

Liturgical Planning

The Liturgical Planning Committee gathers to plan the seasonal liturgies, particularly Advent-Christmas and Lent-Easter, as well as special liturgical celebrations throughout the year. *Time* Commitment: (4) one hour meetings per year.

Liturgical Environment

The Liturgical Environment Committee is responsible for decorating the church for the Christmas and Easter celebrations as well as major feasts and parish celebrations.

Church Cleaning



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One of our many behind the scene ministries. Each week parishioners volunteer to help clean the glass doors in the church, arrange missals and hymnals, change holy water fonts, dust the vestibules, chapels, altar furniture, and give the church a light cleaning. A rotation schedule is prepared and volunteers are scheduled, depending on number of volunteer teams, once every six weeks. Volunteers are given a checklist and shown what needs to be done. If you have an extra 1-2 hours and would like to help, please volunteer for this ministry.

Altar Care and Linens

The Altar Linens Society is a behind-the-scenes ministry. It consists of volunteers who rotate washing and ironing altar linens on a weekly basis.

Altar Servers



Altar servers assist in the priest in the celebration of the liturgy. Besides weekend masses, altar servers also minister at special liturgies such as weddings and funerals as well as at devotions such as Stations of the Cross or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. To be eligible to serve at Our Lady of Fatima one must:

- be at least in the fourth grade;
- be enrolled in either Catholic school or a religious education program;
- have received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist;
- be a practicing Catholic; that is, regularly attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- be responsible in showing up when assigned (or arranging for a substitute);
 - and exhibit reverence when serving on the altar.

Flowers

Altar flowers are donated each weekend in honor of a loved one, to remember someone's passing, or to celebrate a special occasion. Following all the weekend masses, the flowers are moved to the chapel for the remainder of the week.

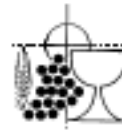


Lectors

Lectors hold the ministry of proclaiming the Word of God at the sacred liturgy. Qualities necessary for lectoring at Our Lady of Fatima include:

- be a confirmed practicing Catholic; that is, regularly attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
 - live a lifestyle in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church;
- possess a dedication to preparing the scripture readings prior to the liturgical celebration;
- have some degree of comfort in speaking before a large gathering and proclaiming the scripture readings boldly and clearly;
 - be reliable in fulfilling Mass assignments or arranging for a substitute; and
 - be committed to ongoing formation and education.

Ministers of the Eucharist



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Ministers of the Eucharist assist the priest with the distribution of Communion at Mass as well as bring the Eucharist to those who are sick or homebound. Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, according to diocesan policy, serve for renewable four-year terms and are nominated by the pastor and appointed by the Bishop of Wilmington of Baltimore.

To qualify to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist one must:

- be a confirmed, practicing Catholic at least 16 years of age who attends Mass regularly on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- be capable of conducting oneself with reverence in handling the Body and Blood of the Lord;
 - live a life in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church;
 - possess and love and devotion to the Holy Eucharist;
 - be reliable in fulfilling Mass assignments or arranging for a substitute; and
 - be committed to ongoing education and formation.

Confirmed Catholics who are at least 16 years of age are eligible to serve as Special Ministers of the Eucharist for renewable terms, assuming the above qualifications are met.

Ushers



Ushers serve as ministers of hospitality at our weekend liturgies. They are responsible assisting with the taking of the collection, the stocking of the bulletins, assisting with seating worshippers, and other tasks that insure the smooth flow of the liturgy. Ushers are also responsible for being able to act calmly in case of emergencies and serve as parish ambassadors, particularly to those who are visiting.

Greeters

The purpose of this ministry is to provide an enthusiastic, positive, spiritual and friendly welcome to each person entering Our Lady of Fatima before every celebration and special service. This ministry is committed to help make every worship experience at Our Lady of Fatima, positive and spiritually uplifting for everyone, at every time. Greeters are supportive and sensitive to the needs of the church and the congregation by assisting the ushers, deacon, pastoral staff and other ministries as needed.

- Welcome each person entering for worship at OLF in a friendly, uplifting manner
- Provide assistance, information and direction to church facilities and services
- Educate members of the ministry on maintaining positive attitudes
- Support the mission and goals of the church

Giftbearers

As family or friends, you can be a part of the Mass by presenting the gifts of bread and wine on behalf of the parishioners to the priest as part of this important Sunday ministry. Celebrate Sunday, remember a loved one or mark a special occasion by volunteering to be a giftbearer at Mass.

Music Ministry



PARISH CANTORS: Facilitate assembly participation in sung prayer at parish Liturgies. Ability to learn music independently needed. Good vocal skills required. Commitment to continued education; musical proficiency and ongoing liturgical formation a must. Meetings or rehearsals held bi-monthly on Thursday evening from 7 to 8 PM. .

PARISH CHOIR: Sings at the Sunday 10:30 AM Liturgy and special celebrations. Rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 -9:00 PM , September through May. Open to all parishioners, ninth grade through adult.

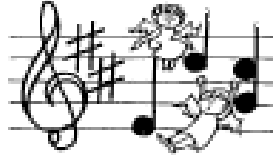
SEASONAL CHOIR: Sings at special liturgies, e.g. Parish Anniversary celebrations, Christmas and Holy Week services. Ideal for those who love to sing but are unable to commit to year-round rehearsals. Rehearses Sunday evenings, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, before the special event only.



SPANISH MUSIC ENSEMBLE: Provides music at the 7:00 PM AM Spanish Mass. Rehearses on Saturday evening at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. Open to ninth grade through adult.

HANDCHIME CHOIR will hopefully ring this year during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Open to all parishioners, ninth grade through adult. A minimum of 9 people is needed to begin. Great opportunity for father/daughter teams; couples or families to work together. Rehearses on Wednesday evenings during Advent and Lent 8:15 – 9:15 PM in Choir Loft

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Any parishioner experienced in performing on a musical instrument, and interested in providing music at parish liturgical celebrations, is encouraged to contact the Parish Liturgy Center. n Saturdays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel. Open to parishioners ninth grade through adult.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR: Sings at the 12 Noon Mass on Christmas, Easter and special celebrations e.g. First Holy Communion. The Choir will be scheduled occasionally on Sunday from September through May. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday afternoons, 3:00 – 4:00 PM in the music classroom. Boys and Girls Grades 3-8 are welcome to join this special group that makes a *Joyful Noise to the Lord!*

YOUTH CHIME CHOIR: Rehearses Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 -4:00 PM in the music classroom. Boys and Girls in Grades 5-8 are welcome to join us. Ability to read music is helpful, but will be taught at rehearsal.

Children's groups are open to all students, regardless of which school they attend.

If you have any questions, please CONTACT Mary Lou May, Parish Liturgy Coordinator at 322-3745 ext. 20.

If are interested in serving in one of our liturgical ministries or would like additional information about any of our liturgical ministries, please complete the ministry request form and drop it in the weekend collection basket or sent to olfliturgy@gmail.com .