

# Blessed Trinity Parish

## 2022 Ministry Guide



**Serve the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful song.**

*Psalms 100:2*



As disciples of Christ, we are called to love our neighbor. One way to show that love is through service. It is through this gift of service - *sharing our time and our talents* - that we enrich our faith and grow closer to God. Saint Peter in his first epistle tells us, “*Each one of you has received a special grace, so like good stewards responsible for all these different graces of God, put yourselves at the service of others.*”

Some parishioners have been actively involved in parish life for many years. Some may be thinking of getting involved for the very first time. No matter where you fall, there are some questions we can *all* reflect on: What have I received from belonging here? What of myself am I able to give toward the life of this parish?

As you look through this 2022 Ministry Guide, you will find a listing of all the groups and ministries currently functioning at Blessed Trinity Parish. Further information on any of them can be obtained by contacting the person whose name is listed with each. And please, familiarize yourself with the Volunteer Requirements outlined on the inside back cover.

Please, take the time to pray about and consider the ways you can return a portion of your gifts by committing (*or re-committing*) to serve in a ministry for the coming year.

Remember the words of St. Francis of Assisi:

*“It is in giving that we receive.”*

# COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS

Seen through the lenses of communion, mission, and stewardship, the Councils and the Liturgy Commission are not simply administrative or consultative groups. These bodies bring together gifted and talented laity to work in collaboration with the clergy to strengthen parish unity around Jesus Christ and the Gospel.

They move the Church from theory to practice when the following principles are observed: shared responsibility, consultation, and consensus building.

## PARISH FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL

The Finance & Administration Council is advisory in nature. Members plan for the future financial needs of the parish and work with the Finance and Operations Manager to generate a balanced budget for each fiscal year. Members come from a broad range of backgrounds including banking & finance, human resources, engineering, and others.

Co-Chairs: *Jeff Gottschalk 978-467-1419 [bjeb.gottschalk@gmail.com](mailto:bjeb.gottschalk@gmail.com)  
Bob Stall at 978-314-0992 or [rstall@stalladvisors.com](mailto:rstall@stalladvisors.com)*

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Parish Pastoral Council assists the clergy in their leadership role of planning, initiating, organizing, coordinating, and reviewing the evangelization, worship, faith formation and service activities within our Parish. While its view is strategic, members often volunteer to provide leadership and support in implementing and monitoring agreed upon initiatives.

Co-Chairs: *Mihran Keoseian at [PastoralCouncil@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org)  
Carole Prest at [PastoralCouncil@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org](mailto:PastoralCouncil@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org)*

## LITURGY COMMISSION

The Liturgy Commission is a consultative body to the pastoral staff. They assess the spiritual and liturgical (worship) needs of Blessed Trinity Parish and provide direction for the broad goals, strategic planning and policies governing those needs. Members include representatives from the various liturgical ministries.

*Kelly Clark at 978-320-4205 or [KellyC@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org](mailto:KellyC@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org)*

## STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

The purpose of the Stewardship Council is to encourage parishioners to practice stewardship as an expression of gratitude to God and as a way of life for Disciples of Christ, and to see that active involvement is a means of returning the many gifts we have been blessed with by God. Members organize and participate in numerous events throughout the year.

Co-Chairs: *Laura Doherty at [laurajd3@comcast.net](mailto:laurajd3@comcast.net)  
Carolyn Stall at [cstall@stalladvisors.com](mailto:cstall@stalladvisors.com)*

# 2022 MINISTRIES & GROUPS

## **ALTAR GUILD**

Altar Guild members work on a rotating basis maintaining and beautifying the physical aspects of the churches. Members work to maintain a beautiful and clean environment, providing a reverent atmosphere for liturgies. Work includes dusting, vacuuming, polishing, etc.

St. Anne Church: *Jim Haug at 978-486-0273 or jghaug216@gmail.com*

St. Catherine Church: *Debbie Rhodes 978-320-4212 or DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

Altar servers assist the priest during weekend, holy day masses and weddings. Servers carry the cross and candles in the entrance procession, hold the candles during the Gospel reading, escort the gift bearers during the offertory, set-up the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist and get to ring the bells at the consecration! Girls and boys, grade 3 & up, who have made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion are eligible to serve. Altar servers are welcome to serve at any weekend liturgy at either church. *PLEASE NOTE: During pandemic restrictions, and until further notice, we are utilizing adult altar servers (acolytes) to protect the health of our children and young adults.*

*Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **ART & ENVIRONMENT**

The Art & Environment Teams at each church are responsible for enriching the liturgical environment with flowers and greenery, textiles, artistic seasonal decorations, and creative placement of liturgical items to enhance and deepen our worship experience through what we see. Crafters, sewers, floral designers, decorators, creative persons, and good hard workers are most welcome to become part of either group.

St. Anne Church: *Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

St. Catherine Church: *Sharon Laronga 978-320-4220 x127 or SharonL@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **AV (Audio Visual) MINISTRY**

The A/V Ministry is looking to expand their team of volunteers to help operate cameras for the live stream masses and special liturgical events. Anyone high school age and older is welcome to participate. Training provided.

*Matt Miller at AVMinistry@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **BAPTISMAL ROBES / STITCHERS**

Volunteers create baptismal robes that are placed on infants during the Rite of Baptism to symbolize "Putting on Christ". Duties include purchasing, cutting, embroidering, and sewing the robes by hand.

*Carol Marcinkowski at 978-582-1840 or moosencarolm@verizon.net OR*

*Francine McGrath at 978-486-3063 or francine\_mc@yahoo.com*

## **BEYOND CONFIRMATION**

This is a ministry for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade teens. Post-Confirmation teens gather to continue their journey in faith. Faith-Fun-Food is combined at each gathering. This is a new ministry, and we are always looking to add new members.

*Mary Collins at 978-320-4206 or MaryC@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LADIES' SODALITY**

Women of Blessed Trinity Parish 18 years or older are invited to join the Sodality in honoring and praising Jesus through Mary. The Sodality generally meets four times a year. Meetings include praying

### **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LADIES' SODALITY (cont.)**

the rosary together, presentations by guest speakers, followed by refreshments & fellowship. Sodality members ("Sodalists") also participate in many events throughout the year, including outreach efforts, a scholarship, and an annual retreat.

*Jennifer Canfield at [jennifer.canfield@verizon.net](mailto:jennifer.canfield@verizon.net) OR  
Gloria Rios-Monarrez at [grm4654@gmail.com](mailto:grm4654@gmail.com)*

### **CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS**

The mission of Catholic Grandparents is to help grandparents and elders pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life. Meetings are held monthly after the 10:30am Mass. Check the bulletin for dates or contact:

*Jeanne Rodwell at 978-877-6493 or [jeanne.rodwell2@gmail.com](mailto:jeanne.rodwell2@gmail.com) OR  
Mary Eve Miller at 978-692-7651 or [maryevewin8@outlook.com](mailto:maryevewin8@outlook.com)*

### **CEMETERY COMMITTEE**

The Cemetery Committee is an advisory group to the pastor. They aid in overseeing the maintenance and beautification of the St. Catherine Cemetery grounds.

*Margaret (Peggy) Donahue at 978-692-4354 or [ejdmkd@gmail.com](mailto:ejdmkd@gmail.com)*

### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is an opportunity for young children to hear age-appropriate scripture readings and reflections on the readings. An activity or project is usually offered to help reinforce the learning. CLOW takes place during the Sunday Masses. Catechists are needed.

*Jackie Butterfield at 508-843-9123 or [jjbviolin@comcast.net](mailto:jjbviolin@comcast.net) OR  
Jim Lowthers at 978-692-9551 or [jimlowthers@burtprocess.com](mailto:jimlowthers@burtprocess.com) OR  
Maryalice Lowthers at 978-692-9551 or [mlowthers@yahoo.com](mailto:mlowthers@yahoo.com)*

### **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

Every year, Christmas Trees are placed in our churches to solicit support for local charities for the needy in surrounding communities. Recent charities have included House of Hope, Lazarus House, Neighborhood Supper, Loaves and Fishes, and St. Vincent de Paul.

*Caroline Barry at 508-517-4874 or [cdbarry@aol.com](mailto:cdbarry@aol.com)*

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honoring the real presence of Christ in the consecrated host or Eucharist. In a deeper sense it involves the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us. "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt.6:21) During Eucharistic Adoration, we watch and wait, remaining silent in God's presence and opening ourselves to his guidance and graces. Just as you can't be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, love, and peace.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from

8:30-10am at St. Anne Church: *Jackie Butterfield at 508-843-9123 or [jjbviolin@comcast.net](mailto:jjbviolin@comcast.net)*

24 Hour (as periodically scheduled): *Deacon Bill Dwyer 978-394-4664 or [DeaconBillDwyer@gmail.com](mailto:DeaconBillDwyer@gmail.com)*

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (ALSO SEE NURSING HOME MINISTRIES)**

Eucharistic Ministers are trained lay people who assist the priest and deacon with the distribution of Communion at Mass. If you are a confirmed Catholic, with a love of the Eucharist, who is in good standing

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (cont.)**

with the Church, then please consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister. Eucharistic Ministers may serve at any weekend liturgy at either church. Eucharistic Ministers who desire to do so, may receive additional training enabling them to bring Communion to homebound parishioners (Homebound Ministry), nursing home residents (Bridges, Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley, and Westford House), the Village at Mystery Springs, and hospital patients (Emerson Hospital).

*Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **FAITH FORMATION**

We want to support and encourage parishioners of all ages to fulfill their responsibility to lifelong faith formation. All of the programs that we offer invite parishioners to foster a personal relationship with our God and a life of discipleship. We aim to offer educational opportunities that both form and inform, targeting the mind (knowing), the heart (believing) and the hands (doing).

Catechists, class assistants, group facilitators, event coordinators, faith formation office assistance, artists, musicians/singers, photographers, hall monitors, and more are needed on a school-year basis.

### Grades K-7:

*Arianne Lokuta at 978-320-4213 or ArianneL@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org  
Nicole McDonald at 978-320-4208 or NicoleM@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

### Grade 8, HS Confirmation, and Beyond Confirmation:

*Mary Collins at 978-320-4206 or MaryC@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:

*Sharon Laronga 978-320-4220 x 127 or SharonL@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

### Adult Faith Enrichment:

*Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **FAITH FORMATION ADVISORY BOARDS**

The Faith Formation Advisory Boards are volunteers who function in an advisory capacity to the faith formation staff about issues that impact the programs.

### Grades K-7:

*Arianne Lokuta at 978-320-4213 or ArianneL@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org  
Nicole McDonald at 978-320-4208 or NicoleM@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

### Grade 8 & HS Confirmation:

*Mary Collins at 978-320-4206 or MaryC@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **GARDEN MINISTRY**

Garden Ministry members work to keep the plants on the Saint Catherine Church grounds healthy and well maintained and work to maintain and enhance the St. Anne Church Memorial Garden. No gardening experience necessary!

*Mary Anne Jordy at 845-702-4842 or ma.jordy@gmail.com*

## **GREATER LITTLETON INTERFAITH COUNCIL**

The Council helps the constituent churches (Blessed Trinity Parish, First Baptist, Congregational Church, First Church Unitarian, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) carry out their united activities, and support each other's efforts to advance the spiritual, moral, and social welfare of the community. The Council maintains funds to help people who do not belong to a local church and a small fund for travelers. Each year the Council sponsors an Ecumenical Service and two major town-wide outreach programs at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

*Bridget Collins at 978-328-3001 or bridgetcollins0528@gmail.com OR  
Mary Pickard at 978-486-4141 or happymary04@gmail.com*

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

If you are experiencing loss and your heart is hurting, we are here to compassionately support you. For information:

*Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**

Members of this ministry bring the Eucharist to those who are unable to come to Mass because of sickness or disability. Eucharistic Ministers and homebound parishioners select a mutually agreed upon schedule to bring Communion, usually weekly or bi-monthly. The caring presence of the Eucharistic Minister helps the parishioner and their family to know they are loved and valued by their parish family. *Thérèse Keoseian at 978-692-3715 or tkeosa36@gmail.com*

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternity united in Charity. This ministry offers an opportunity for men of Blessed Trinity Parish (as well as St. Mary and St. John the Evangelist in Chelmsford) to work in fellowship to support the spiritual and physical needs of the parishes in which they live. The Knights were formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members of the community. The Knights meet the second Monday of the month at 7pm. Check their local website for additional information: <https://knights9275.com>

*John Bielefeld at jeb2117@gmail.com OR*

*Tom Kelley at twkjr1@aol.com*

## **LANDINGS**

LANDINGS is a Paulist Ministry, run by parishioners of Blessed Trinity Parish, aimed at welcoming Catholics who want to deepen their faith and commitment. Based on small groups, the LANDINGS program offers a place for asking questions and for reconnecting with the faith as an adult in an open, non-judgmental place. During the eight-week program, a small group of active Catholics, some of them “returnees” themselves, meets with a small group of inactive or returning Catholics to share and explore their faith together.

*Deacon Bill Dwyer at 978-394-4664 or Landings@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **LECTORS**

*The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” Isaiah 50:4*  
At each Mass, Lectors proclaim the readings from Scripture to our faith community. Lectors prepare for their ministry by reading and praying on the Scripture readings before Mass so that they meaningfully bring the living Word of God to those present. Lector Workbooks are provided to help the Lectors in their preparation. Lectors may serve at any weekend or weekday liturgy.

*Gail Poulter at 978-448-2230 or gmpoulter@gmail.com*

## **LIBRARY MINISTRY**

Ministry members sort, catalogue, label and shelve books and other media for the Blessed Trinity Parish Lending Library located in the St. Catherine Parish Center Mezzanine. This ministry gathers to work together as a group once or twice a year (usually on a Saturday); some of the members work on their own when they have spare time.

*Peg Hicks at 978-692-4483 or peghicks978@gmail.com*

## **MEN’S SERVICE GROUP**

The Men’s Service Group is a social, prayer and service group, which meets monthly from Sept. through June at St. Anne Church. They offer opportunities for men of Blessed Trinity Parish to learn about our faith through



## **MEN'S SERVICE GROUP (cont.)**

study of the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday liturgy and educational programs such as Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism* DVD series. The group works on service projects to benefit our faith community and hosts an annual Pancake Breakfast and November Veteran's Dinner.

*Russ Arena at 781-858-1807 or russell.arena57@gmail.com OR*

*Bob Stall at 978-314-0992 or rstall@stalladvisors.com*

## **MINISTRY OF HOPE**

The Ministry of Hope is a group of caring, compassionate parishioners who work closely with families who have experienced a death. They meet with families to help them plan the funeral liturgy, pray with the family at the wake before their guests arrive, assist the priest at the funeral, and say prayers at the burial. The families often express gratitude for the assistance of the Ministry of Hope, and ministry members find it to be truly rewarding.

St. Anne Church: *Susan Butterfield at 978-337-9670 or srbstitch@comcast.net*

St. Catherine Church: *Diane Holmes at 978-692-4652 or diholmes2@verizon.net*

## **MISSION TRIP TEAMS**

Mission trips provide a wonderful opportunity for youth, young adults, and adults to make a difference in their lives and the lives of others. Those involved in the Mission Trips are motivated by the social justice teachings of Jesus, who preached a gospel of grace and humble service. They heartily embrace the commandment to love our neighbors by taking an active role in demonstrating that love through volunteer aid for the less fortunate.

Adult – During the last mission trip, approximately 20 adults traveled to Kennebunk, Maine where they completed various home repairs and maintenance. They stayed at The Franciscan Guest House. The mission trip generally runs from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, working on site Friday afternoon and all-day Saturday. Each day included time for prayer and reflection as well as socialization.

*Barbara Smith at bsmithuml@gmail.com*

High School – During the past few summer mission trips, approximately 150 high school students and adult leaders went to Presque Isle, Maine where they stayed at the University of Maine's Presque Isle campus. The trips usually begin with the Saturday Vigil Mass, then driving Presque Isle on Sunday. During the week, participants attend morning Mass then worked in teams at various job sites. In the evenings, there are witness talks and faith-sharing. The group returns on Saturday, then attend Mass together on Sunday. Many individuals have shared that participating in this Mission has been the highlight of their summer and has changed their lives!

*Matt Edison at 978-846-0615 or matt.edison@gmail.com OR*

*Beth Anne Frechette at 978-846-2488 or beth.frechette@comcast.net*

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Our music ministry is a warm, welcoming community that strives to proclaim the goodness of God through quality liturgical and pastoral music in order to move the congregation to a full, conscious, and active participation in the Mass.

### Adult Ensembles

Our parish musicians are invited to help provide music at our weekly liturgies. Singers high school age and older come together once a week to rehearse, supported by instrumental ensembles (guitars, piano, solo instruments, etc.). Our repertoire tends toward a contemporary style, while still

## **MUSIC MINISTRY (cont.)**

### **Adult Ensembles (cont.)**

honoring traditional roots. Musicians are also invited to participate in music for Christmas, Holy Week, and other special liturgies and events. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7pm at St. Catherine Church (in the church).

*Kelly Clark at 978-320-4205 or KellyC@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

### **Teens and Young Adults Ensemble**

This ensemble provides music for the Sunday evening liturgies that follow the Confirmation program schedule. Singers from 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up are supported by a worship band comprised of student and young adult musicians. The group rehearses on Thursday evenings from 6:00-7:00 in the church at St. Catherine's and sings on Sundays at the 5:30pm Confirmation Masses.

*Kelly Clark at 978-320-4205 or KellyC@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

### **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir welcomes children in 2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They provide music for Mass on the first Sunday of the month and other special liturgies.

*Kristen (Kiki) Donahue at 978-320-4220 x180 or KristenD@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER**

The Neighborhood Supper is made up of 5 Littleton churches who share in a weekly rotation (Blessed Trinity Parish, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the Congregational Church of Littleton, First Baptist Church of Littleton, and First Church Unitarian). During COVID-19 restrictions and for the foreseeable future, the Neighborhood Supper is offering frozen meals to take home each Tuesday. In-person meals will resume at a future time. For 2022, the Blessed Trinity Parish rotation is to have individually frozen meals ready for pick-up on the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month (January, May, August & October). Volunteers are needed to prepare those meals ahead of time. Members are also needed to represent Blessed Trinity Parish on the Neighborhood Supper Board that meets quarterly.

*Maggie Spalding at 239spalding36@gmail.com*

## **NEWSLETTER & PHOTOGRAPHY MINISTRY**

The Newsletter Ministry will focus on producing a minimum of 4 issues of a parish newsletter on an annual basis to include a pastoral message, stories highlighting various ministries, and seasonal liturgical or stewardship themed articles. The newsletter provides spiritual enrichment, inspires readers to respond to their call as stewards, allows us to better know each other, and to build community. Several skilled volunteers are needed to oversee the production of the newsletter; to conduct interviews and write stories about ministries and groups; to obtain articles from the Pastor, clergy, and staff; and to submit the finalized newsletter to the Stewardship Council in a timely manner. Photographers are also needed to take pictures of groups or individuals to be highlighted in the newsletter and to take pictures at various events throughout the year for use in the bulletin, newsletter, renewal materials, etc.

*Debbie Rhodes at 978-320-4212 or DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **NURSING HOME AND INDEPENDENT LIVING MINISTRIES**

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Members of this ministry visit nursing homes and an independent living residence on Sundays to bring the Eucharist and pray and comfort those who are not able to attend Mass.

Bridges: *Arianne Lokuta at 978-320-4213 or ArianneL@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

Life Care Center: *Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

Village at Mystery Springs: *Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **NURSING HOME AND INDEPENDENT LIVING MINISTRIES (cont.)**

### Eucharistic Ministers (cont.)

Westford House: *Ann Cullerton at 978-496-0199 or a.cullerton21@gmail.com OR  
Maryalice Lowthers at 978-692-9551 or mlowthers@yahoo.com*

### Rosary Groups

Members of these groups visit nursing homes weekly (Westford House on Mondays 10:15am, Bridges on Tuesdays 11:00am, and Life Care Wednesdays at 10:00am) to pray the rosary, sing religious songs and offer friendship and spiritual support. Once a month a Mass or Communion Service is celebrated. Twice a year, a Mass followed by the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated.

Bridges: *Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*  
Life Care Center: *Sue Gormley at 978-320-4210 or SueG@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*  
Westford House: *Jeanne Masterman at 978-692-8416 or jeanne.masterman@verizon.net OR  
Al Hicks at 978-692-4483 or alanhicks@verizon.net*

## **OFFERTORY COUNTERS**

Offertory Counters are volunteers who count the monetary donations collected at weekend and Holy Day liturgies.

*Gail Poulter at 978-448-2230 or gmpoulter@gmail.com*

## **PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

Office volunteers assist in greeting visitors to the parish office, answering phones and handling various administrative tasks as necessary. Volunteers may serve on a set schedule or be on our "On Call" list to help as needed.

*Liz Newton at 978-320-4220 ext. 110 or LizN@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **PRAYER MINISTRY**

This ministry consists of a group of current and former parishioners whose purpose is to pray for prayer requests. Parishioners are encouraged to contact the Prayer Ministry when they have a need that reflects a serious concern affecting themselves, their families, relatives, or friends. Prayer requests are forwarded to members via email who then pray at home or another place of their choosing.

*Prayers@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org  
or contact the Parish Office at 978-320-4220*

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Members of this ministry knit and/or crochet shawls, lap robes and baby blankets which are given to people who are sick, grieving or in need of hope or to celebrate life and its milestones. These gifts are given as a tangible sign of God's love and the love of our faith community. Much of the creative work is done at home. When possible, members gather to work and pray as a group. For information about meetings, please contact:

*Susan Butterfield at 978-337-9670 or srbstitch@comcast.net  
Nancy Kelly at 978-692-9272 or thekellys1102@yahoo.com*

## **PRISON MINISTRY**

If you are interested in serving your brothers in Christ, then prison ministry is for you. Working with the Catholic Chaplain at MCI Shirley, volunteers participate in prayer, rosary, bible study, and Mass. There is initial paperwork to be completed and a volunteer orientation. Once volunteers are cleared, they enter as a group and work directly with the men.

*Steve Cullen at stevecullen222@gmail.com*

## **RIGHT OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)**

RCIA is an ongoing process of faith formation for adults and older children who would like to join the Catholic Church, and for baptized Catholics who have yet to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist. Catechists and sponsors accompany candidates on their faith journeys, offering support and encouragement as they learn what it means to become a Catholic Christian. RCIA sessions are held weekly on Sunday mornings from 9-10:15am in the St. Catherine Parish Center Mezzanine.

*Sharon Laronga at 978-320-4220 x127 or SharonL@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **ROSARY**

Praying the Rosary is a powerful means to increase one's spiritual growth, bring peace to our world, and defeat evil. Parishioners come together to pray the Rosary on Wednesdays at 6:15pm and Saturdays at 8:00am at St. Catherine. Additionally, a rosary to pray for those suffering from addiction is held on the first Friday of the month immediately following the 8:00am Mass at St. Catherine Church.

Wednesdays & Saturdays: *John Miller at 978-692-7651 or johnpmillerjr@gmail.com*

First Friday Rosary: *Kathy McGourty at 978-392-1965 or mcgourtykathy@comcast.net*

## **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Safety Committee examines how our facilities can be made safer in this ever-changing world. The focus of the Safety Committee is to make the weekend Mass experience as safe as possible while maintaining a level of reverence for the Holy Mass. The Safety Committee also examines ways to make each parish facility safe and secure for staff and the Faith Formation programs.

*Dave LeBleu at 978-320-4204 or DaveL@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org*

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (St. Anne Conference & St. Catherine Conferences)**

Inspired by Gospel Values, St. Vincent de Paul, an international lay Catholic organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-person service to needy and suffering families within our local communities, who are experiencing temporary difficulty due to illness, unemployment, personal tragedy, or other unexpected challenges. Note: Beneficiaries do not have to be parishioners of our churches (or even Catholic) and all inquiries are treated confidentially. They also provide advocacy and assistance in obtaining federal, state, and local services to address longer-term needs. Members participate in several fundraisers and service projects throughout the year.

### St. Anne Conference:

*Marianne Heer at svdp.stannelittleton@gmail.com*

*St. Anne Assistance Line: 978-320-4215*

### St. Catherine Conference:

*Tom Brown at 978 853-7141 or tjbatb@aol.com*

*St. Catherine Assistance Line: 978-320-4214*

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL YOUTH MINISTRY (SVdP Youth)**

High school students who wish to strengthen their relationship with God, make strong friendships with peers and provide service to those in need in our community are welcome to join this ministry. Under the guidance of Adult Advisors, ministry officers (President/Co-President, Vice President/Co-Vice President, Secretary/Co-Secretary and Treasure/Co-Treasurer) are responsible for running group meetings and for organizing fundraising and community service initiatives throughout the year. The money generated from their fundraisers is used to finance their service projects and fellowship activities.

*Karen Heitkamp at 978-314-8651 or karenheitkamp86@gmail.com OR*

*Tom Emberley at 978-808-2978 or tom.emberley@gmail.com*

## **STITCHERS (SEE "BAPTISMAL ROBES / STITCHERS")**

### **ULTREYA (CURSILLO REUNION)**

Ultreya meetings are held monthly for those who have made their Cursillo (a weekend retreat known as a “short course in Christianity”). Ultreya is a call to move forward and to keep the flame of the Cursillo burning brightly. Monthly Ultreyas are usually held on Wednesday evenings at St. Catherine Church Mezzanine. Meetings generally include a witness talk, Mass, faith-sharing, and fellowship. For more information on Cursillo or Ultreya, please contact:

*Steve Cullen at [stevecullen222@gmail.com](mailto:stevecullen222@gmail.com) OR  
Dianne Walsh at [grotonwalsh@outlook.com](mailto:grotonwalsh@outlook.com)*

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School is held for one week in July from 9am–Noon and follows a different theme each year. Children entering grades K-4 are welcome to attend as campers at St. Catherine Church. Children entering grades 5-6 will attend at a location to be determined. Students entering grades 7-12, as well as adults, are welcome to work as volunteers. This is a great opportunity for students wishing to earn community service hours. This is an ecumenical program held in conjunction with Blessed Trinity Parish, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, and the United Methodist Church of Westford.

*Bianca Rose at [biancadrose@yahoo.com](mailto:biancadrose@yahoo.com)*

### **VIRTUS TEAM**

VIRTUS Team facilitators are trained to present *Protecting God’s Children* workshops. On a rotating basis, facilitators schedule, promote, and present this workshop for volunteers. The workshop is an excellent resource for all volunteers, parents, grandparents, caregivers, and catechists for increasing awareness and preventing abuse or neglect of children or vulnerable adults.

*Debbie Rhodes at 978-320-4212 or [DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org](mailto:DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org)*

### **WELCOME - USHER & GREETER MINISTRIES**

These ministries work together to make everyone feel welcome at Mass and to assist them during the Liturgy. The various roles include welcoming and greeting all as they enter and exit the church, guiding guests to seats, answering questions, and helping people when needed. They also neaten up the pews, turn off lights and lock the church after Mass.

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| <b>Greeters:</b> | All Masses | <i>Debbie Rhodes at 978-320-4212 or <a href="mailto:DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org">DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org</a></i> |
| <b>Ushers:</b>   | 4:00pm     | <i>John Miller at 978-692-7651 or <a href="mailto:johnpmillerjr@gmail.com">johnpmillerjr@gmail.com</a></i>                         |
|                  | 8:30am     | <i>Randy Fisher 603-459-5553 <a href="mailto:randall.fisher@fmr.com">randall.fisher@fmr.com</a></i>                                |
|                  | 10:30am    | <i>Jeff Gottschalk at 978-799-8247 or <a href="mailto:bjeb.gottschalk@gmail.com">bjeb.gottschalk@gmail.com</a></i>                 |

### **WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB**

The Women’s Book Club is a place to relax, nurture friendships, recharge your spirit and grow in your relationship with God. The women of our Blessed Trinity Parish are invited to gather with other women to read and discuss books that focus on spiritual growth and development. For more information about meeting times and locations, please contact:

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Mary Eve Miller at 978-692-7651 or [maryevewin8@outlook.com](mailto:maryevewin8@outlook.com)*

### **WONDERFULLY MADE MINISTRY**

The Wonderfully Made Ministry at Blessed Trinity Parish is a group of members and supporters of the LGBTQ+ community, who aim to proclaim, affirm, and embody God’s all-inclusive love for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. Through prayer, reflection, education, and outreach, this group works to support individuals in our faith community and beyond, and to build a more welcoming, accepting, and affirming environment for all of God’s beloved children. All members and allies of the LGBTQ+ community are welcome to join us.

*Peter Fidrych OR Catherine Conte at [WonderfullyMadeLWC@gmail.com](mailto:WonderfullyMadeLWC@gmail.com)*

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# Volunteer Requirements

At Blessed Trinity Parish we strive to ensure the safety of our children, youth, elderly and disabled brothers and sisters. All volunteers must adhere to the guidelines set forth by the Archdiocese of Boston as outlined below.

**Protecting God's Children Workshops (PGC)** - All volunteers, age 18 and above, are required to participate in a one-time Protecting God's Children (PGC) awareness training – regardless of whether or not you work directly with children. If you have attended a workshop elsewhere, please furnish the parish office with a copy of your certificate of attendance. Currently, this workshop is being offered via Zoom on a weekly basis by the Archdiocese of Boston. To register, volunteers can go to our website at [www.BlessedTrinityCatholic.org](http://www.BlessedTrinityCatholic.org), go to the Stewardship tab and select “Volunteer Requirements”. On that page there is a link to locate PGC workshops. (After clicking the link, select “Boston, MA Archdiocese” from the drop-down menu). Volunteers are asked to provide a copy of their certificate of attendance to the parish office.

**Annual Background Checks (CORI)** - It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Boston that all staff and volunteers (age 18 and above) have an annual background check (CORI). All CORI forms must be verified, in person, using a government issued photo ID. You can do this at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Forms are also available on our website at the Volunteer Requirements page (see above).

**Code of Ministerial Behavior** - It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Boston that all staff and volunteers (age 18 and above) read the Code. Again, this can be found on the Volunteer Requirements page of the website.

**Sexual Harassment Policy** - All volunteers are asked to review this policy. This is updated on an annual basis. This can also be found on the Volunteer Requirements page of the website.

*Thank you for your cooperation in completing these very important requirements. If you have any suggestions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with Debbie Rhodes at 978-320-4212 or email [DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org](mailto:DebbieR@BlessedTrinityCatholic.org).*



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