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#### **WELCOME!**



hank you for taking the time to learn about the Church of Saint Ann ministries and all that they offer to our parishioners and the community. Listed within this directory is a snapshot of the current ministries that are at Saint Ann. As you will read, there are a variety of ways for you to participate in our mission through our various ministries. If you would like to join a ministry, please fill out a **Ministry Participation Form** (go to the parish website) and we will notify the ministry head of your interest. Someone should contact you within two weeks.

What is ministry? Ministry is serving another in the name of Jesus. It is about touching lives through relationships of service, as together we, the Body of Christ, build for the kingdom of God, in our time and place. We have many different ministries here at the Church of Saint Ann. Ministries allow each member of our parish to live out their Baptism in Christ by actively participating in the mission of the Church, using the gifts God has given them for the benefit of this community of faith, and the larger community we serve.

**Who is called to ministry?** As a baptized member of the Church, we are all called to a life of holiness and loving service. *Please consider how God is calling you to serve!* 

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In all its activities the parish is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach."

—Pope Francis

# Parish Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Ann in Lawrenceville is a
Roman Catholic family of faith,
built on the inspiration of
past generations, to serve
the community by loving God and neighbor.

We strengthen faith, celebrate the sacraments, provide for the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, educate across the life span, and respect the dignity of human life.



"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit, there are different forms of service, but the same Lord. There are different workings, but God who produces them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

—1 Corinthians 12:4-7

## Liturgy, Worship and Prayer Ministries

#### **ADULT CHOIR**

Regularly leads the assembly in sung prayer, singing from both traditional and contemporary choral repertoire to add beauty and solemnity to our prayer and worship.

**Requirements:** A member of the parish who enjoys singing.

**Time Commitment:** Choir members typically sing at our 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass and practice on Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**Contact**: Tom Carter at tomcarter732@gmail.com

#### **CANTORS/MUSICIANS**

Lead the assembly in song at all liturgies and help motivate the assembly in prayer and musical praise to God.

**Requirements:** A member of the parish who is comfortable singing/playing in front of the congregation and has knowledge and experience singing or playing a musical instrument as a soloist.

**Time Commitment:** Occasional practice and one or two scheduled Masses per month.

Contact: Tom Carter at tomcarter732@gmail.com

#### **RESURRECTION CHOIR**

Is a group of volunteer parishioners that leads the sung prayer at each Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in our parish. They do this to assist those who have lost a relative or friend through death.

**Requirements:** The choir is open to anyone who would like to assist in this ministry and is generally available during the morning hours.

**Time Commitment:** Usually one hour a week.

**Contact:** Gary Maccaroni at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

#### **YOUTH CHOIR**

It's comprised of youth from the parish, and provides our youth in **grades 6th through college** the opportunity to offer their unique style to praise God. The Youth Choir sings at the 10:30 AM Mass on the First Sunday of the month, and 9 AM Mass on the Third Sunday of the month, from September thru May.

**Requirements:** Any youth of the parish in grades 5th through college and who enjoys singing.

**Time Commitment:** Rehearsals Friday evenings 5:00-6:30 PM and starting in October 5:00-7:00 PM. Any special events the choir is asked to sing for.

**Contact:** Jean DiMarco at jdimarco@churchofsaintann.net

## Liturgy, Worship and Prayer Ministries

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Young parishioners who assist at our community's Sunday liturgies—leads the procession at Mass and serves at the altar.

**Training:** Approximately forty-five minutes.

**Requirements:** Must be a member of the parish, 6th grade and older.

**Time Commitment:** Typically two Masses per month.

Contact: Sr. Pat at pmcginley@churchofsaintann.net



# We celebrate the sacraments.

—Parish Mission Statement

#### **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Laypersons who distribute the Eucharist both at our regular Sunday Liturgy (Mass) and bringing the Body of Christ to homebound parishioners.

**Training:** Approximately one hour.

**Requirements:** Must be a member of the parish.

**Time Commitment:** Typically two Masses per month.

**Contact:** Sr. Pat at pmcginley@churchofsaintann.net

#### LITURGICAL ATMOSPHERE (ART & ENVIRONMENT)

Works in conjunction with the Liturgy Committee by taking responsibility for seeing that the church atmosphere reflects the proper liturgical season, including special feasts (holydays) and holidays. The committee coordinates the decorating of the church as well as the care, selection and arrangement of church flowers.

**Requirements:** A willingness to learn and work with a team of people. A good ministry for decorators.

**Time Commitment:** Usually one hour a week decorating the church.

Contact: Yvonne Daniel at ydaniel555@aol.com



## Liturgy, Worship and Prayer Ministries

#### **READERS**

Proclaim the Word of God (assigned Scripture Readings) during the Liturgy.

**Training:** Approximately 30 to 45 minutes.

**Requirements:** Must be a confirmed member of the parish.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one to two Mass every month.

**Contact:** Gary Maccaroni at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

#### SACRISTANS (Daily Mass)

Are responsible for seeing that all is in place for the proper celebration of the sacraments. Responsibilities include setting up for Mass, taking proper care of candles, vessels, and books, and keeping the sacristy neat and orderly.

**Training:** Approximately 30 minutes.

**Time Commitment:** One hour per week.

**Contact:** Rick Martenetti at rjmartinetti@comcast.net

#### **USHERS**

Endeavor to make all feel welcome during liturgical celebrations. Ushers (open to both men and women) greet, seat, distribute bulletins, see to the needs of the gathered community and accept our weekly contributions.

**Requirements:** Must be a member of the parish.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one to two Masses per month.

**Contact:** Vito Pulito at vitopulito@comcast.net

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Takes place every Tuesday from 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. This rich form of prayer is supported by individuals who sign up to be present in the chapel in one-hour increments. A coordinator sets up for adoration, coordinates sign-ups of individuals, advertises to the parish, and generally ensures all goes well.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one hour per week.

Contact: Yelka Zado at 609-203-5005

#### **DIVINE MERCY PRAYER HOUR**

On Tuesday afternoons, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., includes recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet within the context of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Time Commitment:** Usually one hour a week.

Contact: Yelka Zado at 609-203-5005

#### **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TRAVELING TORCH**

This annual activity of receiving the traveling torch, in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, takes place sometime between October and December.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one planning meeting and one to two hours on one weekend a year.

Contact: Knights of Columbus

## Worship, Celebration, and Prayer Ministries

#### **NOCTURNAL ADORATION**

Takes place every First Friday at the Saint Michael campus, 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m..

**Time Commitment:** One hour every month.

Contact: Rudy Zsolway at zsolway@optonline.net

#### **NOVENA COMMITTEE**

Comes together in June to help plan and execute the Annual Parish Novena to Saint Ann, nine days of prayer, July 18-26, including a festive celebration on the Feast of Saints Ann and Joachim.

**Time Commitment:** Three to four meetings prior to the Novena.

Contact: Sr. Pat at pmcginley@churchofsaintann.net

#### SAINT JUDE/SAINT ANN NOVENA

Takes place at the Saint Michael Campus on Thursday evenings, starting with prayers to St. Ann at 7:30 p.m., followed with prayers to St. Jude at 8:00 p.m.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one hour per week.

**Contact:** Nancy Grezenda at grzendas@optonline.net Or 609-586-6495

#### TAIZE PRAYER

Is every Friday during Lent in Chapel. This form of prayer is a simple form of worship centered on the Cross, in the context of readings from sacred Scripture and periods of silence. It was inspired by the monastic tradition in Taizé, France.

**Requirements for Leaders:** A willingness to work with a team of people. The ability to sing and/or play an instrument.

**Time Commitment:** Usually one hour a week for the six weeks of Lent.

Contact: Yelka Zado 609-203-5005

or Deacon Gene glanzoni@comcast.net

"Christ's followers are not individuals caught up in a privatized spirituality, but persons in community, devoting themselves to others."

-Pope Francis



**Resurrection of Jesus,** Stained
Glass Window in
Church

# Faith Formation & Life-Long Learning Ministries

#### **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Members help develop and support ways the parish is awakening, and nurturing the faith of adults in the parish around the three major goals of (1) inviting and enabling ongoing conversion to Jesus, (2) promoting active participation in the life of the community and (3) preparing adults to act as disciples in the world.

Contact: Gary Maccaroni

at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Provides an atmosphere of prayer, support, and faith formation on the journey toward the Sacraments of Initiation for those seeking membership in or full communion with the Catholic Church.

**Requirements:** A willing heart and a commitment to the process.

**Time Commitment:** One hour on Sunday mornings and some Tuesday evenings...

Contact: Deacon Frank at 609-882-8077 xt. 165

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Led by parishioners, baptism preparation sessions are held monthly in order to help new parents prepare for the gift and responsibility of raising children in our Roman Catholic Faith. These sessions are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and are required before Baptism.

**Training:** Approximately one hour.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one 90 minute session every other month.

Contact: Parish Office 609-882-6491

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Not to be confused with the R.C.I.A, adult confirmation is designed for baptized Catholics who have some knowledge of the Faith and who are active participants at Sunday mass. Adult confirmation is usually celebrated on Pentecost Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

**Requirements:** Must be already confirmed and have a desire to connect to the parish.

Time Commitment: Program varies each year.

Contact: Deacon Frank at 609-882-6491 xt. 165

# CATECHISTS (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND GENERATIONS OF FAITH PROGRAMS)

A catechist is someone who presents the story of our Catholic Faith to young people in a way that enables them to see and experience faith as a "living reality."

**Training:** Catechist orientation session, usually in September.

**Requirements:** Completed the Sacraments of Initiation. A willingness to learn and desire to pass on faith to young people.

**Time Commitment:** Usually one hour and 15 minutes a week, September through May (Traditional Model) or two hours a month, September through May (Family Model).

**Contact:** Gary Maccaroni at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net



### Faith Formation & Life-Long Learning Ministries

#### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Provides an opportunity throughout the year for adults to grow in their understanding of God's Word, learning how to intelligently read and make sense of the scriptures, our primary source of Christian Faith.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one 90 minute meeting every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

Information: Fred Vasapolli at fred4life@comcast.net

#### **GENERATIONS OF FAITH (GOF)**

An alternative to traditional classroom-based religious education, is our family-centered model that moves to the rhythm of parish life. It encourages and empowers families to learn and grow in faith by observing, questioning, and praying together. It provides resources and support so participants can grow and deepen their Baptismal call to faith and service.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one two-hour monthly session, September through May.

**Contact:** Gary Maccaroni at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD LEADER

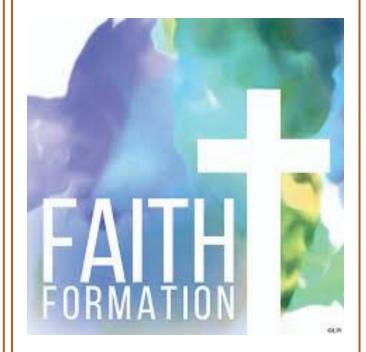
Takes place during Sundays at the 9:00 A.M. Mass, from September to June. Led by parent volunteers, children, kindergarten and older, after listening to the readings from the Children's Lectionary, and a reflection adapted for children, are invited to do an activity.

Training: Approximately 30 minutes.

**Time Commitment:** 20 minutes every other week.

Contact: Gary Maccaroni

at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net



## Charity & Justice Ministries

#### BREAD MINISTRY (Suspended at this time)

Weekly collects, sorts and distributes bread (and some additional items) donated from Panera Bakery and Udo Bagels to local organizations in need.

Training and requirements: None

**Time Commitment:** Typically one hour per week.

Contact: Maryann Raccosta at 609-538-8756

Or jraccosta@hotmail.com



#### **PARISH FISH FRY**

In the context of our Lenten fast, the parish provides a Lenten meal. All proceeds from this event go to support our partner parish of San Andres in Guatemala.

**Time Commitment:** Typically helping to organize and serve the meals on the day of (Ash Wednesday or Friday before Lent), 4:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m.

Contact: Stan Karuzis at karuzis3@verizon.net



# Charity & Justice Ministries

#### **GREEN TEAM MINISTRY**

Rooted in the social teachings of the Church to care for God's gift of creation, members work to educate the parish in environmental stewardship and assist the parish in its commitment to stewardship through its parish facilities and events.

**Time Commitment:** Monthly meetings and hosting a "Green Sunday" at the parish twice throughout the year.

**Contact:** Cullan Evans at cullanhevans@aol.com



#### SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)

Is a Catholic lay organization that offers assistance to needy parishioners and local families. Their mission includes annual kid's clothing drive, coats drive, and Thanksgiving Turkey drive.

**Time Commitment:** Two monthly meetings on the first and third Mondays (suspended during COVID)

**Contact:** Dave McMahon at Mc mahon27@comcast.net

#### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Promotes and protects the God given dignity of human life from conception to natural death in keeping with the Gospel of Jesus Christ as articulated by the Roman Catholic Church. The ministry supports activities that effect change in laws that touch the unborn, elderly, disabled and defenseless members of our society.

**Time Commitment:** Typically one meeting every other month and A Holy Hour for Life for the Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Mike Meagher at kmmeagher@verizon.net

"We respect the dignity of human life."

-Parish Mission Statement

## Community Life Ministries

#### **CYO/SPORTS**

Provides opportunities for our young parishioners to participate in Diocesan sponsored sporting events while learning Christian values. The sports program is coordinated by a volunteer athletic director who works with coaches and parents. Coaches are always needed.

**Time Commitment:** Quarterly meetings and special

Contact: Parish Office 609-882-6491

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (COUNCIL 7000)**

Fr. Michael J. McGivney, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, founded the Knights of Columbus during the latter part of the 19th century. They are an international men's organization that is based on the principle of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. They participate in a variety of service programs within and outside the parish community

**Requirements:** Membership in the organization

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Tim Hitzel at gklawrence7000@gmail.com



#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Uses prayers and talents to create handmade gifts to bring comfort, joy, and peace to others

Requirements: A "missionary heart"

**Time Commitment:** meet on the first and third Thursday of each month in the morning and on the second Thursday of each month in the evening.

Contact: Pat Staltari patstaltari@aol.com

Diane Immordino dianemarie664@gmail.com

#### **ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY**

Is devoted to the Blessed Mother and seeks her patronage through recitation of the Rosary, and care of the church. The society sponsors a variety of activities that support the work of the parish.

Contact: Sr. Pat McGinley at

pmcginley@churchofsaintann.net

#### **HOSPITALITY (Donut Sunday)**

On designated Sundays throughout the year we gather in the John Paul Community Room after each Mass and offer a selection of donuts, juice and coffee. The Hospitality Ministry sets up the room, the coffee, etc., and makes sure everything is ready. They serve people as they arrive, and clean up after the last Mass. Most importantly, they make all feel welcome.

Contact: Sr. Pat McGinley at

pmcginley@churchofsaintann.net

# Bereavement & Marriage Ministries & Stewardship Ministry

#### **BEREAVEMENT**

This ministry serve families who have lost a loved one to death through Saint Ann Parish. The members of the ministry are equipped to implement our mission to give comfort and support to grieving families of the Saint Ann community.

Training and requirements: One hour training

**Time Commitment:** Attending funeral masses throughout the year and assisting in the planning of our Annual Mass of Remembrance around All Souls Day.

**Contact:** Gary Maccaroni at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

#### PRE-CANA (MARRIAGE PREPARATION)

A group of married parishioners who, usually twice each year, in the Fall and Spring, prepare and present the information sessions required for marriage preparation in the Diocese of Trenton.

**Requirements:** Must be a confirmed member of the parish, who is married and in good standing.

**Time Commitment:** Several hours twice a year preparing and two full Saturday workshops.

**Contact:** Nicole Nyugen at john.n.nguyen@gmail.com



#### WEDDING COORDINATOR

Assist clergy on the day of the wedding. Assist the bride and groom in the logistics of the wedding day guiding and contributing to a meaningful and pleasant experience for all who come to be married at Saint Ann.

**Training:** 45 minute training session.

**Requirements:** A good ministry for married couples wanting to serve together.

**Contact:** Gary Maccaroni at gmacc@churchofsaintann.net

#### MONEY COUNTERS

Tabulate the weekly contributions and special collections from our parishioners.

**Time Commitment:** Meet once a week on a Monday morning for two-three hours.

Contact: Parish Business Manager at 609-882-6491

he Church of Saint Ann is a vibrant, active, richly diverse community of faith, serving the Lawrenceville are and beyond. Our parish family embraces peoples of various age, race, culture, and social backgrounds: singles, families, old, and young. All Are Welcome!

Thank you for being part of this community. We invite you to our liturgy, to prayer, to serving, to growing in faith and to walking with this Catholic Community. Be sure to stop by our Welcome Center located in the front entrance of the Faith Development Center. There you will find information about parish life, and a friendly face to help. Also check out our parish website (www.churchofsaintann.net) to find a wealth of information and events, faith enrichment opportunities, Saint Ann School, and more. All Are Welcome!

# Administration & Stewardship Ministries

#### **BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

Working together with the pastor and under the direction of the parish business manager, this ministry oversees the ongoing care and development of the twenty acres and various buildings that make up our church property.

**Requirements:** Someone with experience in building, engineering, legal matters, and related areas are good candidates for this ministry.

**Time Commitment:** One 90 minute meeting per month.

Contact: Parish Business Manager at 609-882-6491

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION ENDOWEMENT BOARD

Is a group of parishioners who oversee and make recommendations regarding the distribution of funds available from the parish Catholic Education Endowment to help support those who choose Catholic education.

**Requirements:** Must submit a resume to the pastor or school principal.

**Time Commitment:** One 90 minute meeting every other month.

**Contact:** Fr. Leandro at

Idelacruz@churchofsaintann.net

#### **PARISH TRUSTEES**

Are lay members of the parish who serve with the Bishop and pastor in forming the corporate structure of the parish. They annually sign the legal documents required for incorporation in the State of New Jersey.

Contact: Fr. Leandro at

Idelacruz@churchofsaintann.net

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

This is an advisory group to the pastor in all financial matters that support the Parish mission and ministries. The Council is responsible for the preparation and implementation of the Parish budget and oversees all fiscal matters in collaboration with the pastor.

**Requirements:** Must submit a resume to the pastor or school principal.

**Time Commitment:** one 90 minute meeting every other month.

Contact: Vito Pulito at vitopulito@comcast.net

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#### **SAINT ANN SCHOOL**

Saint Ann School uses the latest advances to meet and exceed current state and national curriculum standards while providing a faith-based education. Students of all religious backgrounds are welcome as part of our family-oriented community.

The Saint Ann School PTA is an active organization of parent volunteers. It encourages collaboration between home and school, supports school programs, and hosts special events and fundraising.

Contact: Salvatore Chiaravalloti, Principal at

principal@saintannschool.org