

Programs and Ministries 2007-2008

*Opportunities for Sharing your Gifts and Interests
with the Parish Community*

I. Faith Formation Ministry Circle

1. Adult Faith Development

Goal: To provide opportunities for spiritual growth, faith development and education for the adults of the parish.

Objective: To offer events, retreats and other activities throughout the year.

Needs: Members of the planning team who meet regularly to develop ideas for speakers and programs.

Contact: Carole Milan Danis (206) 784-4160 or email carole@cmdanis.com

2. Children Faith Formation

Goal: To ensure that our children will grow in faith that is grounded in the values of Jesus and the knowledge of God's unconditional love.

Objective: To provide faith formation sessions for children on Sunday mornings between the masses; to plan outreach activities that help children connect their faith with action; to offer a monthly children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00am liturgy; to have parents involved in the planning and implementing of the program; to provide opportunities for community building among families.

Needs: Catechists for Sunday morning sessions; Leaders/assistants for monthly Children's Liturgy of the Word; parents willing to be part of the parent planning board; Parents interested in planning family events.

Contact: JoAn Choi (206) 329-2960 or email jachoi@stpatsseattle.org

4. Parish Evangelization

Goal: To welcome those who are seeking to join the Catholic Church and to welcome back those who are returning to the Church.

Objective: To provide a RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program, incorporating those who are seeking full-communication with the Church; to offer the returning Catholics program several times a year.

Needs: Team members for the returning Catholic program.

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5. Sacramental Preparation

Goal: To prepare children and adults to celebrate the Sacraments and to assure that the celebrations bring them more fully into the life of Christ.

Objective: To offer preparation for infant baptism, first communion, first reconciliation and confirmation.

Needs: Members for the Infant Baptism preparation team who would help present a parent session several times a year and facilitate the celebration of the sacrament.

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6. Youth Ministry

Goal: To develop a plan for youth ministry that will provide opportunities for community building and growth in faith for high school youth.

Objective: To create a team of parishioners to brainstorm, research, and create a vision for youth ministry.

Needs: Adults interested in being part of the planning team for youth ministry.

Contact: JoAn Choi (206) 329-2960 or email jachoi@stpatsseattle.org

II. Worship Ministry Circle

1. Bread Bakers

Goal: To provide Eucharistic bread baked by parishioners.

Objective: To have a group of individuals and families who rotate baking bread in their homes for masses. It is a ministry of quiet devotion to a central aspect of the celebration of the Eucharist.

Needs: Scheduler for the ministry. People who are willing to bake Eucharistic bread for the 8:00am or 10:00am mass and occasionally other occasions.

Contact: Marilyn Kavanaugh (206) 324-3104 or email jamonbroadwy@comcast.net

2. Church Environment

Goal: To enhance our sacred space (as stated by the documents of Vatican II) so that the arts are directed toward expressing in some way the infinite beauty of God in works by human hands.

Objective: To honor the seasonal aspects of our liturgies by changes to our decor.

Needs: Any person interested in creating a pleasing space for our worship. People who can perform such tasks as sewing, cleaning, arranging flowers, carrying boxes, growing flowers, doing design work on such

items as bulletin boards, banners and program covers are all needed and welcomed.

Contact: Silvana Hale (425) 865-0624 or email jehale@earthlink.net and Sandy Sanford (206) 932-7374 or email pdsampson@comcast.net

3. Eucharistic Ministers

Goal: To have trained Eucharistic Ministers to assist in distributing Communion at Mass.

Objective: To train people in the parish who have received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion) to be Eucharistic Ministers; to assist and support Eucharistic Ministers to grow in deeper knowledge and understanding of their faith.

Needs: Eucharistic Ministers for 8:00am and 10:00am mass.

Contact: Carol Guthrie (425) 670-2061 or email cguthrie@nwlink.com

4. Readers

Goal: To proclaim the Word of the Lord at the Sunday liturgies and other important liturgies through readings that are clear, well interpreted, engaging and alive.

Objective: To recruit and develop a roster of readers with good speaking ability who represent the broad range of membership of the St. Pat's community: men and women; the deaf community; elders and youth; ethnic diversity.

Needs: Readers for Sunday masses (especially 8:00am mass), Holy Week, other Holy Days.

Contact: Jenny McGlothern (206) 933-9164 or email bigbrowndog1@comcast.net and Jim Clark (206) 325-5923 or email jimfortheearth@earthlink.net

5. Liturgy Committee

Goal: To implement the concepts in the Vatican II document *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*: that all the faithful should be led to full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical celebrations as demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people, have a right and obligation by reason of their baptism.

Objective: To plan for both ordinary time and seasonal celebration liturgies that call our community to a full, active participation as mandated by Vatican II.

Needs: People willing to work at bringing to fruition liturgies that reflect the stated goal for Liturgy Planning. All are welcomed to serve on this committee and previous experience in liturgy planning is not necessary.

Contact: Eileen Murphy (206) 523-9372 or email eileenmacmurphy@gmail.com

6. Liturgical Dance Ministry

Goal: To enhance and deepen our communal worship with embodied prayer. Procession, ASL, gesture, dance and dramatic movement are each called upon for occasions throughout the liturgical year.

Objective: To maintain a list or pool of interested “dancers” that can be called upon for special liturgies. Rehearsals are generally one-time and scheduled prior to the event. If you volunteer you don't have to commit to every event ... it just means you'll be asked!

Needs: Participants need not be highly trained, but have a natural willingness to move that can be shaped with direction. All kinds are welcome! Men, women, teens and children can all be integrated at various liturgies throughout the year. We are all given the gift of bodies - let us praise the Lord with our dancing!

Contact: Betsey Beckman (425) 743-9525 or email bbeckdance@aol.com

7. Musicians

Goal: To enable the assembled Body of Christ to sing with confidence and full participation; to help each choir member develop in skill and confidence so that the choir can enable prayer through song.

Objective: The choir rehearses once a week on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-9:00pm in the Church. Both the Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am choirs rehearse together. Each person in the choir is encouraged, when he or she is ready, to grow in the role of cantor. There will also be educational opportunities during the year i.e. workshops/retreats to help each person to grow in the spirituality of this unique ministry.

Needs: Instrumentalists and singers

Contact: Laura Ash (425) 347-6727 or email LauraDavidAsh@aol.com

8. Ushers

Goal: To facilitate the transition times before, during and after the masses by assisting the assembly.

Objective: To be present to the assembly and the progression of the liturgy, observing and anticipating when help is needed; performing specific tasks in a timely way i.e. arrive early; select and coach a cross bearer and collection helpers; monitor doors after the liturgy starts; count assembly and adjust bread; pour the wine; assist with collection and gift presentation; put collection in the safe immediately after mass; clean up

the pews; throw the litter away; lock all doors and close up after 10:00am mass.

Needs: Volunteers to usher during the 8:00am and 10:00am Mass every 4-6 weeks.

Contact: Dick Tosdale (206) 323-1468 for 8:00am; Michael O'Connell (206) 546-0271 for 10:00am or moconnell@stoel.com

III. Community Life Ministry Circle

1. Cabrini Ministry

Goal: To train parishioners to become competent ministers of compassion and care for those in the parish who are experiencing life's burdens.

Objective: To invite parishioners to participate in the six-month training which includes classes in communication skills, sacramental ministry, and spirituality; to offer the service of a trained Cabrini Minister to parishioners who are homebound, ill, grieving a loss or in other difficult situations.

Needs: Parishioners who are interested in enrolling in the Cabrini Ministry training; trained Cabrini ministers who are willing to provide pastoral care ministry.

Contact: JoAn Choi (206) 329-2960 or email jachoi@stpatsseattle.org

3. Coffee Hour

Goal: To provide an opportunity for parishioners and guests to meet socially after mass.

Objective: To provide hospitality by furnishing coffee, tea, juice and pastries for our parishioners after both the 8:00am and 10:00am Sunday masses.

Needs: Doughnut pick-up: this involves a once-a-month commitment to pick up doughnuts, juice and creamer to be delivered to the Social Hall by 8:30am Sunday. Coffee Hour Host: This involves a commitment to brew coffee, set out doughnuts and clean up after the social hour is over, about once every two months.

Contact: Chuck Treser (206) 789-6107 or email charlestreser@msn.com

4. Funeral Receptions

Goal: To provide hospitality and support at the time of the funeral for those who have lost a loved one.

Objective: To set up, serve and provide food for funeral receptions.

Needs: People to set up, serve, buy food, make phone calls and clean-up.

Contact: Kathleen Cunningham (206) 324-2636 or email kathleen99@hotmail.com

5. Social Events

Goal: To provide opportunities through the year for parishioners to gather socially for community building and celebration.

Objective: To offer the following socials: Epiphany Potluck after the masses on Epiphany; talent show; St. Patrick's Day party on the weekend closest to St. Patrick's Day; Pentecost Breakfast, Parish Picnic in the summer; Parish Camp in September; to gather groups of parishioners to plan and implement the socials.

Needs: Help with coordinating, setting up and carrying out the social events.

Contact: JoAn Choi (206) 329-2960 or email jachoi@stpatsseattle.org

6. Receptions

Goal: To provide hospitality for gatherings after special liturgical celebrations.

Objective: To hold a reception after the Christmas Eve Masses, the Easter Vigil and Communion.

Needs: Help with planning and coordinating the receptions.

Contact: Parish Office (206) 329-2960

7. Prayer Network

Goal: The prayer network is a ministry of praise, petition and thanksgiving.

Objective: The members of the network include in their daily prayers a special time when they pray for the welfare of the parish and the prayer requests of the members of our community. The requests are kept confidential and are received through a phone tree. Most prayer ministers pray every day and maintain a prayer log, e.g. index cards in their prayer book.

Needs: People, who will give of themselves, go to their room, close the door and pray for the needs of others where no one will hear except the One who answers.

Contact: John Farrell (206) 937-9580 or mail farrelljohnt@attbi.com

8. Rides to Church

Goal: To enable elderly and disabled parishioners to participate in Sunday Mass.

Objective: To provide transportation as needed.

Needs: People who will provide a ride to and from church on Sunday morning, once a month or on an as-needed basis.

Contact: Kathleen Berry (206) 325-8356 or email KathyB@npsfds.com

9. Senior Adult Ministry

Goals: To offer senior adults the opportunity to gather for spiritual support and friendship.

Objective: To sponsor three luncheons a year during Lent, in the summer and on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, preceded by Mass and the Anointing of the Sick.

Needs: Volunteers to prepare and serve the luncheons; contributions of prepared foods for the luncheons.

Contact: Kathleen Berry (206) 325-8356 or email KathyB@npsfds.com

10. Welcome Ministry

Goal: To create a welcoming environment for all who come to St. Pat's - visitors and newcomers as well as long-term parishioners.

Objective: To welcome people as they arrive for Mass and hand out bulletins; to encourage people to wear nametags; to plan quarterly events to formally welcome newcomers.

Needs: Persons to greet those arriving for Sunday Mass; follow-up with newcomers to ensure they feel connected; help with events.

Contact: John Hale (425) 865-0624 or email jehale@earthlink.net and Sandi Tennyson (206) 784-5851 or email stennyson@bigplanet.com

11. Women's Spirituality Groups

Goal: To provide an opportunity for women of the parish to share faith and friendship.

Objective: To gather once a month to share prayer and to reflect on a spiritual book chosen by the group.

Needs: Women interested in joining one of the existing groups or forming a new group. We have two groups meeting monthly: on the second Saturday morning and on the third Monday morning.

Contact: Marilyn Kavanaugh (Saturday group) (206) 324-3104 or email jamonbroadwy@comcast.net or Carole Milan Danis (Monday group) (206) 784-4160 or email carole@cmdanis.com

IV. Outreach Ministry Circle

1. Broadway House

Goal: To support Broadway House, which is located in the parish neighbourhood. The Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) bought the house from St. Patrick's in 1996 to provide eight formerly homeless women with a safe, supportive, and permanent home. LIHI with staff support from Catholic Community Services operates Broadway House.

Objective: To provide financial assistance to Broadway House through the parish tithe and the green Parish Outreach envelopes; to have members of St.

Patrick's serve on the Community Advisory Committee. The Committee monitors the on-going development and operations of Broadway House, makes recommendations for changes, and provides support and assistance for the residents. The Committee currently meets quarterly. Committee membership includes neighbours, and representatives from the local community council and St. Patrick's.

Needs: Members for the Community Advisory Committee; coordinators to plan and implement ways to involve the St. Patrick's community, e.g. providing food and gifts for Thanksgiving and Christmas; people willing to provide rides for residents for shopping, appointments and other individual needs.

Contact: Maureen Niland (206) 938-3168 or email mosu9@earthlink.net

2. Noel House

Goal: To provide dinner for the women of the Noel House once a month. Noel House is located in downtown Seattle and provides safe shelter for 40 women per night as well as another 20 off site. The shelter is equipped with a modest kitchen, bathroom and shower facilities and storage space. The women who live there receive dinner, clothing and other basic hygiene supplies that have been donated to this Catholic Community Services sponsored program. St. Pat's became part of their meal enhancement program in July 2000.

Objective: To plan, purchase, prepare and serve dinner for 40-60 women on the second Saturday of every month. This program has become a community building activity for members of St. Pat's as well as with the women of Noel House who consistently tell us how much they appreciate our efforts. In addition to at least one dinner a month, we organize occasional donation events to collect needed items such as toiletries and holiday gift packages.

Needs: People to:

1. plan and procure food for monthly dinner (costs reimbursable)
2. cook the meal at St. Pat's kitchen with other members of the parish
3. deliver and serve the meal at Noel House (women only are allowed at the shelter)
4. bake cookies for the dinner
5. organize and coordinate our outreach to Noel House
6. organize special item donation events at St. Pat's

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3. Social Justice Committee

Goal: To increase parish awareness of the roots of social and political injustice, and to take specific action to counter injustices.

Objective: To seek out, develop, and engage in a variety of activities (see list below) that promote justice locally and internationally.

Activities: Maintaining a vital sister-parish relationship with the community of Nueva Trinidad, El Salvador by sending parish delegations to El Salvador regularly and supporting the community with our prayers and finances (through our parish tithe and our annual Walk-a-long); bi-monthly letter-writing campaigns involving the parish in grass-roots lobbying on a number of issues such as the death penalty, and closing the School of the Americas; promoting and selling fair trade coffee; Third World Crafts Fair, held on the first weekend of November to support self-help projects around the world and provide financial assistance to Nueva Trinidad; publication of quarterly newsletter, The Roots of Justice; regular collections of needed items for organizations that serve people in our neighbourhood and abroad who are poor and/or in crisis; collaboration on peace and justice efforts with other groups including Pax Christi, The Interfaith Network of Concern for the People of Iraq (INOC) and Salvadoran Humanitarian Aid, Resources and Education (SHARE); and organizing, co-sponsoring or promoting educational opportunities such as guest speakers, videos and other presentations that raise awareness of justice issues. The committee meets monthly and we also hold an annual retreat and periodic “socials” to revive our spirits, our creativity, and our camaraderie.

Needs: Committee members (meet regularly; plan and implement activities); occasional assistance with events/activities (setting up for speakers, baking for fund-raisers etc); work group members to foster relationship with Nueva Trinidad; parishioners interested in visiting Nueva Trinidad; assistance promoting/selling fair trade coffee; help hosting letter writing; assistance with set-up, clean-up and staffing booths for Third World Crafts Fair (first Sunday in November).

Contacts: Vicki Grayland (206) 204-0094 or email vgrayland@earthlink.net and Nancy Miller (206) 417- 3641 or email nsergeant@comcast.net

4. St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Goals: To provide financial assistance and companionship to those in the parish boundaries who are in emergency financial situations and to provide opportunities for parishioners to share of their treasures with those in need.

Objective: To provide home visits to those who request help through the central St. Vincent De Paul office; to support conference members in developing a spirituality of love and service to the poor; to coordinate the Thanksgiving food drive and Christmas Giving Tree; to manage the Parish food closet.

Need: Conference members who make home visits and participate in other outreach projects.

Contact: John Baisch (206) 937-6174 or email johnb@northernlights.com

5. Ecumenical & Interfaith Ministry

Goal: To provide leadership in the parish and throughout the community in response to the Vatican II call for Catholics to promote Christian unity and to engage all people of faith in open and mutual dialogue.

Objective: To sponsor, co-sponsor and endorse events and activities that will bring our parishioners together with other people of faith and increase mutual understanding, respect, friendship and action. Activities include:

- a. The Education Committee co-sponsors learning sessions that include review of the Vatican II documents (Unitatis Redintegratio & Nostra Aetate), Bible study, book groups, etc. from an interfaith perspective.
- b. The Worship Committee co-sponsors ecumenical prayer services and interfaith spirituality services on a bi-monthly schedule.
- c. The Justice Committee co-sponsors projects designed to demonstrate how Faith Does Justice when all people of faith collaborate. Current projects include: Voting with your Dollars (support of local economies and sustainable economics), the annual Interfaith Leadership Summit, Interfaith Habitat for Humanity, Interfaith Travelling Band (outreach to congregations and neighbourhoods), conflict resolution.
- d. The Connections Committee maintains our interfaith directory of shared events, our websites and regular broadcast messages.

Needs: Ministry members to design and oversee strategies and plan events (monthly meeting); Ministry volunteers to assist with Committee events and activities (flexible time requirements).

Contact: John Hale (425) 865-0624 or email jehale@earthlink.net

V. Administration Ministry Circle

1. Facilities Committee

- Goal:** To oversee the condition and maintenance of the parish physical plant (Church and Social Hall; Parish Center and Roanoke House) to assure safety and functionality.
- Objective:** To ensure that facilities are able to support the programs of the parish; to ensure that the use of each property is compatible with its physical structure and condition; to provide the parish with a sense of the condition of its properties and the options for their use; to coordinate the maintenance functions of the parish.
- Needs:** Members of the committee who meet monthly to conduct the following: maintain a physical inventory of the space, furnishing and fixtures of the parish buildings; monitor the use of each; develop an annual budget; maintain records and coordinate maintenance of facilities and operations of the parish; hold parish work parties and coordinate volunteer efforts for the care of the grounds and property; perform light carpentry, cleaning, painting etc. activities; volunteers to help with each of these activities.
- Contact:** Chuck Treser (206) 789-6107 or email charlestreser@msn.com

2. Parish Office

- Goal:** To manage phone requests, oversee property management, facilitate communication among parishioners as well as with others and implement the legal and financial directions given through the Pastor, the Archdiocese, the Pastoral and Finance Councils; to maintain open communication with the Archdiocesan offices and officials.
- Objective:** To create a business-like atmosphere that is efficient, but that also offers compassion and understanding to those who call with needs. Many professional services are required to maintain a facility that is clean, safe, and fully functional, as well as welcoming and barrier free. The office provides the behind-the-scenes link that accomplishes those things.
- Needs:** Volunteers are needed to answer phones and assist with other projects during regular office hours, 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Thursday and Friday 9:00am to Noon, for as little as two hours a week up to an entire day. Experience or computer skills are not necessary.
- Contact:** Autumn Zemke (206) 329-2960 or email autumn@stpatsseattle.org

3. Pastoral Council

- Goal:** To provide consultation to the Pastor on pastoral concerns of the parish.
- Objective:** To form community as a sign and witness of unity for the larger parish community; to provide recommendations for parish priorities and directions through pastoral planning; to provide communication and

understanding among parish organizations and between the parish, the Archdiocese and the universal Church.

Needs: Members to serve for a three-year term. New members are chosen through a process of discernment in June of each year.

Contact: Parish Office (206) 329-2960

4. Finance Council

Goal: To provide consultation to the Pastor on stewardship of financial resources.

Objective: To conduct long range financial planning with regard to funding operational and capital needs in the parish and developing a three year fiscal plan; to develop and oversee an annual parish budget; to provide financial analysis of current fiscal status reports; to provide financial analysis of proposed goals, strategies and programs.

Needs: One new member who will agree to serve for a 3-year period. Although a financial or accounting background is helpful for council members, we are more interested in qualities of creative thinking and collaborative decision making.

Contact: Gherry Bender (425) 236-1363 or email sewmolly@comcast.net

5. Fund Raising Events

Goal: To raise money for designated needs.

Objective: To involve parishioners in various aspects of the event(s).

Needs: Parishioners who are willing to help in one of the following committees/areas: planning/organizing; procurement; data entry; publicity/bulletin inserts; clean-up-set-up.

Contact: Autumn Zemke (206) 329-2960 or autumn@stpatsseattle.org