

WEBSITE MINISTRY LIST

BIBLE STUDY

Bible study is a great way to prepare for the celebration of Sunday Mass. We study the upcoming Sunday readings. We use several commentaries and pay special attention to the historical circumstances in which the texts were written. We also examine critically the language of the text, particularly Greek.

We study the Bible as rooted in the context of our Catholic tradition. Accordingly, Bible study is a great way to learn about our Catholic faith—teachings such as the Eucharist, the Hierarchy, salvation, etc.

We meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 and every Wednesday morning at 9:00. All are welcome

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary Society is comprised of a group of women dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is fitting that in our parish we have a Rosary Society, since our parish is under the protection of Our Lady of Pompei, itself a feast of the Rosary.

The ladies meet every month to pray the Rosary and afterward to gather for a meeting and fellowship. The ladies

also plan and host gatherings like our Communion Breakfast. They provide a wonderful opportunity for our parish to join together and experience the blessing of gathering in faith and fellowship.

CCD (RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)

Our CCD program begins in kindergarten and runs through the 7th grade. CCD is held on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00.

Our teachers are extremely dedicated to teaching their students the fundamentals of our Catholic faith in a warm and supportive environment. Every one of our teachers is in full compliance with the requirements of Protecting God's Children—the Bishops' mandate that all those who have contact with minors pass a criminal background check, sign a code of conduct issued by the Diocese, and attend a child safety program.

The children regularly take part in serving at Sunday Mass as altar servers and lectors. They also sing in the children's choir. Every first Sunday of the month the children gather around the altar for a children's homily.

The children also serve the poor of our immediate area by conducting the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive, Christmas gifts

for children, and the Lenten Rice Bowl. Our students are taught that Christian generosity and compassion are a way of life.

SPECIAL EDUCATION CCD

This year we are blessed to begin a new program here in our parish. Our special education teacher has many years of working with special education students, particularly those with autism. The group meets every other Sunday from 9:00-9:45 in the church.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Our confirmation program begins in 8th grade and ends in the 2nd year of high school with the sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation students learn not only the essentials of the faith, they also learn how to apply that faith in their daily lives, especially in dealing with difficulties such as negative peer pressure and other aspects of teen life that challenge faithful discipleship.

Our confirmation teens also serve the local poor by sorting and packing food for needy families at Thanksgiving. They serve the wider community by helping at the Hillside Community Foodbank.

Last, our teens also attend an all day retreat in January at Sacred Heart Retreat Center. The retreat is run by the Sisters who are very energetic and relate the faith very well to the needs of the teens.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

This committee is comprised of a very dedicated (and efficient!) group of parishioners who know how to organize and execute an event, whether it be a Past Night dinner or a celebratory event like the retirement of our deacon or the installation of a new pastor, or a fundraiser like our annual Gift Auction.

The committee pulls together and takes care of everything from decorations, changing light bulbs, setting up chairs, and cleaning up.

EVANGELIZATION COMMITTEE

The evangelizers in our parish are very devoted to the Faith. They have an ardent desire to spread the faith among their families, friends, and coworkers and acquaintances.

One of the initiatives of the Evangelization Committee has been a focus on continuing adult education. A result of this is

the weekly Bible study. Also, during Lent and Advent, the parish provides pray booklets such as the Word Among Us in order to deepen faith and devotion.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee meets quarterly to advise the pastor of the financial status of the parish. The committee reviews the proceeds from fundraisers and the weekly collections. The committee also reviews the physical needs and maintenance of the parish.

LITURGICAL SERVICES

In addition to regularly scheduled services such as the celebration of Mass and the sacrament of Reconciliation, our parish offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every first Friday of the month following the 8:00 AM Mass until 5:00 PM.

Devotions include daily recitation of the Rosary before the 8:00 Mass, a novena to honor Mary on Mondays during the 8:00 Mass, and a novena to honor Saint Anthony on Tuesdays during the 8:00 Mass.

We also offer an Advent Reconciliation service, as well as the Lenten devotion Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Monday night during Lent.

Our Lady of Pompei also has a dedicated group of lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. They assist at Sunday Masses and holy days of obligation. Finally, beginning in third grade, our children are invited to serve at the altar.

LAZARUS COMMITTEE

The Lazarus committee assists at funeral Masses. They serve as lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. They are a powerful witness to their fellow parishioners who are suffering the loss of a loved one.

SENIORS

Seniors meet every Monday in the Church hall from 12:30-2:30. They gather for prayer, fellowship, and a light meal. They also have regularly scheduled events such as a monthly outing to Atlantic City, a day of retreat at Mount Hope, and a yearly trip to Wildwood in September.

PRE-CANA

Pre-Cana is offered in February. This ministry helps prepare engaged couples for the sacrament of Marriage. Our lead couples provide a great ministry in sharing openly and candidly their insights and lived experience.