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SAINT ANNE CHURCH

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August 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is almost a year since I received the assignment to join with you on our faith journey together at Saint Anne Parish. It is a great blessing for me. Thank you for your welcoming, sharing, and understanding of me in this my first year.

Reflecting on this Parish Directory, I see it as a wonderful way to connect us together. It also reminds us of the many blessings which God has bestowed on our Parish. This directory also reminds us that we are family members, friends, and fellow parishioners some of whom we may not even know their names. Very important too is that it reminds us that we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

May God bless us, our families, and our parish.

Rev. Tri M. Luong
Pastor

PARISH STAFF

Father Tri M. Luong.....Pastor
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 and 10:30 AM
.....	1:00 PM Vietnamese
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday	6:30 AM
Wednesday	7:00 PM
Monday & Friday	7:00 PM Vietnamese
Reconciliation	Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM

Holy Days

Eve of Holy Day	5:30 PM
Holy Day	9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

HISTORY OF ST. ANNE PARISH AND SCHOOL

St. Anne Parish was established on November 5, 1923. The first Mass was celebrated by Bishop Philip McDevitt in the convent chapel (currently the Parish Library) on Sunday, December 16, 1923.

The Gunzenhauser properties, located at 929 and 925 North Duke Street which were part of the Hartman Estate, were purchased as sites for the first church, school, convent and rectory. Mass was held in the convent chapel until a church could be built. The founding Pastor, Fr. Thomas McEntee, served from 1923-1946 and his Assistant Pastor was Fr. Francis Weiner. St. Anne School opened on the second floor of the convent (the current rectory) with 72 students in September 1924 with three Sisters of Mercy teaching the children. Fr. McEntee recognized the need for a combination church and school and groundbreaking for a new facility took place on June 4, 1930. The new church and school were dedicated on May 31, 1931. When the new St. Anne School building opened in September of 1931, it had an enrollment of 136 students. The building was constructed at a cost of \$160,000.

During the 1950s, Monsignor Charles Allen, Pastor, initiated and conducted the first renovation of the church. He removed the plaster molded tops off the altars and a large crucifix donated by the Gerz Family was suspended above the main altar. Some statues were removed and the two side altars were eliminated. A statue of St. Therese was donated for use in the newly renovated church.

Also during the 1950s, Lancaster Catholic High School rented some of the school classrooms. There was a Boys' Club with pool tables and games on the second floor of the old school facing the rectory. At this time, the Mother's Club bought the Nativity which is still currently used in church at Christmas.

In 1960, the school enrollment had grown to 316 students. A new addition on the Cherry Street side of the building was added which provided six new classrooms. At this time, seven houses adjacent to the parish property were purchased for future expansion. In 1962, another addition was added on the rectory side of the school building adding six more classrooms. The school enrollment grew to 575 students and the number of parishioners grew to 4,345. The church went through more renovations resulting from changes due to the Vatican II Council which included a new altar allowing the celebrant to face the people.

By the late 1960s, it was apparent that the church was not large enough for the Parish, nor could we build on the space we had available. The Pastor, Fr. Mongelluzzi, met with Bishop Daley several times to begin a search for property suitable for a future church.

In the 1970s, a site for the new church was located; and a campaign was conducted to build a new church. The houses along Duke St. were sold to help fund the new church. It was determined by the diocese that the new church would actually become a new parish. In 1978, St. John Neumann Church was founded and new parish boundaries were drawn. It was during this period that the orientation of St. Anne Church was changed from a long center aisle to the present semicircle design.

The school continued to serve both parishes and is governed and financially supported by both parishes. The two parishes share a close relationship in other ministries including the annual Christmas Dinner, Crusader Youth Athletic Association, and the St. Anne/Neumann Senior Group.

The last major renovation to the church was in 2003. In 2007, the cafeteria kitchen was totally remodeled.

In 2009, the school received its first ever accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges. The school continues to demonstrate academic growth by winning awards in Science and National History Day competitions. Since 2006, the school has included Spanish, Latin, and a Challenge Program to its curriculum. The school also offers a preschool for three and four-year-olds which is located in the St. John Neumann building.

There have been many changes to St. Anne Church and School. God's hands have always been there to guide and protect this holy place. The Parish of St. Anne is truly a community of believers committed to the spiritual well being of its parishioners and families under the protection of the Mother of Mary, St. Anne.



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ABOUT ST. ANNE SCHOOL

St. Anne School is a Catholic, faith-filled educational community dedicated to the spiritual growth and academic success of all children. The school provides an environment of faith, hope, love and discipline. We strive to prepare students to become responsible, respectful and active leaders and citizens.

We Believe:

- In open communication between home, school and community.
- Parents, teachers and administrators share the responsibility for advancing our children's religious and academic education.
- Each person in our community is a child of God and must be treated with dignity and respect at all times.
- Our students learn to practice what Jesus taught by serving others in regular charitable activities sponsored by the school, parishes and community.
- Our school is Catholic, yet open and accessible to all students regardless of faith denomination.
- In academically challenging our students with a rigorous curriculum by providing areas of study and technologies over and above the required curriculum.
- Each student is provided a safe opportunity to develop his or her unique God-given gifts.
- In promoting civic values and patriotism.

Philosophy and Objectives

St. Anne School exists for the child. Its primary aim is the full development of each child, so that, as an adult, he or she can participate in mature decision making based on sound Christian values. We believe that a Catholic education is unique in many respects. Centered as it is on the Gospel message of Jesus Christ, the role of our school is to form a strong faith community with the parents, faculty and students, flowing from a loving, forgiving and trustful Christ-centered way of life. Through the efforts of a qualified staff, the Christian values that parents instill in their children are supported, strengthened and deepened in an atmosphere of love and openness. The love of children and the belief that each child is a gift from God results in the respect, caring and warmth that exists in St. Anne School.

ST. ANNE CHURCH AND SCHOOL BUILDING FROM WITHIN

Honoring the sacrifices and generosity of those who came before us by restoring and enhancing their gifts to serve those who come after us.

Two years ago we honored our ancestors as we joyfully celebrated our rich 90-year history. We drew strength and courage from looking back at the struggles and successes of those who came before us. With a renewed spirit, we now look to provide for, protect and grow our own community and those we serve.

In the fall of 2014, the Diocese of Harrisburg approved the Parish's request to undertake the following four separate projects. Each project stands alone and will only be initiated when the funding is available.

Becoming Energy Efficient - Replace the original 1930 steam heating system and the windows in the four classrooms facing the parking lot with more efficient and cost effective alternatives. ACCOMPLISHED!

Providing Accessibility - Install an elevator that serves all three floors and install a ramp in the breezeway entrance to the Parish library.

Ensuring Safety - Relocate the school office to Room 14 to allow for the office to be the point of entry for all visitors during the school week and move the Kindergarten room to Room 13 so that all school space will be contiguous.

Creating Community - Repurpose the vacated School Office and Kindergarten room in order to create a community space for use by all church ministry areas.

All are invited to be a part of this renewal of spirit and space. If the proper funding is secured, the installation of the elevator and the relocation of the school office will begin in the early summer of 2017. Your generous gifts of prayers and financial resources will manifest into the blessings these renovations will provide to all we serve. To make a contribution or to learn more about the projects, visit the Parish website at stannechurch.org or call the Parish Office at 717-392-2225, or Chris Whalen at 717-394-9512.

ST. ANNE PARISH MINISTRIES

MINISTRIES OF SERVANT

The mission of Servant involves imitating the example of Christ through social action programs.

Brown Bag Lunch

Contact: *Mary Ann Welsh, 717-394-7576, rwelsh186@comcast.net*

The Brown Bag Lunch program utilizes warm and welcoming volunteers and Parish staff who, using food items either donated or purchased with funds from the St. Vincent DePaul Society, kindly prepare a brown bag lunch usually consisting of a sandwich, fruit item, dessert and beverage. These lunches, which are distributed Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM at the St. Anne Parish building, feed approximately 125 people a day. Three to four volunteers are utilized each day to prepare and serve the lunches. Volunteers can sign up to work monthly, weekly or as a substitute. Donated food items such as pretzels, cookies, bread and fresh fruit are always needed, as well as supplies, such as brown bags, sandwich and snack baggies.

Homebound

Contact: *Opening-Person needed, call the office to inquire, 717-392-2225*

The Homebound Ministry is a ministry of servant and sacrament devoted to bringing the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. Ministers to the homebound typically are Extraordinary Ministers who bring the Eucharist and Good News of the Gospel directly from Mass. If you are an Extraordinary Minister (or parishioner with a calling to visit the homebound) and wish to broaden your ministry experience in this special way, please contact the Parish office. Scheduling is flexible, and training and a scripted handbook are provided.

Christmas Dinner

Contact: *Ted Dzubinski, 717-560-9133, td3729@comcast.net*

Prepared and served in the St. Anne cafeteria each Christmas Day, this annual dinner provides a hot, traditional Christmas Day meal to over 800 individuals who may not have otherwise been able to share a meal on the day of Christ's birth. Preparations begin in October. Help is needed to solicit community donations; to purchase gifts, supplies and food; to transport guests to and from the dinner; and to set up and clean up. Call or email Ted for more information or to volunteer.

Community Meals

**Contact: Kristy and Tom Monahan, 717-560-4713,
kristymonahan@yahoo.com**

Prepare and serve a hot meal on the first Friday of the month six times a year (alternating months: February, April, June, August, October and December) at St. Mary's Church to approximately 125-150 individuals.

This ministry is part of a larger, county-wide, multi-faith ministry that offers the hungry of Lancaster a hot meal each night of the week at various locations. Cooks are scheduled to prepare a meal once a year. Cooks decide the menu and have the availability to prepare the meal at home ahead of time. Servers work from 4:00 to 6:30 PM setting up, serving and cleaning up. We are currently in need of an additional cook. Please call or email Kristy for more information or to volunteer.

Funeral Luncheons

**Contact: Carole and Dave Coady, 717-560-2154,
d.coady@verizon.net**

Offer the comfort and solace found in a warm luncheon buffet to those who have participated in funeral services at St. Anne Church. The opportunity to share a meal with family and friends in a faith-filled environment can assist the grieving and mourning of a loved one called to eternal rest.

You can prepare, provide or serve food; set up or clean up. The Funeral Lunch Committee's goal is to provide a free lunch for up to fifty people in a comfortable environment for the relatives and friends of a deceased parishioner. We are able to offer soft music and have the capability to show DVDs of the deceased's life, if requested, during the luncheon.

Our responsibilities consist of calling parishioners to donate food, shopping at the local market for items not provided by donation, setting up the room, cleaning up afterwards and coordinating with the Parish office to ensure that adequate serving pieces are available. Please call Carole Coady for more information or to volunteer.

Giant Food Pick Up

**Contact: Wayne and Judy Bechtel, 717-569-1222,
judybechtel@comcast.net**

Redistribute resources and prevent waste. The Giant Food Store in Centerville donates their leftover bakery items for our use in the Brown Bag Lunch Program. Volunteer drivers pick up the food and deliver it to St. Anne's on Sunday morning. Drivers are scheduled once every 4-5 weeks. An orientation is provided. Please call or email Judy if you would like to volunteer.

Manna Bags

Contact: Phil Capp, 717-393-8962, pscapp@aol.com

Brown grocery bags are distributed to parishioners for donating food to people in need in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The Manna Bags Program benefits the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank and the Parish Brown Bag Lunch Program. Volunteers sort through the collections and transport the goods to the Food Bank. Food is collected on a year round basis as well. There is a collection basket in the Liberty Street narthex. Volunteers are needed. For more information, please call or email Phil.

World Hunger Cookie Sale

Contact: Kay Rathsam, 717-872-6725, rcrathsam@aol.com

Cookie trays are sold from parishes throughout Lancaster County. The event runs from November to the second weekend in December. The church posts notices through the weekly bulletin informing parishioners of the dates. The contact person tallies the orders, collects the checks and calls the orders in one week prior to the cookies being delivered. The cookies are delivered to the church and are distributed during a designated weekend in December after each Mass. They are great for hostess gifts, office parties, or family gatherings. All proceeds help the Cross International Hunger Relief Program to provide meals in third world countries. Call or email Kay to help.

Catholic Worker House

Contact: Dan Gallagher, 717-392-0277, gallfam03@comcast.net

The Catholic Worker House, named the Corpus Christi House, is located at 41 West Vine Street in Lancaster. The mission of the Catholic Worker House is to welcome and provide hospitality to the “stranger.” The primary purpose of the Catholic Worker House, however, is to provide housing to the working poor. At this time, there is one family at the Corpus Christi House. It also fulfills its mission through a winter clothing drive and providing a hot meal on most Saturdays throughout the year as well as providing an Easter Sunday meal for the homeless and hosting two temporary homeless shelters in the winter at various area churches within the City of Lancaster. In the summer, volunteers tend to a garden in order to grow the vegetables used in its meals. St. Anne Parish is a supporting parish of the Catholic Worker House. All are invited to volunteer or donate to the Catholic Worker House.

MINISTRIES OF COMMUNITY

The mission of Community involves uniting parishioners as a community through parish organizations, activities and functions.

Crusader Youth Activity Association

Contact: Pat Henry, 717-419-9924, patrick.b.henry.jr@gmail.com

Bringing children together as a community, this program offers an avenue for involvement after school. Having fun and building confidence while learning sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for one another are the focus of the program. CYAA is an active participant in leagues involving boys and girls basketball, soccer (fall and spring) and cheerleading. All children from St. Anne Parish, St. John Neumann Parish and students of St. Anne School are eligible to play. Adults and young adults are needed for coaching, score or time keeping, selling concessions and helping with fundraising. Please call or email Pat with questions or to volunteer. Visit the website at <http://www.catholicleagues.com/cyaa> for more information.

Palm Sunday Egg Hunt

Contact: Terry Tafelski, 717-397-4421, Tafelski812@comcast.net

This committee organizes and provides a traditional Easter “egg hunt” on Palm Sunday which takes place immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. All children through Grade 6 are welcome to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to watch the joy of our young parishioners as they hunt for candy filled eggs in the Peace Garden and area surrounding the church. Volunteers are needed to hide the eggs after Mass. The committee handles all communications and preparations for the event. For more information or to help, please contact Terry.

Special Moment Acknowledgement

Contact: Janet Kreiner, 717-394-7003, jjak1939@aol.com

A ministry of hospitality in which expressions of appreciation, greetings, condolences and congratulations are sent to parishioners on behalf of the St. Anne Parish community for milestone birthdays, graduations, sacramental firsts and special anniversaries. If you enjoy expressing yourself in written word, we welcome your help. Please call or email Janet to volunteer.

New Member Welcoming

Contact: Rebecca Morales, 717-394-0971, rmorales516@aol.com

Members of this ministry of hospitality give the gift of genuine social comfort by greeting and bonding new parishioners to St. Anne Church. This involves welcome notes, phone calls, a get-together and an invitation from the Stewardship Committee to share their time, talent and treasure with the Parish. Volunteers are needed. Please call or email Becky to help.

Parish Advocate for People with Disabilities

Contact: Ruth Van Orden, 717-397-4605,

ruth.vanorden@comcast.net

The Diocesan Office of Ministry for People with Disabilities initiated this ministry to enable parishes to respond to the gifts and needs of parishioners with disabilities. The Ministry is committed to building an environment where people with any disability are included in worship, parish life and parish programs. At St. Anne, our goal is to not only make the worship space and liturgies more accommodating for our fellow parishioners with any type of limitation, but as importantly, to identify and utilize the gifts of each person to the fullest. As such, if you know of any impediments to full participation in any aspect of parish life, or any disability-related issue that needs to be addressed with Parish staff, please contact us by phone or email. Likewise, if you are aware of anyone with limitations who has a gift to share with the Parish, please put us in touch with them.

Volunteers are needed to go to monthly Diocesan meetings, distribute information to the parish, evaluate the parish space for needed changes and to reach out to parishioners with disabilities to assist them in sharing their gifts. For more information or to get involved, please call or email Ruth.

Parish Directory

Contact: Mark Dalton, 717-629-2174, *mark_m_dalton@yahoo.com*

The purpose of the Parish Directory is to foster communication among parishioners and provide Parish staff and ministry contact information. Throughout the year the parishioner's address, telephone number and email address database is updated by the Parish office staff. Once a year a group of parishioners work together to update various sections of the directory to include: the history of the Parish and the school, the ministry descriptions and contact names and numbers and the directory cover. Any substantial changes to this format require Parish Council approval. Lastly, the updated directory is sent electronically to a vendor for publication. New committee members are welcome and if interested should contact Mark.

Parish History and Archives

Contact: Christine Whalen, 717-394-9512, *patkwhalen@aol.com*

This committee documents, records and archives the history of St. Anne Parish and School. Responsibilities may include interviewing parishioners, researching documents and newspaper articles or creating and updating scrap books. The committee recently completed a pictorial wall of history in celebration of the Parish's 90th anniversary. This display hangs in the Parish library and is open for viewing during normal business hours. The committee meets as needed depending on the project. To join in the fun, please call or email Chris.

MINISTRIES OF HERALD

The mission of Herald involves proclaiming the Word of God and salvation in Christ through education, evangelization and communication.

St. Anne School

**Contact: Suzanne Wood, 717-394-6711,
woodsuzanne@stannelancaster.org**

St. Anne Catholic School is a faith filled educational community with Christ as its center. Pre-K through Grade 8, it is dedicated to the spiritual growth and academic success of all children. As it has for the past 90 plus years, the school will continue to provide an environment of hope, love and discipline preparing students to become responsible, respectful and active Catholic leaders and citizens. For more information or to get involved, please call the School Office at the contact number above.

St. Anne School Parent Teacher Organization

**Contact: Cheri Reynolds, 570-954-5948,
Reynolds1000@hotmail.com**

This organization is open to parents, guardians and school personnel who are interested in and willing to be of service to St. Anne School. Their purpose is to promote the ideals of a Catholic education and the mutual responsibilities of parent and teacher. It also raises funds for educational enhancements, teacher appreciation and social events. It is governed by an executive board of five which meets monthly. For more information or to volunteer, please call or email Cheri.

Parish Religious Education (PRE)

**Contact: Caitlyn Dusablon, Director of Religious Education (DRE),
717-392-2225, cldusablon@gmail.com**

The Parish Religious Education Program provides religious education for those children in the Parish who attend public schools, Grades K-8. There is nothing more important in this life than to have a deep and meaningful relationship with the Triune God, through his gift of the Church. Children are taught, what has begun at home, the essentials of the Catholic faith. Students will come to understand important aspects such as the Mass, the Sacraments and that being authentically Catholic means living each day joyfully following Christ's commands in all aspects of life. Religious Education classes begin in September and run until May, from 9:15-10:15 AM Sundays. It is vital and expected for students to be present each class.

Any adult interested in becoming a catechist should be able to teach the faith each week, have a love of the faith and want to make a difference in the youth of our Parish. For more information or to volunteer, contact Caitlyn.

Stewardship Committee

Contact: Christine Whalen, 717-394-9512, patkwhalen@aol.com

This committee promotes Stewardship as a way of life. Realizing that discipleship requires the surrender of one's self through grace and choice to Jesus Christ, he or she accepts that their being and all it possesses are gifts from God which must be shared in order to build the kingdom. The committee is responsible for the education and awareness of the true meaning of being a Christian steward. This responsibility is borne out by the promotion of Stewardship through all ministries. The committee facilitates the giving of time and talent through effective worship and ministry opportunities and enables a sense of fulfillment, peace and joy through sacrificial giving. The Committee meets as needed. Time commitment varies depending on area of responsibility and time of year. New committee members are needed and welcome. Please call or email Chris to serve on the committee or to volunteer.

Scripture Sharing

Contact: Rich Lichty, 717-291-9832, ralichty47@verizon.net

Adult scripture sharing sessions meet to allow participants to reflect more deeply on what the "Word of God" communicates. The seasons of Advent and Lent have been the customary times that are used for these evening gatherings. The group usually follows a pre-selected theme or topic with appropriate resource materials to guide discussion. Besides the actual scripture that is used, the reflections of the gathered adults add a very enriching and enlightening aspect to the sessions. The spontaneous sharing is always a blessing to all involved and makes us aware of how the Spirit speaks to each of us. For more information or to volunteer, please email or call Rich.

Outreach to Inactive Parishioners

Contact: Frank Himmelsbach, 717-393-5210, mhflowers2@outlook.com

This ministry is an effort to "welcome home" parishioners who have been away from Mass and the Sacraments. The ministry's aim is to bring the one true happiness—active Eucharistic faith—back into the lives of parishioners who may be disillusioned, questioning their faith or searching for meaning in their lives. It is also an opportunity for current parishioners to respond to their Baptismal call and the command at the end of every Mass to live out the Gospel and spread the Good News. If you would like to truly change lives and can give as little as one to two hours a month, or just occasional assistance, call Frank to volunteer or for additional information.

Sign Messaging

Contact: Mike Tafelski, 717-682-0938, tafelski812@comcast.net

This ministry is responsible for maintaining the St. Anne Church sign located on the corner of Duke and Liberty Streets. The sign consists of three lines, 13 characters per line of interchangeable letters. It is used to post Mass times, reminders of church and/or school events and for inspired sayings or messages. Anyone interested in assisting with this ministry either by providing suggested messages or rotating responsibilities, please contact Mike or send him a text message to the number above.

Parish Library Committee

Contact: Opening-Person needed, call the office to inquire, 717-392-2225

The Parish Library is a spiritual and faith enriching resource for all parishioners and school families to use. The Committee oversees the operation and maintenance of the Library. These responsibilities include inventory and equipment management, the scheduling and marketing of events and programs and writing book reviews for the parish bulletin and website. This Committee is also responsible for the inventory and care of the display case outside of the sacristy. The Committee meets on an as needed basis. To chair or serve on the committee or assist with any of the stated responsibilities, please call the Parish office.

MINISTRIES OF INSTITUTION

The mission of Institution involves focusing on the structural facets of the Church through parish council, finance committee and administration.

Parish Council

Contact: Chris Whalen, 717-394-9512, patkwhalen@aol.com

In answering God's call to lead, the Parish Council supports, promotes and builds the ministries of Institution, Sacrament, Servant, Herald and Community. Members are nominated by parishioners and approved by the Pastor or appointed by the Pastor. Through prayer and discernment, they address current challenges and plan for the future.

The Council meets the second Thursday of each month. The Pastor provides leadership and guidance to the Council. For more information, to make a nomination or if interested in serving, please contact Chris.

Finance Council

Contact: Chris Whalen, 717-394-9512, patkwhalen@aol.com

The Finance Council prayerfully stewards the financial resources of the Parish and plans for their investment in ministry growth, the buildings and grounds or in savings. Specific responsibilities include the oversight and review of: internal controls, bookkeeping, offertory management, financial reporting, budgeting and planning, grant writing and communications to the parishioners. The council works in coordination with the Parish Bookkeeper. Accounting or business skills and/or experience are helpful. Meetings are held bimonthly. Please contact Chris for more information or if interested in serving on the Council.

Skilled Trade

Contact: Parish Office, 717-392-2225

The Parish is in need of your help. This can include handyman skills, carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, computer skills, web design and maintenance, grant writing, communications and marketing, cooking and designing. If you have a skill or talent you would like to share with the Parish, please let us know. Time commitment varies.

Grounds and Gardening

Contact: Opening-Person needed, call the office to inquire, 717-392-2225

The members of this group give glory to God through their work in the gardens and other Parish grounds. Gardeners work as a group for spring or fall cleanups and also on their own when their schedules allow. Responsibilities include trimming, pruning, weeding, edging and planting. The group is also responsible for the design of the gardens. New workers are needed and welcome. Please call the Parish office to offer your time and talent for this purpose.

MINISTRIES OF SACRAMENT

The mission of Sacrament involves viewing the church as the visible sign of Christ's presence in our midst in the liturgy and faith groups.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Contact: Frank Himmelsbach, 717-393-5210, mhflowers2@outlook.com

Called to bring the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ to the church, Extraordinary Ministers assist the priest (Ordinary Minister) in the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass. Ministers are men and women who are at least 18 years of age (high school seniors) and are appointed by the Pastor. Training is provided at the diocesan and local level. Ministers may also volunteer to take the Eucharist to homebound parishioners.

Altar Servers

Contact: Dan Martin, 717-481-8547, drmartin6@verizon.net

Serve at the Lord's Table. Altar servers play an important role in all Parish liturgies. Servers are boys and girls in at least the 4th Grade who assist the priest and other ministers at Mass. Servers receive special training and usually serve in pairs. They typically serve once or twice a month and are scheduled with other family members who may be serving in another ministry at Mass. New altar servers are always needed. Please contact Dan for more information or to volunteer.

Art and Environment

Contact: Terry Tafelski, 717-397-4421, Tafelski812@comcast.net

Glorify God through the art and environment aspects of the church worship space. The Committee tries to implement church guidelines on the subject in a way consistent with the liturgical calendar and design of the church building. The Committee is also charged with overseeing the decoration of the church for the various special and seasonal liturgies. Some of the volunteer opportunities include: decoration planners for Christmas, Easter and all seasons of the Liturgical year; gardeners and those interested in flowers and plants; stitchers to make linens for the credence table and gift table and visionaries to help implement the guidelines on Liturgical Decorations. Committee meets as needed. Please call or email the Parish office to volunteer.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Contact: Caitlyn Dusablon, Director of Religious Education (DRE), 717-392-2225, cldusablon@gmail.com

This ministry brings the Liturgy of the Word to children ages 5-11 in order that they may understand the message of the readings, and the Creed in a way that is meaningful to them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder them." This wonderful opportunity for the youngest of our Parish family to grow closer to Christ. This ministry is led by adults who use the Children's Lectionary and have weekly resources that help outline the message for each given Sunday. Adult leaders sign up for as many weeks as they can serve at the 10:30 AM Mass throughout the school year. If interested in bringing the Word of God to the children of the Parish, please contact Caitlyn.

Ushers

Contact: Mario Gallelo, 717-569-3981

Ushers serve the integral function of greeting parishioners and visitors, offering help locating a seat and maintaining an orderly liturgy. Members should possess gifts of leadership, coordination and expression in serving members of the Body of Christ. Ushers also coordinate the Offertory procession and Communion lines. Time commitment is approximately 90 minutes 2-3 times per month depending on the schedule rotation. Training is provided. New Ushers are always welcomed. Please call Mario for more information or to volunteer.

Music

Contact: Ric Iannone, 717-575-2186, rian88@comcast.net

Striving to actively involve the congregation in prayerful song during liturgies and special events is the goal of this ministry. Cantors typically lead the singing at Mass and are accompanied by musicians playing piano, guitar, or organ. Cantors and musicians are scheduled as they are available for the Mass they regularly attend. Currently, both cantors and musicians are needed. Please call or email Ric if you are willing to share this talent with the Parish.

Lectors

**Contact: Joe Hoenninger, 717-393-6234,
Joseph.Hoenninger@gmail.com**

Proclaim the Word of God at Mass and at other liturgical events. Lectors should be of high school age or older and be able to provide a clear and articulate reading of the Sacred Scriptures, as well as various prayers and announcements. Lectors receive training and typically read at Mass one or two times a month. If interested in sharing this talent with the parish, please contact Joe.

Greeters

**Contact: Kristy Monahan, 717-560-4713,
kristymonahan@yahoo.com**

Greeters serve the special function of welcoming all who come to weekend and Holy Day liturgies. Members should have grace to express social warmth and Christian kindness. Greeters provide the initial and parting contact for parishioners and visitors. Time commitment is approximately 90 minutes (including liturgy) 1-2 times each month depending on schedule rotation. Training is provided. We are currently in need of Greeters.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-RCIA

Contact: Rich Lichty, 717-291-9832, ralichty47@verizon.net

RCIA is an ongoing process designed to welcome new members into the Church. The focus of the RCIA is centered on Jesus as Lord, celebrated through sacrament and community. Individuals meet to prayerfully reflect and grow in their faith. We focus on the Creed, theology and tradition that makes us Catholic.

Parishioners are invited to be a part of this faith-filled group by sponsoring a candidate or to be a companion sharing your faith and welcoming inquirers to learn about Catholicism. The RCIA group meets weekly from September to Pentecost (May or June). Please call Rich for more information or to share your time and talent in this ministry.

Rosary Group

Contact: Caroline Zablocki, 717-394-2784

The Rosary Group meets Monday evenings at 6:15 PM in the church, before the Saturday Evening Mass and on Sunday mornings at 7:35 AM before Mass to gather and pray the rosary. This form of traditional Catholic prayer is prayed together under the direction of the prayer leader with all participating. We encourage more people to make a commitment and add this to their prayer life. All are welcome to join. Please call Caroline for more information.

Prayer Line Request Group

Contact: Rita Boyer, 717-394-6283, rrwboyer@comcast.net

The Prayer Line Request Group are parishioners who receive requests for prayers, pass the request on to the next person on the line by phone, text or email, pray for the requested intentions which are sometimes an immediate need due to emergency situations and keep all requests confidential. The Prayer Line is an addition to the Prayer List published in the weekly bulletin. Please contact Rita if you wish to join this group and give your time and prayers for this ministry.

Church Cleaners

**Contact: Christina Brennan, 717-666-5981,
sbrennan@hbgdiocese.org or cschafer117@comcast.net**

Worship through working. Humble and hardworking cleaners are a vital part of the church's functioning. Cleaners keep the church neat, clean and presentable for all church functions. Cleaners work in accord with their own schedules but usually provide cleaning on a weekly basis. A more thorough housecleaning is typically done during the Christmas and Easter seasons. New cleaners are always welcome. To volunteer, please call Christina.