

Ministries at Proto-Cathedral

Liturgy:

Sacristans

Volunteer sacristans are those who appreciate working near the Blessed Sacrament and assisting during Sunday and weekday Masses, cleaning sacred vessels and occasionally assisting with funerals and weddings. Contact: James Bartel at

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest during liturgical celebrations. Boys in grade six through young adults are eligible to serve as Altar Servers. Boys in grade nine through young adults are trained as Senior Servers. Contact: Tracy & Jerry Nehnevaj at

nehnevaj@comcast.net

Acolytes (Masters of Ceremonies)

Acolytes directly assist the priest during Mass by preparing the altar and performing other duties. The Acolyte position is open to young men who have been confirmed. Contact: Tracy & Jerry Nehnevaj at nehnevaj@comcast.net

Readers

A reader is a lay person entrusted with proclaiming Scriptures during Mass. It is expected that they will spend time in preparation through prayer and reading the Scriptures. This ministry is open to active, confirmed parishioners who are in good standing with the church and, if married, married in the Church. Contact: Gerrie Rodewald at gerrierode@gmail.com

Ushers

Ushers greet people warmly as they arrive for Mass, invite people to bring up the offertory gifts, assist with seating, take up the collection, distribute the bulletins and tidy up after Mass. Contact: Pat Smith (Office) at office@protocathedral.org

Pastoral Care:

Extraordinary Ministers for the Homebound

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Eucharist to the homebound who are no longer able to attend Mass. Ministers must be in good standing with the Church and, if married, married in the Church. Training will be provided by the Parish. Contact: Pat Smith (Parish Office) at office@protocathedral.org or Mary Hernandez

Parish Life:

Faith Formation Volunteers

Volunteers work with the Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation in educating children and adults in the Catholic Faith. Volunteers serve as catechists and assistants in the facilitation of the Faith. Contact: Tracy Joy or Debbie Adams at tracy@stjoevan.org or adultfaithform@stjoevan.org

Church Cleaners

This valuable ministry is open to all who would like to help prepare the church for weekend Masses. They dust, sweep, and vacuum the interior of the church. Contact: Fran Trimble at trim72@yahoo.com

Cemetery Grounds Volunteers

Volunteers work under the direction of the Facilities and Grounds Maintenance staff member in maintaining the Mother Joseph Catholic Cemetery grounds and aiding in special projects requiring extra help. Contact: Zach Wagner at maintenance@protocathedral.org

Facilities and Grounds Committee

Volunteers work under the direction of our Facilities & Grounds Maintenance staff member to maintain the buildings and grounds of the Proto-Cathedral. Those with expertise in different trades are always needed, as well as those who would like to help with general maintenance. Contact: Zach Wagner at maintenance@protocathedral.org

Knights of Columbus

The Knights are dedicated to serve the Priests and parishes with other efforts benefitting the community and the Culture of Life. Many recognize our Fourth Degree Knights, the highest Degree in the Order, by their distinctive capes, plumed caps and swords. The

Fourth Degree is the patriotic degree and serves at many highly visible and special occasions supporting our pastor and bishops. Membership in the Knights is open to any Catholic man who is 18 years or older. Contact: Vince Hochanadel at vincehochanadel@gmail.com

St. Martha's Hospitality Apostolate

Saint Martha's Apostolate hosts a quarterly savory/sweet continental breakfast for new parishioners. We answer questions about the parish, introduce new parishioners to other parishioners, as well as pray for their intentions. If you wish to join this committee, please contact Wendy Gahan at mgahan@hotmail.com

Proto-Cathedral Historical Society

We have a rich Catholic history that needs to be protected, preserved, and shared with our Parish and Community. We honor our history through church tours and published literature, caring for our artifacts, and keeping good historical records for future generations. Members of the Society help with monthly guided tours on the last Saturday of the month, St. John the Baptist festival, and sponsor coffee hour every fifth Sunday. Contact: Gerrie Rodewald gerrierode@gmail.com

Rosary Leads (Funerals)

Sometimes before a Funeral Mass, the family prefers to have the rosary lead by one of our Rosary Leads during this difficult time. If you are well acquainted with the Holy Rosary, this may be a calling for you in a time of need for a family. Contact: Barabara Stoltenberg at randall.stoltenberg@comcast.net

Funeral Reception Committee

Volunteers offer up their time by providing some food, setting up, serving, and cleaning up for a funeral reception. This is a wonderful service that is provided for those who are in need of the kindness of others. Contact: Pat Morse at jpmorse@comcast.net

Mentor Couples

Mentor Couples assist in the marriage preparation process by meeting with young, engaged couples to share the realities of marriage – the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows that take place in a real marriage. It's also a great opportunity to help engaged couples feel more connected to and involved in our community. Mentors are assigned to an engaged couple, then they meet six times over the course of 2 months and work through a workbook together. To learn more about how to become a mentor couple, please contact Karissa Stone at marriage@stjoevan.org

Homebound Ministry

Visiting the homebound is a Corporal Work of Mercy. Bringing them the Eucharist elevates this service to a whole new level. Please consider offering a brief visit to those who don't have the option to be present in the Mass. For more information contact: Mary Hernandez at pastoralcare@parishfamily45.org

Money Counters

Are you good with numbers and detail-oriented? This is a position requiring much responsibility and confidentiality. A background check and security testing is required for the right candidate. Contact the office if you are interested.

Floral

Creativity and the ability to move freely and carry arrangements is needed for this delightful ministry as we utilize God's artistic florals and faunas to decorate His church.

Finance Council

Financial acumen and a fiscal background are essential to this council of highly intelligent and responsible members of our parish. We review the resources available, determine priorities, and plan the future business plans of the Proto-Cathedral.

First Friday Ministry

First Friday Events focus on fostering community and fellowship for parishioners of all ages with the Holy Eucharistic at its core.

We begin with dinner in the Lower Hall and after Adoration and Benediction in the Church, we host an all-ages event in the Upper Hall. We need additional core members and volunteers for this ministry. Contact Miguel Gahan at mgahan@hotmail.com