

Notes



Saints Gregory & Barnabas Parish



One Family of Faith



Ministries

Ministry Fair, September 7, 2008

Our Catholic faith teaches us that we are called to serve each other. Jesus told us that He came to serve, not to be served. The same is true for us, His followers.

Through the ministries offered by our family of faith Ss. Gregory and Barnabas parish we pray that you will find a way to serve those of our parish family and beyond.

*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service
but the same Lord;
there are different workings
but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.*

1Corinthians 12:3-6

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Fish Fries: During lent both worship sites host fish fries. In addition we offer First Friday fish fries in Daisytown in October, November, December and February. They are a great contributor to the financial health of our parish. Join us at either site to lend a hand at food prep, serving or clean-up. No help is too little or too much. Not only is it an opportunity to lend a hand for your parish, it's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners!

Scrapbooking: Parish Historians and Scrapbookers will love this ministry. We would like to keep a history of our parish family by collecting newspaper clippings, photos and stories of individuals and events and protect them for generations to come by creating a scrapbook. This new ministry is struggling to get off the ground and we are looking for someone who would like to organize the group. There are many old photographs, news clippings and documents from both worship sites that need some t.l.c. If you like scrapbooking, organizing, researching and/or documenting, this ministry is for you! If you are interested contact the parish office.

BINGO: This ministry offers an opportunity to raise money for the parish while enjoying fun and fellowship with other parishioners. Callers, floor workers and kitchen helpers are always welcome. Bingo is held on Monday evenings in the Bon Air hall. Stop in and volunteer!

Pieroghi Makers: This delicious ministry is a long standing parish fund raiser. At various times throughout the year we meet to make authentic pieroghi. Check out the bulletin to see the next time we'll be making them then join us! It's an enjoyable time.

Holiday Baking (Nut Rolls): Both parish sites have long traditions of baking delicious nut, poppyseed and apricot rolls for the holidays. These ministries offer much fellowship and fun as well as learning the art of holiday baking. We are always looking for help in our kitchens, check out the bulletin for the next opportunity to help out, then simply show up. We'll show you what to do!

In Stitches: This group meets every other Tuesday all year long for fellowship while knitting, crocheting, quilting etc. Our on-going projects include making baptismal blankets for the newly baptised in our parish, lap blankets for wounded soldiers and for local nursing home residents and parish shut-ins. We work on our parish projects as well as our own projects while getting to know our fellow parishioners. All levels of skill are welcome with lessons in knitting and crocheting available. Join us, it's lots of fun! Contact Cathy Kessler (525-2262) for more information.

Merry Martha Bakers: If you love to bake, this ministry is for you! With the goal of hospitality in mind, our parish is often in need of cookies and other baked goods for meetings, "Coffee Mornings", and snacks for religious ed classes. We also sponsor cookie trays for the shut-ins of our parish at Christmas time. To become involved in this ministry contact Donna Bafia (539-4828) or Karen Blaisdell (495-5292) to get on the bakers list. You will be contacted when there is a need for baked goods.

Women's Prayer Group: This is a brand new ministry that we pray will become a vibrant group of parish women who meet together in each other's homes for prayer, bible study and fellowship. If you are interested in becoming a charter member of this new ministry, please contact Sue Hall (535-4879).

Kid Kare: Calling all caring individuals from 14 years to 94. Occasionally there is a need for babysitting to be available for parents for meetings or group study. Consider joining this ministry if you'd like to help out. This ministry is also in need of a coordinator, someone who would be the contact person for ministries needing a babysitter and calling parishioners on the list who offered to babysit. If you would like to volunteer as babysitter or coordinator, please call the parish office.

Festival Planning Committee: Our parish festival is held on the 2nd Sunday of July but the planning and preparation is year-round. If you like to plan activities or roll-up your sleeves and help out we are always looking for committed volunteers. Contact Dan Slavick (266-4409) for more information.

Eucharistic Ministers: Parishioners with a deep devotion to the Eucharist are invited to be a part of this beautiful ministry. Ministers of the Bread and Cup join the priest in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to fellow Catholics during the Liturgy, as well as to the sick and homebound. Offering the life-giving bread, the Body of Christ, is a humbling and rewarding experience. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the parish office. Training is required.

Lectors: Proclaiming the Word of God is the central responsibility of those who are active in this ministry. During the Liturgy of the Word, the Lector confidently and prayerfully reads the Scriptures as well as the Prayers of the Faithful to the congregation. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the parish office. Training is required.

Ushers/Greeters: Offering a welcoming smile to people entering the church is the first of many responsibilities of the Usher/Greeter. Ushers other responsibilities include, helping people find a seat when necessary, assigning Offertory gift bearers, collecting the offering, and distributing the bulletin after Mass. Helping to distribute newsletters, tickets and other parish information is also a function of the Usher/Greeter. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the parish office.

Altar Servers: Any parishioner, regardless of age, who is eligible to receive the Eucharist can be a member of this ministry. . Assisting Father at the Altar during the Liturgy is the primary function of the Altar Server. If you are interested in this ministry, contact the parish office. Training is required.

Ss. Gregory & Barnabas Choir: Do you have a musical talent that you are ready to share? If you can carry a tune or play an instrument consider sharing your talent as a member of our choir. We practice Wednesday evenings and share our ministry at both worship sites at alternating Sunday Liturgies. Contact Marlene Dallas (539-4352) if you have an interest.

Parish Council: Each year during the Easter season, members of the parish are nominated by fellow parishioners to be a member of Parish Council. The nominees are then chosen by lottery to serve a term of three years in service to the parish. Members are asked to attend meetings and be a liaison between fellow parishioners and our pastor. Parish Council Members are also involved in decision making and planning in regards to the needs of the parish, both spiritual and temporal. If you are nominated, prayerfully consider serving your parish in this ministry.

Education Committee: This committee is responsible for the religious formation of our young parishioners from pre-K through 12th grade. You can serve in this ministry as a teacher, teacher's aide, or as attendance monitor. Dedication, professionalism and love of children are exemplified in this ministry. Weekly classes are held for our elementary students. Classes are held every other week for grades 7-12. Sacrament preparation for First Penance and First Eucharist as well as Confirmation is also offered. Interested parishioners should contact Mary Helen Percinsky (535-2782) or the parish office. Training is required.

Vacation Bible School: This ministry is perfect for anyone who enjoys teaching God's love to the little ones! If you are creative and artistic this ministry has lots of opportunity to serve our parish. From planning to decorating, games, music and bible lessons, this summer ministry is packed full of energy and fun! If you're up for a fun adventure contact Mary Helen Percinsky (535-2782).

BERT'S (Believing Everyone Remains Together): This exciting fun-filled ministry is geared toward the youth of our parish. Parish members from grades 5-8 are encouraged to join this group for fellowship, mentoring, service and fun! If you are an adult being called to work with our parishes youth, contact Greg Stiffler (487-7935) for more information. BERT'S meets weekly in the Daisytown church basement Sundays from 6-8PM.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: Passing on our faith to those who feel called to Catholicism through example as well as instruction is the main work of this ministry. As a member of this ministry, you will work with people interested in converting to Catholicism during an eight month program of instruction. Interested parishioners should contact the parish office. Training is required.

Stewardship Committee: The main focus of this ministry is to help our parishioners be better stewards of God's gifts. Through our quarterly newsletter, *The Good Steward*, as well as developing new ministries, we offer opportunities to share our time, talent and treasure with each other for the glory of God. Unity is another focus of our committee. Creating one parish family of Ss. Gregory and Barnabas is an important aspect of our work. If you are interested in this ministry contact Dan Slavick (266-4409) or Karen Blaisdell (495-5292).

Family of Faith: This is a ministry whose purpose is to host events, service projects and activities that foster growth as a parish family. Opportunities for parishioners to get to know each other better is at the core of our mission. Growing in understanding and love, as a family of faith, will help our parishioners better live out the call of Christ in their lives. We sponsor the Sweetheart dinner in February, Coffee Mornings each Sunday during CCD in the rectory basement, and other parish activities. If you are interested in joining us and sharing your ideas in order to help our parish family grow closer together, please give one of us a call: Karen Blaisdell 495-5292 Kathy Roberts 536-5576 Sharon Rozum 266-2682 Jen Stiffler 539-6133

Altar & Rosary Society: Our group is a long-standing tradition whose mission is for women of the parish to meet to pray together and support our parish with our talents and financial resources from sponsored social and fellowship activities. Every woman of the parish family is invited to attend a meeting to see if this ministry is for you. We meet monthly on the first Thursday of the month in the Rev. Richard E. Conti Activities Center. Please come to a meeting if you are interested in joining us or call Kay Kormanik (535-5262) for more information.