

### **Altar Rosary Society**

Women's organization within the Parish dedicated to the works of Mary. This committee holds social and spiritual programs throughout the year and assists in Parish functions where necessary. They also help in the upkeep of the church for once a week altar preparation. They have various committees to oversee planned activities such as their Communion Breakfast, Fashion Show, guest speakers, etc. Members receive monthly Communion at a Monday evening Mass established as the Altar Rosary Mass.

### **Art & Environment**

Discuss and coordinate the decoration of the inside and outside of the Church at Christmas and Easter. This ministry may be called upon throughout the year to assist with special occasions which may require decorating.

### **Baptism Preparation Team**

Prepare expectant couples for the baptism of their children.

### **Bereavement Group**

This group assists those who are suffering or troubled over the death of a loved one. Trained facilitators gently guide the participants through the bereavement journey. Registration is required.

### **Bible Study**

Scripture reflection and faith integration will be presented as well as exploring the Gospels through prayer, study and sharing.

### **Blood Drive Committee**

This committee organizes and implements the Parish blood drive twice a year. Call the Parish Office for information

### **Building & Grounds Committee**

Investigates and determines the capital improvement needs of the parish grounds and buildings.

### **Caring Meals**

This group prepares and delivers meals to those who are in need of help either through illness or other circumstances. Meals are also given to support new mothers.

### **Children's Liturgy of The Word**

A team of volunteers offer the children of our Parish the opportunity to meet during the Liturgy of The Word to "discuss" the Gospel guided by two adult facilitators. These sessions take place once a month at the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and the 9 and 11 AM Masses on Sunday. Children in grades 1 to 3 are encouraged to participate.

### **Church Activities Group**

Plan and implement social activities to raise money for the parish needs. They sponsor trips to Atlantic City, dinners, shows, Baseball games, etc.

### **Companions of Pauline**

The Companions of Pauline of the Eastern Province are called by God to proclaim Christ to the world through living out the charism of Pauline von Mallinckrodt. Remaining in their present life style they seek to commit themselves to prayer, works of charity, and deeper Gospel living.

### **Family Life**

The ministry coordinates and organizes fun family events such as day trips, dances, athletic games, parents' dinner, arts and crafts.

### **Golf Committee**

Plan and organize the parish annual golf outing which is usually held in August. Monthly meetings are held April through Sept.

### **Green Thumb Committee**

This committee is responsible for the planting and care of the landscape around the church and rectory. Meetings are held regularly throughout the year.

### **Holy Name Society**

Men's organization within the Parish whose goal is to promote reverence for the Name of the Most Holy Trinity and to praise and venerate the Most Holy Name of God. The organization promotes the spiritual welfare of the members of the Parish by encouraging and assisting them to observe the practices of the Confraternity of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, namely, the frequent reception of the sacraments, the honoring of the Most Holy Name by an active religious life, and by working against all things which offend the Most Holy Name.

### **Homebound Ministry**

Eucharistic Ministers bring communion to the homes of those who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or other circumstances. Prayer groups visit the local nursing homes for recitation of the Rosary and Communion Services are held at the Applegarth, Castle, and Cranbury Care Centers. Arrangements for rides to church can be provided through this group.

### **Jr. St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Children of the parish reach out to the needy, lonely, and underprivileged children of the area by working in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

### **Jr. Youth Group**

Through this ministry, children take leadership roles in community service projects, spiritual programs and social events that serve our parish family.

### **Lazarus Ministry (Afternoon Bereavement)**

This is a monthly daytime Bereavement Group that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month (not July or Aug) at 1:15PM. Trained facilitators guide participants in the self-help group.

### **Music Ministry**

Those involved in the music ministry take part in the choir and work closely with the music director to prepare for the liturgy and the seasonal music throughout the year. Those individuals that play musical instruments or like to praise God through music are encouraged to join.

### **Pen Pals**

This group gets together monthly to address cards to those individuals in nursing homes, hospitals, and shut ins. They lift the spirits of those who are often forgotten.

### **Phone Chain Prayer Group:**

Through a phone chain this group prays for all those in need of special prayers. They pray for the sick, dying or a special need for individuals on a daily basis. Call the Parish office if you are in need of prayer.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

This ministry crochets/knits prayer shawls, which are blessed by Father before distribution to the sick or homebound. The needle workers also embroider baptismal cloths to be given to the newly baptized children of the parish.

### **Pre Cana Preparation Team**

This ministry works with newly engaged couples as they prepare for the Sacrament of Matrimony. After the initial meeting with the pastor, each engaged couple is required to attend a marriage prep program coupled with the Diocesan program "God's Plan for a joy-filled Marriage." Marriage prep team couples facilitate discussions on a variety of topics such as Communication, Human Sexuality and Family Life within the framework of the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. These 4 night sessions are usually scheduled twice per year.

### **Religious Education**

Responsible for educating the children of our Parish in the Roman Catholic faith from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. We prepare the children to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Volunteers are always welcome.

### **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

This group prepares non-Catholic individuals interested in joining the Catholic faith and Adult Catholics who have not completed their sacraments to become full members of the Church. They meet weekly with volunteers who encourage their formation and live their faith fully as teachers.

### **Respect Life Committee**

Encourages all Catholics to respect the life of unborn babies and become aware of programs in the Diocese that aids pregnant women about to give birth. Right to Life also includes respect for life at all times, not just at birth, but also to those who are terminally ill and close to death.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

This is an outreach program that helps people who are in need to get back on their feet again. They sponsor programs such as food collections, back to school back packs, giving tree, Operation Rice Bowl, coffee sale. Many parish organizations fall under this organization's umbrella.

### **Social Events Committee (Parish-wide)**

This committee is responsible for the planning and implementation of social events throughout the Parish such as dances, special events, coffees, etc. This is a fun committee to work on and volunteers are always needed.

### **Social Committee (Religious Ed Program)**

Works with volunteers to bring social events and refreshments to the children of our parish. Programs include the All Saints Party, First Communicant's Brunch, Family Breakfast and other events throughout the school year.

### **Ushers**

Assists with the weekly collection during the Masses and also distributes the Church Bulletin after Mass.

### **Visiting Homebound**

Members visit parishioners who are unable to leave home due to illness or other circumstances. They also assist those who need a ride to church.

### **Youth Group**

Responds to the spiritual needs of our youth and enable them to share their unique gifts with the larger faith community.

### **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:**

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## **Nativity of Our Lord Parish Ministries**



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There is a place for you!**

**Our Time, Talents  
and Treasures  
Shared with One Another**