

# Care Ministries



The staff and the volunteers at St. Patrick's Parish deeply care about all parishioners and strive to address a variety of their needs, especially in the most difficult moments of their lives. Please scroll down to learn more about these ministries. Pray and ponder if they can be of help to you and your family, or if you can help in some ways.

*"Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble."* (1Peter 3:8)

## Bereavement

The Bereavement Team assists the priest during the liturgies for funerals and memorial masses. We help with setting up, assist as Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers as needed, comfort and welcome the family of the deceased by being compassionate and attentive to their needs. The Team also organizes a yearly Mass of Remembrance once a year, around the feast of All Souls (November 2) to honor our deceased loved ones, especially those who died in the last year.

Contact: **Kathy Sugishita** at ext. 18

## Martha Ministry/Hospitality

We are a group of parish volunteers who provide care and comfort to the family and friends of the deceased by hosting a reception following the funeral, if the Parish Hall is available. We will set up, serve and clean up, and provide a light buffet meal complete with table settings. This service is free to the family but donations are encouraged and always welcome, so that we can continue to serve the community in the future.

We also serve coffee and donuts once a month on **Hospitality Sunday** after the morning Masses, organize refreshments during retreats and other church functions and always welcome new volunteers!

Contact: **Margot Ochoa** at ext. 31

## Family Counseling/Grief Support

Terri Bledsoe, L.C.S.W., provides family counseling with a Christian perspective for the people of our community. Our mission as a parish is to promote family life by encouraging and assisting couples from the preparation to their marriage through their life together.

In addition to short-term individual and family therapy for adults and children, Terri offers group settings for marriage enhancement and grief support. Her workshops on these topics and on personality types are always well-received.

Charges are based on a sliding-fee scale, so don't let cost deter you from making an appointment.

Contact: **Terri Bledsoe, L.C.S.W.** at ext. 15

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## Ministries to the Shut-ins

Those parishioners who cannot come to Mass because of mobility problems or health issues can receive a visit at home, the hospital or the Care Center to receive communion. If they are in good health but have a transportation problem, we may be able to find a ride for them to the 10:30 am Mass. At this time we do not have enough drivers to help more people. Please call us if you could drive a parishioner to Mass once a month.

Please call the parish office to contact the following coordinators:

**Home Visitation: Mary Recchia**

**Hospital: Jerri Fife**

**Care Center: Sue Reddy**

**Driving Ministry: Pete Curzi**

## Senior Mavericks

Our Seniors group meets every Wednesday at 10 am in Meeting Room 3. Join them for presentations from guest speakers, video series, discussions, socials, trips and more. This group caters to the interests of the "third (best) age" but all are welcome! Please see the parish bulletin for the activity of the week.

Contact: **Dee Mass** or **Pat Osuch.**

**A visit from a friend  
makes a big  
difference!**



Call the Parish Office at 489-2680 to contact the ministries on this page.