

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Care, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors, Musicians

The call to serve.

In 2005 Bishop Sylvester Ryan said in his pastoral letter **YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST**, "The work of the baptized includes both the special ministries in the celebrations of Liturgy, but also to work for the transformation of the world in which they live and work. In fact, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Greeters, Altar Servers, Cantors and Choirs are a sign of the baptismal and confirmation vocation of all the baptized. These two sacraments define the people of God not only for their roles in the Liturgy but as people entrusted with the mission of the church as well.

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The General Instruction of the Roman Missal tells us: In addition, the nature of the ministerial priesthood also puts into its proper light another reality, which must indeed be highly regarded, namely, the royal priesthood of the faithful, whose spiritual sacrifice is brought to completeness through the ministry of the Bishop and the Priests in union with the sacrifice of Christ, the one and only Mediator. **For the celebration of the Eucharist is an action of the whole Church**, and in it each one should carry out solely but completely that which pertains to him or her, in virtue of the rank of each within the People of God..... Finally, it is a people made one by sharing in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood. Though holy in its origin, this people nevertheless **grows continually in holiness by its conscious, active and fruitful participation in the mystery of the Eucharist.**



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*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there I am in the midst of them."*

MATT 18:20

ALTAR SERVERS

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” (John 12:26)

Altar servers assist the priest throughout the Mass. Their participation includes carrying the cross or candles in the entrance processional, holding the lectionary for prayers, and assisting in preparations for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Training is available for any boys and girls in the 5th grade and above.



Altar Servers lead with the cross...

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” (John 6:54)

Members in this ministry assist the Presider in distributing the Eucharist at all Masses. Some also minister to the sick and homebound. Through your humble service as a minister of communion God unites you to your fellow members of the Body of Christ and forms all of you into that Body. Your life as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is one of both being and giving the Body of Christ. You will find great joy in the Lord who chooses to be present in you, in those you serve, and in the Eucharist that forms you into his Body.



The blood of Christ...

GREETERS / HOSPITALITY

*“Love your fellow Christians always, and always remember to show **hospitality**, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.”* (Heb. 13:1-2)

St. Patrick's has a history of being a very warm and inviting community. Every person that comes to church has a common need of acceptance. No matter how great the music or how helpful the homily, what happens upon arrival and departure makes a lasting impression on all who enter the church. We are, therefore, open and welcoming to all people who come to our door.

We also have a 'hospitality crew' that facilitates serving coffee and donuts in the Hall once a month after the Sunday morning masses and at receptions during special events. This ministry is another great way to share your gift of hospitality and service to one another.



Welcome to St. Patrick's...

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LECTORS

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)

Lectors proclaim God's word in readings at weekend and Holy Day Masses. There are two tables at Mass, the table of the word and the table of the Lord's body and blood. Together they constitute a single place of worship before God. The Ministry of the lector calls a person to grow in a warm and loving knowledge of Scripture, the living Word of God. The art of oral interpretation provides us with an approach, setting before us the marriage between the reader and the text. To each and all, the Lord speaks a unique word, and the reader is God's chosen instrument in that very moment of its communication: "The word of the Lord!" Training for all lectors is held annually and individually as needed.



A reading from the book of.....

MUSIC MINISTRY

"Sing to the Lord a new song of praise in the assembly of the faithful." (Psalm 149)

This Ministry provides musical leadership for St. Patrick's Masses and Liturgical events. Cantors play a vital role by leading the congregational singing at the 5:00pm (Sat.), 7:30am and 10:30am (Sun.) Masses. The adult choir sings Sept.-June at the 9:00am (Sun.) Mass every week except the 1st Sun. of the month. Rehearsals are every Tuesday in the church at 7:00pm. We also have a youth band that leads the music year-round at the 6:00pm (Sun.) Mass. Rehearsals are every Thursday in the church at 7:00pm. Individuals who are proficient on wind or string instruments and percussion are encouraged to come and share their gifts!



Sing to the Lord...



.....a new song!

ALTAR CARE

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit, different forms of service but the same Lord." (1Cor. 12:4-5)

The Altar Care members fill a "behind the scene" but essential role in the preparation of St. Patrick's celebrations of the Eucharist. Members have an assigned week to take the liturgical linens home for laundering and return them before the next Saturday 5:00pm Mass. There is usually extra activity and we can use extra hands around Holy Days and the Christmas and Easter seasons.

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