

OLF Ministries CALLED TO SERVE 2010-2011

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Altar Care (Toni Opitz)

- Duties once/week; dust sanctuary & Blessed Sacrament Chapel, clean countertop in work sacristy, and straighten priests' vesting sacristy, launder altar linens.
- 12 people/families are needed, each scheduled for 1 month during the year. If more sign up, then a team could be assigned.

Altar Server (Pat Policastro)

- Prayerfully & reverently assist priest at Mass and during other holy seasons (Christmas, Easter, etc.)
- Training required. Team of servers scheduled at one Mass per month, with a rotating schedule. Must have received First Eucharist.

Eucharistic Minister (Bonnie Kleinkauf)

- Distribute Holy Communion at 1 weekend Liturgy per month and participate in periodic spiritual reflection opportunities related to this ministry.
- Training is required.

Lector (TBD)

- Prayerfully proclaim Scriptures at one weekend Liturgy per month & participate in periodic spiritual reflection opportunities related to this ministry.
- Training is required.

Mass Coordinator

- The coordinators must complete a duty checklist to ensure there are ample servers, lectors, ushers and Eucharistic ministers in place prior to the start of the Liturgy.
- Responsibility for preparing and setting-up the necessary items (altar bread, wine etc.) for Sunday Liturgy. Training is required.

Music Ministry (George Bollock)

- Choir sings at 11:30 AM Mass from 3rd week of September thru Pentecost. Rehearsals at 10:15 AM Sundays, and special Liturgies (i.e. Christmas, Holy Week, Vespers).
- Cantors, accompanists and qualified musicians to assist at liturgies. Audition and training are required.

Prayer Circle (Celeste Bradford and Pete Aviles)

- Members pray daily at home for parishioner's special prayer requests.

Rosary Society (none)

- Daily recitation of the rosary at home.
- Meets Tuesday's 3:00 PM

Usher/Greeter (Larry Grimmer)

- Welcome and seat people at one weekend Liturgy two times per month; also, take up collection.

FAITH FORMATION

Catechist (K-5) (Pat Policastro)

- Faith Formation for the children & youth of the parish. Grades K-5 meet September-April for one hour/week.
- One year commitment. Professional training provided for Catechists' certification. Aides & volunteers needed for special projects.
- Substitutes also needed.

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Elementary Faith Formation (K-5 Faith Formation Team)

- Adults are needed to work together to create & plan activities that are both social & service oriented in which families can participate.

Safety Monitor

- Adults to help monitor the buildings during Faith Formation sessions.
- Need not have a child in Faith Formation program to volunteer.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Bethesda House (Michael Thiesen)

- Committee provides sandwiches for guests at this daytime hospitality center in downtown Schenectady.
- Each volunteer contributes 8-10 sandwiches once a month. Sandwiches are collected at the Parish Office building on Sunday from 8:20-11:00 AM & Monday morning from 8:00-9:00 AM.

Compassion Team (Jean Orthlieb and Barbara Smith)

- People are needed to volunteer to assist parishioners with occasional needs for transportation, minor home repair or yard work, occasional meals upon hospital discharge, house sitting during wakes and funerals, etc.

Funeral Ministry (Jean Orthlieb)

- People are needed to assist at funerals by serving as greeters, lectors, those who bring the gifts to the altar, or as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.
- Funeral Masses are usually scheduled on weekday mornings at 9:00 AM.

Pastoral Care Ministry (Jean Orthlieb)

- People are needed to visit parishioners who are either in hospitals, nursing homes or homebound.
- Hospital visits – 1 week/month, day or evening, Nursing homes & homebound - 2 times/month.
- Parishioners are needed to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Training is available, as needed.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen (Robert and Barbara Conary)

- Teams provide lunch to the hungry of our community at the Salvation Army facilities once per month; Mondays only, from 9:30 AM-1:30 PM.
- Home bakers are needed to provide cookies, brownies, cupcakes.

SICM (Pat Golden)

- Schenectady Inner City Ministry: ecumenical social action organization. 1 meeting per month.
- Special need for representation at monthly meetings by OLF delegates.
- Volunteers also are needed to transport weekly food collections from OLF to SICM's Food Pantry at 839 Albany St., Mondays between the hours of 9:00 AM-11:00 AM.

Social Justice Ministry (Ernie Mann)

- Committee's mission is to increase understanding & awareness of the Church's teachings on social justice issues, and to encourage participation in actions to address those issues.
- Meets on a monthly basis. Members are encouraged to participate in one or more sub-committees (Education, Communications, Public Policy, Respect Life, etc.) and to assist in various projects. See our bulletin board in the Community Room.

Stamping Club (Barbara Smith)

- People with an interest in the craft of stamping meet on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month to make greeting cards for monthly mailings to nursing home & homebound parishioners. Instruction is provided.

PARISH SERVICE

Building and Grounds (Joe Baciewicz)

- Parishioners are needed to do yard work (planting flowers, raking, mulching), painting, general maintenance (plumbing/electrical, carpentry) on an as-needed basis throughout the year.

Clerical Assistance

- Relieve parish staff of routine office duties (answer phones and door, schedule Masses, filing, computer knowledge helpful but not necessary) weekdays 9:30AM – Noon.

Coffee Hour (Darlyne Cognetti)

- Set up and serve coffee and baked goods after the 8:30 & 11:30 AM Masses in the Community Room.

Collection Counters (Irene)

- Teams count the weekend collection.

Parish Activity Ministry (Sandra Solomon)

- Purpose of this ministry is to further develop a strong sense of community within the parish.
- Members may be involved in the planning stages of events or directly involved in the event. Activities include the Parish Picnic, Pancake Breakfasts with Santa & The Easter Bunny & other events to be determined.

*VR – VIRTUS Required – Anyone involved in ministry with children or youth is required by the Diocese to attend a 2 hour VIRTUS training, and agree to a background check.