.
- Collected Barrels of Joy donations in month of June. Approximately 351 items collected.
- Participated in the annual fundraiser for this agency by purchasing tickets to the Fall Gala.

Goals for Next Year (2019 -2020)

- Add another collection period for Barrels of Joy – specifying linens – sheets, towels, shower curtains.
- Increase number of parishioners involved by 2 (going from 18 to 20).
- Improve coordination between other ministries at Holy Infant that work with FMF.

Food Pantry**Mission**

To increase volunteer participation and donations of appropriate, non-perishable food and associated supplies for distribution to our neighbors in need and to victims of natural disasters.

Core Activities

- Continue to provide appropriate food items and non-perishable supplies, donated by Holy Infant parishioners, to Baby Love and Catholic Charities.
- Sort donated food/items and prepare bags for pick-up by Baby Love and Catholic Charities on a weekly basis.

Goals for Next Year (2019 -2020)

- Recruit more volunteers to deliver food.

Habitat for Humanity

Mission

To assist in providing affordable housing to the Durham community.

Core Activities

- Direct interested parishioners to appropriate constructions and ReStore volunteer opportunities.
- Provide refreshments to Habitat events.
- Provide and publicize ongoing opportunities for interested parishioners to support Habitat for Humanity.
- Maintain a database of Holy Infant parishioners interested in Habitat and actively supporting this ministry.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Recruit a new coordinator / liaison for this ministry.

Food Justice Garden (formerly Holy Infant Community Garden)

Mission

The Food Justice Garden provides fresh, organically grown vegetables to organizations and churches that assist the needy with food, such as Catholic Social Services, Parkwood PTA Pantry Ministry, Farmer FoodShare program, Feed My Sheep Ministry. Volunteers from the parish and local community plant vegetables and flowers, weed, water, harvest. A limited number of raised beds are available for parish families to grow fresh vegetables for their own table. Volunteering in the garden, typically on Saturday mornings, is a great way to build community relationships and teach your children how to grow vegetables.

Core Activities

- Build beds, grow plants, water, weed, harvest produce and distribute produce.

- Donate produce to parish organizations such as Urban Ministries Dinner and Families Moving Forward.
- Partner with the Knights of Columbus and JYM/TYM to provide service and work opportunities.
- Participate in Durham Farm and Food Network, Interfaith Food Shuttle, Durham CAN and Catholic Charities' efforts to advocate for community gardens, hunger issues, farming and environmental issues.
- Distribute food to Durham pantries and nutrition programs.
- Encourage other churches and community groups to raise produce for distribution.
- Offer summer internships to parish youth.
- Publicize opportunities for parishioners to attend forums on hunger, farming and environmental concerns.

Highlights from the Past Year (2018-2019)

- Shared approximately 2,000 lbs. of fresh produce with the Durham Food Pantry (aka Catholic Charities), Parkwood Elementary PTA pantry, Feed My Sheep, Families Moving Forward (in the quarterly meal we provide), and to End Hunger Durham's senior and fragile adults FOOD TALK sessions.
- Continued to participate with the Interfaith Food Shuttle's and Durham Farm and Food Network's efforts.
- Continued involvement in Parkwood Elementary Food Pantry and Summer Meals program.
- Successfully promoted Lettuce Pray where parish home gardeners bring produce to the garden on garden workdays resulting in increased donations.
- Supported advocacy with Durham Farm and Food Network for community gardens, small urban farms, just food policies, and food preservation and distribution.
- Have had several 'summer interns' working in the garden.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Increase parishioner participation working in the garden.
- Expand outreach to adults in low income housing complexes through the Grocery Bags for Senior program of the InterFaith Food Shuttle.

Meals on Wheels

Mission

To provide hot, nutritious noonday meals and personal contact to homebound people in the Durham community.

Core Activities

- Deliver 10 to 15 hot/cold noonday meals to Southern Durham County residents who are unable to provide for themselves.

- Operate Monday through Friday with most volunteers serving one or two days a month.
- Maintain communication and coordination with the Meals on Wheels main office staff to keep in touch with the latest policies and procedures.
- Attend the yearly Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by Meals on Wheels of Durham.
- Send weekly reminders regarding who is scheduled to delivery for the coming week.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Recruited several new volunteers to deliver meals.
- Continuing to partner with Triangle Presbyterian.
- Adopted our route clients for Holiday gifts (purchased, wrapped and delivered gifts to 10 people).

Goals for 2019-2020

- Recruit 3 – 4 new volunteers.

Respect Life Committee

Mission

To educate parishioners about Respect Life issues while communicating and providing opportunities for parishioners to work on behalf of Respect Life issues such as euthanasia, abortion, the death penalty, biotechnology and economic justice, and to celebrate the sanctity of human life in our parish community and liturgies.

Core Activities

- Encourage and promote spirituality of our parishioners and youth to pray for and support the sanctity of human life through our liturgies and other prayer opportunities throughout the year.
- Involve and encourage our Holy Infant youth to support and participate in Respect Life issues and events throughout the year.
- Plan and recruit volunteers for our annual Respect Life celebration in October.
- Communicate Respect Life topics and events using the bulletin, host announcements, parish website, electronic board, email and atrium handouts.
- Provide opportunities of service and charity for our parishioners to support the ministries of Pregnancy Support Services and Catholic Charities.
- Provide educational materials related to Respect Life issues throughout the liturgical year.
- Network with other parishes in the Piedmont Deanery to share Respect Life information/activities and coordinate Respect Life activities with them.
- Network with Holy Infant ministries and groups to support Respect Life activities.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Continued to communicate information about Respect Life activities and organize involvement of the parish community.
- Increased email grouping for Life Advocacy by 3 new parishioners.
- Three people attended the Mass for Life, Rally and State March for Life Jan 12.
- One person attended the National March for Life Jan. 18
- *Blessing of the Child in the Womb*: celebrated at all liturgies on the 3rd weekend of Advent. Prayer Table set up in atrium with booties and prayer card for expectant/adoptive parents.
- Organized and communicated information about our parish wide Respect Life Celebration in October to support the work of Catholic Charities and Pregnancy Support Services. With the help of 48 volunteers, our parishioners gave Catholic Charities and Pregnancy Support Services 699 new baby clothing items, 56 boxes of diapers or 2,907 individual diapers and \$960 in food gift cards.
- September and October, communicated information regarding the Durham Life Chain to the Respect Life email grouping. 2 parishioners attended.
- Increased email advocacy grouping by 4 new parishioners.
- Continued to communicate educational and spiritual events from diocese and networking with email grouping and when possible parish wide.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Identify a co-coordinator
- Initiate a Blessing for Grandparents
- NEW - communicating information and seeking support for "Room at the Inn" - A maternity home for homeless pregnant mothers and their children in Greensboro, NC

Share Your Christmas Committee

Mission

To provide Christmas gifts for the needy of our community.

Core Activities

- Provide gifts to Durham residents who are identified through Catholic Charities and Durham Social Services.
- Collect gifts and grocery gift cards to provide to Welcome Baby, Pregnancy Support Services, Baby Love and Catholic Charities.

- Schedule and coordinate the Gift Tag Selection Weekend and Gift Return Weekend.
- Maintain and update a list of active ministry members.
- Coordinate the delivery of Catholic Charities and Durham Social Services gifts.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Completed 2018 Share Your Christmas event.
- Ministry Chairs (Leader/Co-Leader) resigned creating open positions for 2019. New Ministry Chair: Love Anderson.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Smooth transition of this ministry under the new Ministry Chair.
- Recruit a co-leader for this ministry.

Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD) Dinners

Mission

To serve dinners on a scheduled basis to residents and guests at the Urban Ministries of Durham (UMD).

Core Activities

- Provide and serve the evening meal at the UMD on the third Sunday of 10 months per year.
- Ensure that all new and returning volunteers understand and follow the ministry guidelines and UMD policies.
- Encourage other Holy Infant ministries to donate their extra food items to the shelter throughout the year.
- Inform parishioners of the need for fresh produce at the shelter and encourage these donations.
- Coordinate use of the church kitchen throughout the year with other Holy Infant ministries and events.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Served approximately 1850 meals over the course of the year.

Goals (for 2019 – 2020)

- Continue serving the evening meal 10 months a year as scheduled.
- Continue being flexible when we arrive at UMD to prepare and serve the meal as the conditions at UMD change slightly from month to month.

Yarn Ministry

Mission

Utilizing the traditional yarn arts of knitting and crocheting, the Yarn Ministry seeks to:

- Provide physical and emotional comfort to those in need through gifts of handcrafted garments, blankets and other useful items.
- Create fellowship for persons who share a common interest in these arts.
- Pass on these traditional arts by teaching others to knit and crochet.

Core Activities

- Maintain a supply of prayer shawls for donation to Holy Infant parishioners in need, as identified by the Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Homebound as well as members of the Prayer Network.
- Identify populations in need (as well as organizations that minister to them) that would benefit from handcrafted items prepared by the Yarn Ministry.
- Create prayer shawls for individuals served through Duke Hospice.
- Join efforts with members of United Yarn Ministries of Hope Valley to create items for designated community projects.
- Create and sell handcrafted items at the annual Little Holiday Sale to generate funds for ministry projects.
- Participate in fellowship activities with the United Yarn Ministries of Hope Valley and other local fiber artists.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Held the 11th annual Little Holiday Sale to raise funds for yarn and supplies.
- Donated nearly 550 items (socks, T-shirts, underwear, hats, scarves, mittens to Immaculate Conception in Camden, N.J. and another Catholic parish in Wilmington N.C. where many of the parishioners are trying to recover from the hurricane.
- Held the 8th annual joint Yarn Retreat at Trinity Center with individuals from the Christ the King Yarn Ministry. 15 people in attendance.
- Held the annual joint Christmas potluck with individuals from the Christ the King Yarn Ministry. HI hosted this year.
- Donated 20 baby blankets to Newborns in Need in memory of Linda Eaton, a friend of the Yarn Ministry.
- Received several generous donations of yarn and supplies for our projects. A portion of these donations were “paid forward” to other local charity yarn groups.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Continue ongoing projects, including prayer shawls for Duke Hospice and the HI community
- Plan and execute other short-term projects for charity programs that can use knitted/crocheted items
- Continue to teach others to knit and crochet, and continue to develop members’ skills in these arts

- Hold the 12th annual Little Holiday Sale November 9-10. Proceeds will be used to purchase yarns and supplies. A portion of proceeds will also be donated to a charity project whose mission supports those of the PJHC Commission. Items not sold in the Little Holiday Sale will be donated to charity.
- The 9th annual Yarn Retreat will take place December 6-8
- The annual Christmas potluck with The King's Knitters will take place in early January, at the end of the holiday season. Donations of socks and underwear will be collected for the homeless.

Social Justice Education and Initiatives

Mission

The mission of this ministry is to enhance parishioner's knowledge and understanding of social justice teachings in the Gospel and opportunities for promoting justice in our local and global communities. We provide an Offering of Letters in coordination with Bread for the World, participate in Durham Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods efforts to improve life in Durham, etc.

Core Activities

- Raise awareness and educate parishioners on how they can respond to local poverty in Durham through participation in the efforts of Durham Congregations, Associations, and Neighborhoods (CAN); Durham Congregations in Action (DCIA); End Poverty Durham and other local organizations focused on making lasting changes toward ending hunger and poverty.
- Recruit parishioners to get involved in social justice and environmental stewardship opportunities.
- Conduct a Bread for the World Offering of Letters to aid efforts to reduce national and global hunger.
- Hold education events addressing parishioners' needs identified in listening sessions.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Used the parish CONNECTOR to provide social justice information and opportunities.
- Continued to support Durham CAN activities; partnered with a Durham CAN representative and held an informational meeting with the purpose of increasing parishioner participation in CAN meeting and activities.
- Continued to work with the Religious Coalition for Nonviolent Durham (RCND) in various efforts which support victims of crime and their families.
- Held Bread for the World Offering of Letters event.
- Participated on organizational committee for the 2018 Durham Bread for the World Convention.

- Worked with DCIA and End Hunger Durham, and Durham Partnership for Seniors to advocate for an end to hunger in Durham.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Increase the number of parishioners who are aware of and participate in activities sponsored by the Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham (RCND) in particular joining the Community Circles which are held monthly.

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Mission

To develop parish life through community building and fellowship by offering programs and events to enrich and support the lives of the parishioners of Holy Infant.

Health Ministry

Mission

To enrich and support the lives of the Holy Infant faith community by promoting opportunities to increase awareness that a sound mind and sound body enhance a sound spirit.

Core Activities

- Provide advice and support to the parish regarding health-related equipment, facilities and services.
- Provide health and wellness educational opportunities.
- Sponsor blood drives and health-screening programs.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Mary Beth MacGranaghan is the new coordinator of this ministry.
- Flu shots administered to 47 parishioners.
- Four new members with medical experience were added. They are working on classes on Advance Directives and Medicare Enrollment Bootcamps which need Father's approval.
- Worked on spring blood drive, hand sanitizer stations, and cups at the water fountain.
- The first aid kit has been updated.
- Eight new members to the ministry during the summer.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Fall Dementia workshop partnering with Stephen Ministry
- Flu shots after mass the weekend of September 28th and 29th
- Blood drive October 19th
- Explore options for Spring and Fall 2020 given construction issues
- Continue to work with Safety and Security Committee for planning security teams. (Reaching out to Joyce Cervati)
- Provide periodic education/wellness sessions in-person or via articles or videos on the connector. (Reaching out to Josee Meehan)
 - Follow-up dementia
 - Home safety/falls
 - Car seat safety
 - Reach out to TYM/JYM for appropriate topics. (Vaping, smoking?)

HI Society

Mission

To plan and implement social events to foster fellowship among single and married parishioners aged forty and over.

Core Activities

- Gather eight times per year for a fellowship potluck.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Resumed meetings after summer. They had a Halloween night and Thanksgiving feast with ornament exchange in November. It was suggested that they have an activity director for outside excursions, but this was voted down.
- A Valentine and St. Patrick day event was held in February due to a conflict with the March date.
- Met in June and September. Continued with Halloween costume party and Thanksgiving feast to finish out the year.

Goals for 2019-2020

- To meet about eight times a year. Enjoy a pot luck meal and fellowship. Have a fall party, Halloween party, Thanksgiving party with ornament exchange, football theme, Valentine's and St. Patrick's parties.

Holy Infant Golf Association (HIGA)

Mission

To bring parish members together to share the game of golf and to promote fellowship, foster new relationships within our parish life, provide opportunities to gather together on a regular basis, and serve and contribute to the Holy Infant community.

Core Activities

- Provide opportunities for fellowship by sponsoring golf outings.
- Identify projects in the Holy Infant community where HIGA members can contribute their time, talent and treasure.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Distributed \$750 to various charities.
- Elected officers
- Scheduled ten golf tournaments for the year.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Distribute \$900 to various charities.

- Scheduled 9 golf tournaments for this year
- Grow the league and encourage the golf playing members of the church to get to know each other.

Hospitality Committee

Mission

To host welcome functions at the parish, providing a warm and inviting environment for fellowship.

Core Activities

- Provide refreshments for parish events such as New Parishioner Orientations, Easter vigil reception, graduate reception, Fellowship Weekends, and other events as requested by the parish. Also organize food and servers for Vacation Bible Camp.
- Host several Fellowship Weekends each year to promote the various commissions and ministries.
- Plan and host parish picnic
- Plan special events as requested by the pastor or parish.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- The annual picnic was a success with bountiful food donated and purchased. There was a band, clowns, bouncy houses and crafts.
- Refreshments and paper supplies were provided to other ministries at their request.
- Food was provided for a reception after the Easter Vigil.
- Mother's Day weekend vases of roses were sold with proceeds going to the flower fund.
- Refreshments were provided after the First Communion mass for family and friends.
- Graduation ceremony for high school students who were Holy Infant parishioners was held.

Goals for 2019-2020

- To obtain a minister for the hospitality ministry
- To support other ministries that need refreshment services. Such as: Liturgical ministry ceremonial ground breaking.
- To have a useful, functioning kitchen

Knights of Columbus

Mission

To assist Holy Infant Parish through programs that support the church, families and youth in the local community and statewide.

Core Activities

- Host activities and fund raisers to support Holy Infant and the Catholic Community
- Provide personal and financial support to church activities and events

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Assisted Faith Development with The Christmas Party
- Helped Catholic charities buy a new scale, donated money and food from Holy Infant garden.
- Supported "Donuts for Dad" on Father's day with help from the Liturgical Ministry
- Assist Liturgical Ministry with the Mother's day roses sale.
- Grounds beautification
- Coats for Kids
- Share your Xmas
- Rosary making
- Hosted one of the Lenten Stations of the Cross
- Humanitarian aid and distribution of supplies during episodes of disaster
- Youth BB and Soccer challenges (statewide)
- Weekly maintenance of the inside plants
- 44 active Knights.
- Awarded "Columbian/Fr. McGivney Combination award for the 2018-19.
- Raised money for the LAMB foundation " Least Among My Brethren " serving people with intellectual disabilities.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Fund youths to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in NYC.
- Provide financial support to a seminarian
- Be part of the shuttle service for Parishioners when the New church construction starts.
- Start Bingo nights

New Parishioner Orientation Events

Mission

To welcome new parishioners and provide them an opportunity to learn more about the organization of Holy Infant parish and the various ministries within the parish.

Core Activities

- Host five orientation events per year.
- Provide information about Holy Infant's organizational structure and parish programming to new members of the parish.
- Enlist ministry leaders to provide information about ways to get involved.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Ministry leadership changed in December: Prema Menezes is the new Minister.
- Conducted orientations in March and May.
- Meetings have been changed to Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. mass.
- Suggest providing light food.
- Invite other ministries to encourage involvement in the parish.

Goals for 2019-2020

- Encourage new parishioners to become involved in the church.
- Investigate a social of the new parishioners some time in 2020.

Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Mission

To be Christ for others and to discover Christ more deeply in our own lives by taking the Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend liturgy.

Core Activities

- Faithfully serve, every weekend, every person from Holy Infant that is sick and/or homebound and has requested to receive the Eucharist.
- Hold weekly group services each Sunday at Assisted Living Centers in Durham.
- Accommodate additional sick and homebound visits that do not readily conform to existing routes, e.g., temporary visitors from other parishes
- Recruit, train, and retain high-quality ministers to the sick and homebound.
- Collaborate with the Yarn Ministry to deliver knitted items to our sick and homebound.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Routinely visited 40-44 recipients of Holy Communion.
- Recipients are organized into four regular routes, each covered by a minister and one 'extra' route.
- Made approximately 1,430 person visits in the first eight months of this year.
- We held our first of two semi-annual 2019 Potlucks for all ministers and guests this past spring
- In every case, responded within the same week to new requests from the Parish office for Holy Communion visits.

- Delivered Yarn Ministry prayer shawls to all those that were newly added to our routes.
- Recruited one new minister
- Have one potential new minister that is currently going through discernment
- Members appeared in a parish video intended to recruit additional ministers.

Goals for 2019-2020

- To faithfully serve every sick and/or homebound person that has requested receiving the Eucharist.
- Recruit, train, and retain high quality ministers to the sick and homebound.
- Continue to hold a spring/fall afternoon of reflection and “Pot Luck” dinner for all the people of this ministry.
- Collaborate with the Yarn Ministry to deliver knitted items to the sick and homebound.
- Accommodate additional visits that do not readily conform to our existing routes, e.g., temporary visitors from other parishes and temporary recipients.
- Annually review and update job descriptions, expectations, and guidelines and contacts for ministry.
- Deliver prayer shawls and Christmas plants/cookies to all sick and homebound.

Centering Prayer

Mission

To provide an opportunity for parishioners to pray and support one another in the style of contemplative prayer.

Core Activities

- Weekly contemplative prayer meetings.
- Activities in affiliation with Triangle Contemplative Outreach.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Increased active members by ten during the 2018-2019 year

Goals 2019-2020

- To continue to grow

Vocations Prayer Group

Mission

To pray regularly for our Oblate and diocesan seminarians.
(Ministry Currently Under Review)

Prayer Network

Mission

To minister to the needs of God’s people in our parish and beyond by offering prayer and support through a daily e-mail.

Core Activities

- Prayer ministers pray for the needs of the community as expressed in prayer requests received by the network coordinators.
- This ministry is coordinated primarily by phone and email.
- Prayer Network is included in the Intercessory Prayers during the Sunday liturgies.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Have 50 members

Goals 2019-2020

- To continue to reach out to the parish for those who are in need of prayers whether it be for themselves, loved ones or friends.

Marian Prayer

Mission

To pray for our Shepherds, our congregation and special requests through the intercession of Our Blessed Lady.

Core Activities

- Meet weekly for prayer.

Goals 2019-2020

- To increase and encourage more participation and prayers this coming year.

Rosary Making Group

Mission

To make rosary beads for any person or group who wants one.

Core Activities

- Meet twice a month to make rosary beads, by hand.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- A hundred rosaries were sent to Father Mike in December of 2017.
- Rey and wife are only ones working on rosaries. Hoping K Of C will provide some new help.

Goals 2019-2020

- To continue to encourage adults high school age and up to participate in rosary making.

Servants of God Prayer Group

Mission

To bring renewal to individuals in the church through the power of the Holy Spirit and to proclaim the Good News and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Core Activities

- Bi-weekly prayer meetings on Saturday evenings for sharing reflections and insights on the readings for the upcoming Sunday.
- Participation in Diocesan charismatic activities and charismatic conferences.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Has acquired a CD player to help with singing hymns.
- Dee attended a conference held at St. Michaels sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Raleigh Diocese and found it very enlightening and encouraging.
- Some members attended a conference, Ignited by Truth in Raleigh.
- Distribution of work assignment is being tried to encourage member participation.
- Encouraged members to be in sync with the Liturgical season to allow timely discussion.

Goals 2019-2020

- To be guided by the Holy Spirit so our prayer group can reach out to others to pray for their healing, physically and emotionally.
- Praying on demand for requests by those who come to us.
- Assistive living / nursing home visitations.
- Participation in conferences, workshops, etc. to enhance knowledge about the true power of the Holy Spirit.

Stephen Ministry

Mission

Lay caregivers, called Stephen Ministers, are equipped and empowered through the Stephen Series system to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister comes alongside a hurting person and meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

Core Activities

- Recruit and train new Stephen Ministers as needed.
- Review care receiver requests and match with a Stephen Minister.
- Provide ongoing formation and support for Stephen Ministers.
- Promote awareness of Stephen Ministry in the parish.

- Ensure that there are Stephen Leaders trained to oversee the Stephen Series.

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- The team meets twice monthly and serves 11 care receivers. Holy Infant has joined other churches for training.
- Have 24 ministers that have completed their training and were commissioned.
- The Ministry Fair was a contact place for receivers and ministers to get information.
- Three ministers were sent to a national Stephen Leaders Training Course in January.
- All Stephen Ministers are connected with receivers.
- Initiate a parish *Journeying Through Grief* process to support family members throughout the year following the death of a parishioner and acquaint them with Stephen Ministry

Goals for 2019-2020

- Sponsor two formation events for Stephen Ministers that are open to the parish: Dementia (Fall 2019); Spring topic TBD.
- Recruit, train, and commission at least 12 more Stephen Ministers in 2020.
- Continue to support and foster the Journeying Through Grief process.

Young Adult Ministry

Mission

To build relationships and spiritual fortitude in young adults 18-35 by providing opportunities for fellowship, service and faith conversations.

Core Activities

- Monthly Trivia Nights
- Bi-weekly Young Women's Gatherings, including social and spiritual
- Coordinate social events
- Connect young families through facebook groups

Highlights from Last Year (2018-2019)

- Young adults volunteered at Ronald McDonald house
- Created young families facebook group
- Young families gather with donuts after mass
- 2 highchairs donated for meal-centered events in HI
- Hosted a young families gathering at restaurant

Goals for 2019-2020

- Establish monthly trivia first Wed. of the month

- Host a wine & design night
- Host a young women's dinner
- Had a rocking chair donated to nursery
- Hosted a dinner and arcade evening
- Established a monthly e-newsletter with upcoming events
- Continue offering social, spiritual and service opportunities for young adults ages 18-39.
- Continue to support the needs of young families with our parish community.