

SAINT FRANCES CABRINI CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania

Parish Ministries, Organizations and Programs



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CALLED TO SERVE



Liturgical Ministries

ALTAR SERVER

Altar Servers assist the priests, deacon and other liturgical ministers in the sanctuary during Saturday/Sunday Masses throughout the year, weekdays during the summer months as well as other liturgies of significance to the Parish Community. The ministry of Altar Server is available to all parish children beginning in grade 5. Instruction and training are provided.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a program for children in kindergarten through third grade. During Mass, children are called forward before the Scripture Readings begin and are dismissed from the assembly. They are led by a catechist and other volunteers to the St. Joseph chapel in the Parish Center where they will listen to and discuss an age-appropriate version of that Sunday's Gospel. The children then recite the Profession of Faith and pray the General Intercessions, also using age-appropriate vocabulary. The children return to their families in church during the Offertory. Adult and teen volunteers are needed. Safe Environment Clearances are required to participate in this ministry. The rectory staff is available to assist volunteers in obtaining these clearances.



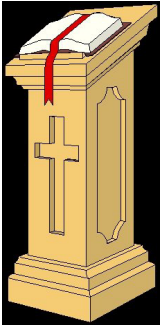
GREETER

The primary responsibility of a Greeter is to make everyone feel welcome by offering a warm smile and a friendly demeanor. Greeters arrive 20 minutes before Mass begins to assist with opening doors and offering help to anyone in need. At the conclusion of Mass, Greeters assist in distributing the Parish Bulletins and any other materials that need to be distributed to the parishioners. Greeters are needed at all Masses. In addition to the weekends, Greeters also offer this ministry at other liturgies of significance to the Parish Community. This ministry is open to individuals as well as those who would like to minister as a family.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

This ministry assists in creating a friendly environment where refreshments are made available and, in doing so, allows parishioners to enjoy fellowship together once a month after the weekend Masses. The responsibilities of this ministry include shopping for supplies, setting up food and drink and serving those who attend. This is a wonderful ministry for a family with older children who can assist with the set up and the serving.

LECTOR



This ministry is offered to adult and high school youth who are proficient in public speaking, have a desire to proclaim God's Word and are willing to be trained to proclaim the Scripture Readings from the Old and New Testaments at weekend Masses and other liturgies of significance to the Parish Community. The Bible is God's Word, and Jesus is the Word made flesh. The role of the Lector is to truly proclaim the Word of God in such a way that it affects the presence of Christ within the worshipping assembly. Just as Mary gave flesh to the Infant Christ, so too, the Lector gives flesh to the Word, Who is Christ.

LITTLE CHURCH

Children ages two to five are welcome to participate in Little Church, a childcare service during the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses while the rest of their family participates at Mass. Little Church is more than just a church nursery. It introduces young children to Jesus Christ through prayer and song. Adult as well as teen volunteers are needed for this ministry. Safe Environment Clearances are required in order to participate in this ministry. The rectory staff is available to assist volunteers in obtaining these clearances.

LIVESTREAM VIDEO TEAM

The Livestream Video Team works together to provide live video and audio coverage of our 11:00 AM Sunday and evening Holy Day Masses. This enables our homebound parishioners to join the assembled community on our parish website or Facebook page. No experience is needed, and training is provided in the use of the camera, computer video program and audio system.

PRESENTER OF GIFTS

Presentation of the Gifts is a ritual rooted deep in scripture. The Jewish people offered a harvest's first fruits at the Temple to symbolize their whole harvest belonged to God. In today's celebration of Mass, the gifts are presented as a similar gesture. Presenters of the Gifts bear this important yet joyous responsibility. When they offer the bread, wine and collection to the priest, they represent their parish brothers and sisters in a procession that symbolizes the entire assembly's faith and commitment to love and serve God in the example of Christ.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The mission of the Saint Frances Cabrini Music Ministry is to support and enhance the sung prayer of the Parish Community. The Music Ministry consists of the Adult Choir, Youth Choir, Cantors, and Instrumentalists. The choirs meet weekly for rehearsal and sing for one Mass each Sunday as well as for other liturgies of significance to the Parish Community. Cantors generally meet once a month to review Psalms and new material. Instrumentalists add a special touch to the liturgies and are always welcome to share their talents at the weekend Masses and especially for important feasts and solemnities such as Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. The Music Ministry strives to honor the Church's rich treasury of sacred music by incorporating traditional chant and hymnody into liturgical celebrations along with the best works of many contemporary composers. There are no auditions to join, simply schedule a time to speak with the Director of Music. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.



USHER

This ministry helps to assemble the congregation by assisting with seating, taking up the collection to be presented during the Offertory Procession as well as help with logistics during the distribution of Holy Communion. Ushers also participate in the Ministry of Greeter.

LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT



Church Cleaners assist in cleaning the church during organized gatherings which are convened several times each year.

Church Flowers/Decorating volunteers assist in decorating and enhancing the church for weekend Masses and other liturgies of significance to the Parish Community, including major decoration at Christmas and Easter.

Christian Formation

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Formal Adult Faith Formation programs are offered at Saint Frances Cabrini in the fall and spring, with different topics being offered each season. The programs run for a period of six to ten weeks, depending upon the subject matter. Sessions are usually held on Wednesday evenings, and the format usually includes some type of visual orientation followed by small group discussions, and concludes with the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration. Hospitality is also provided. Parishioners are invited to serve as discussion facilitators and volunteers to assist with hospitality are always welcome.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Gatherings are held on Wednesday mornings in the Parish Center after the 9:30 AM Mass. At each session, the scripture readings for the upcoming weekend Masses are read, discussed and reflected on in light of the call to love the Lord God with all our heart, soul and mind and our neighbor as oneself. There is a spirit of fellowship and companionship among those who gather. Refreshments are served and people can attend as their schedule permits.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is the process decreed by the Second Vatican Council to welcome adults who have never been baptized or have been baptized in another Christian tradition and now desire to become Catholic. It is a process which involves instruction and prayer and leads to full membership in the Catholic Church. Anyone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic Christian, or who would like more information about this process, is encouraged to contact the rectory.

CAMP CABRINI

Camp Cabrini is a fun, faith-filled camp that takes place toward the end of June. For one week, from 9:00 AM to Noon, children, ages 3-11 years old, learn about God's love through singing, dancing, games and science experiments. Many volunteers are needed to make this week a success. Adults, teens and pre-teens are all welcome to assist with the camp activities. Safe Environment clearances are required in order to participate in this ministry. The rectory staff is available to assist volunteers in obtaining these clearances.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) CATECHIST/AIDE/SECURITY

This ministry calls forth classroom catechists and classroom aides to assist in our Parish Religious Education Program, which meets on Sunday and Monday evenings. Catechists give classroom instruction to students in Levels K through 8. Classroom aides assist the catechists. Volunteers are also needed as members of the security team and office staff. Safe Environment clearances are required in order to participate in this ministry. The rectory staff is available to assist volunteers in obtaining these clearances.

HOLY FAMILY REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL VOLUNTEER

Our Holy Family Regional Catholic School is our Parish School and it is a very special place to experience a wonderful faculty and students. In our Regional School, there is a family-like atmosphere that pervades the classrooms and the hallways. There are various volunteer positions available at the School which range in commitment of time and talent. Our Regional School is located at 2477 Trenton Road, Levittown. Safe Environment clearances are required in order to participate in this ministry. The rectory staff is available to assist volunteers in obtaining these clearances.



Parish Organizations and Programs

CAMPUS GARDENING

This ministry assists in enhancing our Parish property so that our campus remains beautiful and inviting. No experience is necessary, except a love and care for gardening and nurturing the work of God. Gardening work can be done according to the volunteer's availability, that is, when time permits; occasionally, group projects are organized.

SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

This Committee plans and implements various social and fundraising events throughout the year, which promote fellowship opportunities for our adult parishioners. These events include, but are not limited to, our Annual Luau Dance, Italian Night, Cash Bingo, Lenten Fish Fry, etc. Volunteers are needed for various aspects of the planning process, as well as set up and advertising. No experience is needed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Men's organization in the world, boasting over 1.5 million members. The Knights of Columbus is a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good works in the service of God, our bishops, our priests and our neighbors. Locally, the St. Joseph the Worker Council of the Knights of Columbus assists those in need, serving the parish communities, and deepening the individual Knight's faith. Knights are men who get things done. They volunteer their time to serve their local parishes and communities. And by working together, during the past ten years, the Knights were able to donate more than \$1.4 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade. More information on the Knights of Columbus is available at the website at kofc4215.com.



MAINTENANCE AND PROJECT HELPERS

The Parish Community very often has the need for volunteers who have some knowledge of construction, electrical work, masonry, plumbing, etc. Volunteers, who do not have a specific skill, but are willing to lend a helping hand, are needed and greatly appreciated. The renovation project in the Parish Center has been accomplished almost completely with volunteer assistance. Volunteers are needed for the renovations taking place in the kitchen located in Monsignor Woods Hall. Not all projects are long term, sometimes, there is a need for a volunteer to clean some windows or organize a closet. The common denominator for these volunteers is that they want to assist the Parish in any way they can and understand the importance of being a part of a Community that works together to achieve great things.

POT OF GOLD

This primary Parish fundraiser is always in need of volunteers on Monday evenings to stamp and check tickets. This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and share your time and talent with the Parish Community. New volunteers are welcome in the Monsignor Woods Hall any Monday evening. A commitment to attend every week is not required.



This major Parish fundraiser also is in need of people to sell tickets. Whether it be to friends and family, the people in your bowling league or on your child's soccer team, everyone loves to purchase Pot of Gold Lottery tickets! At \$1 each, tickets are an easy sell. And, don't forget to purchase some for yourself... "you've gotta be in it, to win it!"

Religious Services

B.V.M. SODALITY



The B.V.M. Sodality aims to foster an ardent devotion, reverence, and love towards the Blessed Virgin Mary and in doing so, deepen their love and commitment to her Son, Jesus Christ. The members are further encouraged to practice the virtues and works of mercy to deepen their life of faith.

The Sodalists meet weekly to pray and invoke Mary's intercession for the many needs facing families, the Church, the local Parish Community and the Nation.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

This Group gathers in the Parish Center on the first and third Saturdays of the month from 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM to spend time praying the rosary, reflecting on the gospel reading for the weekend liturgy and sharing of faith.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE



Walking with Purpose is a bible study program designed to enable women to know Christ personally through the Scriptures. Our Parish program is one of over 500 Walking with Purpose bible study groups worldwide. Participants meet weekly on Wednesday evenings in small faith-sharing groups in the Monsignor Woods Hall. One Wednesday evening of each month is designated as a Connect Coffee gathering. In addition to the regular participants, these monthly gatherings provide an opportunity for non-participants to come and learn about Walking with Purpose. During the Connect Coffee, rather than immediately going to the small groups, the women gather together as a larger group and watch a video before spending time discussing the video's message in the smaller groups. Through this bible study program, the women can deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, share their faith experiences, and get to know one another on a more personal level. At the end of each session, the women share prayer intentions and promise to pray for one another.

Community Service

MARTHA'S CUPBOARD MINISTRY

Recognizing that it seems that more and more people are struggling due to the impact of inflation, and very much wanting to respond to these current needs, our Parish endeavors to meet these needs through our Martha's Cupboard Ministry.

Our Martha's Cupboard is located in the Father Heron Building and assists parishioners and others who are experiencing food insecurity through no fault of their own. Martha's Cupboard provides for food pickup and also delivery for those who are not able to come to the Cupboard. The Ministry volunteers solicit and obtain food donations, stock shelves, pack food bags, distribute/deliver food and assist in promoting the mission of the Ministry. Volunteers are needed for each aspect of this very important ministry to our brothers and sister in their time of need.



MARY'S CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

This is an Archdiocesan-based ministry, located at the Catholic Social Services office in Levittown, which assists and distributes donations of food to those in need and living in local communities.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED



Walking with Moms in Need is a nationwide initiative sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Our Parish has joined this initiative with the goal of reaching out to pregnant women who might find themselves in difficult circumstances. Our Parish community is committed to assisting these women by finding and sharing resources whereby they feel supported and loved thus allowing them to celebrate the gift of their baby. This group stands ready to accompany these women by assisting the women with their material, physical, spiritual, and psychological needs and accompanying them during and after their pregnancy. It is our Parish's belief that no pregnant woman should ever feel alone in her time of need, and no woman will be alone if she allows the Parish to walk with her and her baby.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

This Committee meets in answer to God's call to affirm the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The mission is to bring awareness of life issues to parishioners especially those issues as they pertain to the life of the unborn. The Respect Life Committee gathers bi-monthly following the Saturday morning 9:30 AM Mass in the Parish Center.

VISITING THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass or other events at the parish can feel alone and forgotten. Through visiting those who are sick or homebound we assure them that they are valued members of our community. This ministry involves visiting parishioners who are sick, homebound, or residing in a nursing home and providing them continued connection with our parish community.

Family Ministry



YOUTH MINISTRY GROUP

The Saint Frances Cabrini Youth Group is for all parishioners in grades 4 to 8. The mission is to inspire the young people of the Parish Community to a life-long relationship with Jesus Christ. They learn this through the friendships made during service projects and social events throughout the year. All are welcome throughout the year, and volunteers are always needed to help at Youth Group-sponsored events. Safe Environment Clearances are required in order to participate in this ministry. The rectory staff is available to assist volunteers in obtaining these clearances.

REGIONAL CYO ATHLETIC SPORTS MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Mission of the Regional CYO Program is to provide a sports program which allows and fosters our youth to grow in their relationship with God and their fellow athletes. Our youth are encouraged to exhibit sportsmanship, team work, and healthy competition. Coaches and other volunteers have the opportunity to witness their own lived faith to our young people and to provide a model of a Catholic Christian athlete. Our CYO parish athletes compete in soccer, basketball, cheerleading and track. Safe Environment Clearances are required in order to participate in this ministry. The rectory staff is available to assist volunteers in obtaining these clearances.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

After the loss of a loved one, people experience a wide variety of feelings and emotions. The ever-changing emotions experienced through grief can catch a person off guard, causing the person to act out of character, or differently than one's typical personality and demeanor. People who are grieving need a support system to help as they move through their grief journey. While family and friends are vital, unless they have experienced a close personal loss, they most likely do not fully "get it." This is where a support group can become a valuable resource. In this support group, grieving people come to know that they are not alone in their grief. The Bereavement Support Group offers companionship and understanding from others who have experienced a similar loss, and are experiencing the similar challenges that living with grief brings. In a culture that often avoids talking about loss, the monthly gatherings give people the opportunity to share their story openly and guilt-free. Everyone has the opportunity to hear the stories of others and talk about coping day-to-day, as well as on the most difficult days of their grief journeys.



Parish Advisory Councils

FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council works closely with the Pastor, who is accountable to the Archbishop of Philadelphia for the administration and stewardship of the temporal goods of the Parish Community. The Pastor, according to Canon Law, has among his responsibilities, the responsibility for parish financial and temporal management. The Parish Finance Council is a consultative body that assists the Pastor in meeting these obligations. While the Parish Finance Council does not have decision-making authority, consultation is at the heart of the decision-making process, and this leads to sharing information, listening, contributing to the discussion, and promoting consensus. Parish representatives meet with the Pastor to review and discuss the temporalities of the Parish, including monthly financial reports and the annual budget.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Parish Investment committee meets at least twice a year, more often if necessary, to review the Parish's investment portfolio and assist the pastor by providing their professional insights and recommendations regarding the ongoing strategy for our Parish investments.

STEWARDSHIP



Time ♣ Talent ♣ Treasure

PASTORAL COUNCIL

The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council is to assist the Pastor in pastoral planning. Although it is an advisory body, it has a very important role of helping the Pastor by bringing the wisdom of the Parish Community to bear on particular topics or issues challenging the Parish. The Pastoral Council assists the Pastor in achieving and carrying out the mission of the Church on the parish level.



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