

St. Patrick Catholic Church Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

2007-2008 Directory of Ministries

Activities and Hospitality Committee

The Activities Ministry is responsible for organizing and implementing parish wide events. These include spiritual, social and fundraising. The ministry meets on the second Tuesday of the months August - April at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. New volunteers are always welcome.

*- Contact the Parish Office at 626- 8626.
stpatbg@yahoo.com*

Altar Care

The Altar Care Committee involves the care of the altar area of the church, including the laundering of linens used in Mass. It is done on a weekly basis.

- Contact the church office at 626- 8626.

Altar Servers

Altar servers are children third grade and older who assist the celebrant with the Liturgy of the Mass. Servers are needed at all of the weekend Masses. Training is provided, and servers are scheduled on a rotating basis. Servers also participate in masses at Christmas and Easter. Through this ministry, altar servers become a visible and vital part of our Eucharistic celebration.

*- Contact Lila Olowin at 745- 5401.
Prestigetx@aol.com*

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

The St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women participates in programs that enhance our church community. Our activities include our annual Christmas raffle, bake sales, Easter Basket sale, children's events and many more from which funds are raised for various charities. We have social activities which include luncheons, theatre outings and our much anticipated Christmas party. We are an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) and the Palm Beach Diocesan CCW. They both provide leadership programs and an opportunity to attend conventions for all members. We meet the first Wednesday of each month (September-May) at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. All women are welcome.

- *Contact Patty Amman at 622- 5851.*
patti229@earthlink.net

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers help with the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass. Training is provided and held several times throughout the year. Ministers are scheduled on a rotating basis.

- *Contact Karen Stedman at 624- 0522.*
stedmancpa@aol.com

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee oversees budget processes and provides fiscal analysis and guidance to the Pastor.

- *Contact Karen Stedman at 624- 0522.*
stedmancpa@aol.com

Gift Shop

The gift shop is always looking for anyone who would like to volunteer to help out. The gift shop is open before and after all Masses on the weekend. Proceeds go directly towards our St. Patrick mission in Haiti, and towards other missions as well.

- *Contact Betty Tator at 626- 8626.*

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a national, Catholic, fraternal organization dedicated to promoting the ideas of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Santa Maria Council 4999 meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at their center at 11499 Prosperity Farms Road in Palm Beach Gardens. All Catholic men over 18 are welcome. Activities include monthly business meetings, dinners, family & social meetings, and fund-raising projects.

- *Contact 622- 7267 for more information.*

Lectors

The Lector ministry is for anyone who would like to the proclaim the word of God, as well as read announcements at Mass. Training is provided for those interested.

- *Contact Walter Mosca at 601- 9644.*

wmosca@bellsouth.net

Liturgy of the Word

Each Sunday during the 9:30am Mass, these weekly lessons offer the children original stories, topics for discussion, gospel lessons linked to parish life and community. Children sing, do hands-on activities and learn about faith as faith began—with Jesus. Children, four and five years of age are eligible to register for these classes.

- *Contact Sr. Mary Therese OP, Director of Religious Education, at 626- 8626, Extension 105.*

srmary@stpatrickchurch.org

Ministry to the Homeless & Needy

This ministry helps in our community by distributing food and clothing to the poor and homeless. Volunteers are needed to make sandwiches, as well as assemble all donated items to send out. They meet at St. Patrick on Mondays and Fridays. Donations are always accepted.

- *Contact Bob Barber at 775- 3851 or Norma Brown at 630- 2710.*

Barber315@aol.com

Marriage Preparation & FOCCUS

This ministry stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding and Study. FOCCUS is a relationship inventory for couples who are planning to marry. Facilitators discuss the key elements of a successful marriage with the engaged couple. FOCCUS helps couples learn more about themselves and their personal relationship. Facilitators are appointed by the pastor.

- *Contact Norine or Bob Kildea at 626- 7533.*

nkildea@aol.com

Men's Fellowship

The Men's Fellowship is a group which meets on the first Tuesday of the month for discussion of traditional Catholic teachings and their application to the challenges of our day. This group also meets on the third Tuesday of the month for breakfast. This is more of a social event with free discussions based on current events and the interest of the attendees.

- *Contact Dr. Glen Galtere at 626- 8626.*

Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

The Ministry for the Sick and Homebound is an outreach program of visitation for sick, dying and bereaved parishioners residing at home and/or in health care institutions through a team of trained volunteers. Volunteers provide a listening ear, support, companionship, and when requested, the Eucharist. Men and women 18 and older are welcome; attendance at an initial educational/training session is required.

- Contact Mary Jane Ringkamp RN, MPA at 626- 8626.
mjtomr@bellsouth.net

Music Ministry

The music ministry consists of the Adult Choir which meets on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; and our Children's Choir which meets on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. Rehearsals are held in the church. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Remember, ye who sings, prays twice!!

- Contact R. Steven Gordon, Director of Music at 626- 8626, Extension 103.
mark@stpatrickchurch.org

- Contact Sandra Baran, Director of Children's Music at 575- 1795.
Pianopeace1@aol.com

Religious Education Program

Grades One – Seven

The "We Believe" program by the Sadlier Publishing Company has been a proven Catechetical Program. The Sadlier Company has been established since 1832. Recently the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada awarded the "We Believe" (K-6 Series) the 1st place Educational Book Award. This program Inspires, Informs, and Involves Today's Child, Catechist, Family and Community. It engages children in a variety of prayers and invites them to share their life experiences. The content presented is also age-appropriate, culturally inclusive, and easy-to-grasp. In grade seven, the students are introduced to the New Testament. This study offers young people a mature appreciation of their faith. A study of Jesus Christ and His disciples is the focus of this year's program.

Confirmation I and II

These years are a preparation for the two-year requirement of the Diocese of Palm Beach. Beginning candidates must be an eighth grader, a registered member of the parish, must have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and be presently practicing his/her faith. Year I students study the fundamentals of the Catholic faith, using the text, One Faith, One Lord. Year II students become involved in community service as they seek out ways to respond to the Holy spirit in new and deeper ways. The text used for this second year of preparation is The Spirit Sets Us Free. Fall registration will begin in April.

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srmary@stpatrickchurch.org

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the primary means by which the Catholic Church welcomes non-Catholics, as well as baptized Catholics who need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, First Communion and Confirmation into the faith. These classes are held in the Parish Center on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. These candidates are received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. All are welcome to come and explore their faith.

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Respect Life

The Respect Life ministry is for anyone who would like to assist with providing education on abortion, euthanasia, and other life issues. They provide goods and supplies for single and battered mothers through monthly baby item collections. This ministry also includes: Project Rachel - Confidential counseling for people who have had an abortion and Pennies for Babies — collecting pennies for women in crisis.

- Contact Mary Joyce Bevacqua at 691- 4186.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers tangible assistance to those in need on a person-to-person basis. It is this personalized involvement that makes the work of the Society unique. This aid may take the form of intervention, consultation, or often direct dollar or in-kind service.

- Contact Dan Schneider at 707- 9557.

Third Order Lay Carmelites

The Lay Carmelite community is open to Catholic men and women 18 and older. Living in a spirit of prayer, community and ministry, they seek a closer union with God. This tradition has continued over the last eight centuries wherever people have responded to the call of Carmel and to love. They desire to be, “prayer into action,” as observed in their two models: Mary, Mother of God and the prophet Elijah.

- Contact Mary Joyce Bevacqua at 691- 4186.

Ushers

The Ushers assist in seating, the Communion procession, distribution of bulletins, maintaining decorum and making our parishioners and visitors feel welcome. Volunteers are always needed at every Mass.

- *Contact Rick U'Sellis at 627-9644*
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