

PARISH STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

◇Time

◇Talent

◇Treasure

◇Commitment



Offer your Time and Talent

Names listed are current volunteers and parish staff who will provide details. Please leave messages at the rectory.

WORSHIP

Liturgy Committee: Assists the staff in planning seasonal and special liturgies, using Diocesan guidelines. Bi-monthly Saturday afternoon meetings.

Marie Corkhill

Ana Burgos

Lectors: Proclaim God's Word at parish masses. Some weekend availability important. One Saturday Diocesan training is encouraged. Minimum age is 17.

Marge Miller

Rafa Joa

Luc Pavrette

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Assist with the distribution of the Eucharist at parish masses, especially on weekends. Some bring communion to the homebound and/or assist at a local nursing home. A meeting with a staff member and one Saturday diocesan training is required. Minimum age 17.

Marie Corkhill

Ana Burgos

Marie Lourdes Baptiste

Ministers of Hospitality: Welcomes persons entering the church and assists with seating. Assists with the collection, presentation of the gifts and communion distribution. Diocesan training encouraged. Parish youth welcome to help.

Richard Lewis

Rosario Ortiz

Denise Vincent

Environmental Decorators: Plans, prepares and cares for the seasonal floral and plant arrangements for our worship space. Driver with car/van helpful.

Nancy Tim

Polly Bahadur

Lelia Bichotte

Altar Servers: Assist at weekend liturgies and tri-lingual masses. For boys and girls in Grade Four and older. Parish training required.

Fr. Tom Ahern

Antonia Bueno

Lydia Vazquez

Adult Choirs and Instrumentalists: Sing/Play at Sunday Masses - 10:30 a.m. Spanish; 12:00 noon English; 1:30 p.m. Haitian and at special Tri-lingual Liturgies. Practice days and times vary with each group. Choir Directors will provide information.

Andrew Violette

Roger St. Jean

Joyful Noise Children/Teen Choir: Sings at monthly 9:00 a.m. Family Mass, Liturgies and special events. Practice on some Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays after Sunday school classes.

Rory Dineen

Carol DeVine

Michele Somerville

Hispanic Youth Chorus: Volunteers needed and welcome. Practice to be determined. Sings at Mass and special events.

Bible Nursery: Will resume for 12 noon Mass if parents are willing to participate in staffing, taking turns over a month.

Sr. Ellen Glavey

Tonel Lakay Haitian Youth Dance Group: Enhances special Tri-lingual masses with prayerful liturgical dance. Learn cultural dance. Practice Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

Marie Edith Jean

Liturgy Planning for Children: Plans special opportunities for youth involvement in liturgical celebrations, including monthly 9:00 a.m. Mass and seasonal programs.

Ina Pannell St. Surin

Eileen McHugh

FAITH FORMATION

City of God Library and Gift Shop: Assist visitors with book selection and the purchase of religious articles before/after weekend Masses and some daily Masses.

Arlene Dure-Greene

Baptism Preparation Program: Couples who assist the staff as catechists/hosts at classes for parents preparing for their child's baptism. Training available.

Susan Steingass Rafa/Julia Joa Deacon Joseph Bichotte

Religious Education Classes: Share faith as a catechist, substitute, helper for students in Grades One through Confirmation. Classes: Saturday - English/Haitian; Sunday - English and English/Spanish

Sister Ellen Rafa Joa Deacon Joseph

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): Share faith as a catechist and/or sponsor with adults who are preparing to receive first sacraments.

Gladys Cruz Rafa Joa Wilda Mentor

RCIA Adapted for Children/Teens: Share faith with middle grade + children (and their families) who are preparing for full initiation.

Sister Ellen Arlene Duré-Greene

"Seamless Garment" Respect Life Committee: The late Cardinal Bernadin's quote (above) refers to all life issues: abortion, capital punishment, violence in all forms, etc. Members keep parishioners informed on key issues.

Esther Dawson Kesna Guerrier

Faith Sharing Facilitators: Lead the groups which meet for reflection, prayer and sharing during Lent. Training available.

Sister Ellen Rafa Joa Deacon Joseph

Pax Christi Downtown Brooklyn: - International Peace Organization: Members approach violence through prayer, study and action. Monthly local meeting.

Rosemary Palms

Adult Faith Formation Committee: Plan programs and possible retreat experiences.

Marie Corkhill Julia Joa Deacon Joseph Bichotte

PARISH & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

AIDS/HIV Ministry: Plans, provides food, sets up, offers hospitality and support at monthly H.O.P.E. Dinner (3rd Sunday) for those affected and their family/friends.

Kevin Cooper Luis Riqueime

Helping Hands Food Pantry: Assists with the distribution of food to the needy on Saturday mornings (monthly); unpacks food delivery, prepares bags (weekdays).

Eileen McHugh Julia Joa Denise & Carol Vincent

Brooklyn Jubilee - Legal Services: Volunteers assist food pantry clients on Saturday mornings by providing information regarding entitlements. Training provided. Lawyers encouraged to volunteer.

Sandhya Susan Reju Pat Callahan

Homebound Program: Visiting volunteers provide support and needed services (shopping, reading, driving, etc.). Some bring the Eucharist.

Anne Martin-Richards Ana Burgos Jean Guerrier

Advocates for the Disabled: To be in contact with parishioners with disabilities; to sensitize parish members to their needs/gifts; to assure their full participation.

Marge Miller

Parish Blood Drive: Organizes/staffs publicity, sign-up, set-up and hospitality.

Arlene Duré-Greene

Homeless Shelter for Women: Temporarily suspended until new space is ready.

Gay and Lesbian Catholics: The Gay Catholic Ministry reaches out to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender families. The ministry was founded as a resource to families and friends who are gay and who have family members of persons listed above. We embrace our diversity and are witness to the good news of Jesus Christ through education, fellowship, and faithful stewardship of our gifts.

Kevin Cooper Luis Riquelme

Support for Haiti: To help start up St. Augustine's participation in a micro-finance and parish twinning project in Haiti.

Deacon Joseph Bichotte Jim O'Callahan

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Hospitality Committee: Serves as hosts/hostesses, assists with set-up and clean-up for Sunday morning refreshments.

Jean Prahl Marie Lacroix Berta Medina

Social Planning/Events: Organizes opportunities for community building: celebrations, picnics, bus rides, etc.

Gladys J. Cruz Rosario Ortiz Lelia Bichotte

Golden Age Club Service: Assist with set-up and clean-up at meetings. Visiting sick and hospitalized members.

Eva Sanchez Janie Gamble Claudette Euguene

Parish Book Club: Meets monthly to discuss books of interest, often recent publications.

Ellen Byrnes Nancy Tim

SPECIAL SKILLS

Archives: Assist with organization of parish history materials; replying to requests for related information. (Parish founded in 1870)
Fr. Tom Ahern

Clerical: Assist parish secretary, answering the phone and door bell during office hours; help with liturgical booklets; weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Nilsa Peña

Repairs/Gardening: Provide skilled work to help maintain the condition of our buildings and grounds: carpentry, painting, etc.; outdoor lawns/gardens.

Nancy Tim (Gardens) Walter Topolnicki

Parish Web Site Committee: Continuous help appreciated to keep the site updated and current; knowledge of Microsoft office and typing skills important.

Arlene Duré-Greene

You are called, you are chosen, you are Christ for one another.

If you wish to contact the volunteers that are named, you may leave a message for that person at the rectory. Although we appreciate volunteer sign-ups during the fall, we welcome volunteers at any time during the year. Please contact the rectory for further information.