

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP NIGHT!

On November 6, 2017, our Ministry Heads and Pastoral Council members met to discuss the accomplishments of our parish ministries, needs and plans for the following year. As Holy Name of Jesus Parish and School continue to grow and adapt to changes in our community and in the world, it is the love of our Parish leaders; parishioners; and the many ministry volunteers that strengthens our parish family; the commitment of all to help one another, and our faith in God that makes all things possible. *“For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.”* – Romans 12:4-5

The following provides highlights of the many topics and updates discussed in our meeting. The work of our ministries is so important to the vitality and growth of the parish and within the community. If you are called to participate in our ministries, please contact the Ministry Head or Parish Office for more information. **Please also note the needs of the various ministries and faithfully consider where and how you may be able to fill the many needs within our parish ministries!**

FORMATION AND SPIRITUALITY COMMISSION

Commission Chairs: Fr. Stephen Rountree and Michael Hosemann

- **HNJ School of Religion** opened this year with over 100 students! This year the ministry will focus on building community among young families, teachers and children served; developing the curriculum, recruiting and training teacher-volunteers; developing five new volunteers into a cohesive team; listening to teachers needs and dreams with a focus on personal and community prayer; and working toward obtaining grants, donations and allocations of funds from the Religious Education account. This ministry is led by Patty Mathes – email: CRE@hnjchurch.org
- **Adult Faith Formation** includes Scripture Study, Faith and Bible Study groups. Currently, we have Sunday Scripture Discussions led by Michael Hosemann on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 8:10 AM in Manresa Den, all year round. We also offer Scripture literacy courses from The Great Adventure Bible Study by Ascension Press. These courses have received very positive feedback. **We are looking to attract at least six new members to our evangelization ministry team to assist in facilitating the Scripture study courses!** As well, we will be launching an ALPHA pilot for evangelization team leaders in late 2017 / early 2018 with ALPHA training for the team and a plan to launch the first ALPHA session to HNJ parishioners in Spring 2018. For more information, please contact Michael Hosemann at hosemannm@aol.com or Fr. Stephen Rountree at rowntreesj@gmail.com
- **HNJ School Religious Ed PK-7** is continuing to participate in Sunday masses as lectors and hospitality ministers. HNJ’s students participate by grade one Sunday of each month during the school year. This ministry is being led by Courtney Jansen – email: cjansen@hnjschool.org
- **RCIA & Adult Confirmation** is a ministry that prepares young adults and adults as candidates and catechumens for confirmation. We have happily welcomed nine new members to the parish from Spring 2017. On December 3, 2017, five adults will be confirmed by Archbishop Hughes. Five RCIA candidates will enter the Church at the HNJ Easter Vigil on March 31, 2018. For more information on RCIA and Adult Confirmation, please contact Gregg Grovenburg, SJ – email: ghgroven@loyno.edu
- **Marriage & Family Life Ministry** – This is a new ministry that has been formed in accordance with the Archdiocesan Synod. Teresa and Barry LeBlanc are the coordinators for this ministry. Please stay tuned for more information on this developing ministry!
- **Vocations Ministry** provides for early development of student interest and participation in vocations. This ministry has taught students about the RSM order and their role at HNJ School and Mercy High School. Students pray for local seminarians and those discerning religious life as well as the Prayer for Generosity on a regular basis. Several students attended World Youth Day. This ministry is being facilitated by Jeanette Garry, Colleen Maher, Courtney Jansen and Liz Creel.

LITURGY AND WORSHIP COMMISSION

Commission Chairs: Chris Elliott, Nadege Assale and Harriet Rouhana

- **Lectors** – Our 10:30AM Sunday Mass is well covered; however, we have a need for lectors at the 8AM Sunday Mass. We are also considering the purchase of lector guide books for the next liturgical year as well as training / refresher for all lectors. If you are able to lector at masses other than 10:30AM, please contact Bernadette D’Souza – email: bdsouza54@gmail.com
- **Church Environment** – This ministry is being led by Liz Broekman and Cindy Oufnac, who facilitate and prepare for weddings and other events in the Church. Recently, the ceiling has become noticeably molded, which will require repairs that will affect the wedding event schedule. **There is an urgent need for more volunteers to deliver Christmas trees from the Rectory to the Church just prior to the Christmas Masses. We need men with trucks and volunteers who can string lights. We also need volunteers to set up the nativity at Christmas. Must be strong people that can carry large pieces of wood and statues.** Also must have power tools such as screwdriver. The nativity is set up on December 23-24. Please contact Edwa Stewart in the Parish Office to volunteer / assist in preparing the Church for Christmas.
- **Music Ministry** – We are thankful for the generous contribution from Jim and Stacey Pellerin that will help the Church to fund orders for new choir robes! We hope to debut the new robes just before Advent. We were also able to order new octavos for the first time in eight years and are considering a new Mass setting - the Mass of the Angels and Saints. This ministry is led by Colleen Maher – email: cmaher@hnjschool.org
- **Nursery Room** – This ministry focuses on keeping our littlest members and attendees who visit the nursery safe and happy! **We welcome the donation of used toys for the nursery. We also welcome volunteers who might want to help out in the nursery.** Please note that all Nursery Room volunteers must complete the Safe Environment Training and must be approved by the Parish office. This ministry is led by Virginia Roddy – email: vrodgy@elkinsplc.com
- **Adoration Chapel** – Recently, there were several incidents involving a carjacking and thefts in the area near the Adoration Chapel. In order to increase security, we have installed additional exterior lighting leading to the chapel entrance. Project NOLA security cameras were also installed. These cameras link to NOPD. A text and e-mail emergency notification system was established with about 50% participation. **We are still in need of more adorers.** Vacancies, while not at the level of needing to close for periods of time, are growing. Unless the trend is reversed, we will be forced to evaluate the viability of remaining a perpetual adoration chapel. **Please refer to the list of vacancies in the weekly bulletin.** We are also considering the possibility of expanding our recruitment to other Uptown parishes and possibly even the Clarion in order to reach as many people as possible. Many current adorers come from other parishes. We would also like to make it possible for people to sign up to volunteer on the church’s web page. This ministry is being led by Stephen Bullock – email: sbullock@stonepigman.com and Carl Lister – email: carl641@cox.net

OUTREACH AND SERVICE COMMISSION

Commission Chairs: Jeremy Burke, Don Hauber and John Kinabrew

- **Communion / Anointing for the Sick** – This ministry provides for Communion to those in our community that are unable to attend Mass Eucharistic Ministers regularly travel to those who have requested Communion. **We are always looking for volunteers** and are also looking at ways to expand this ministry. **While Anointing of the Sick is sought for those who are dying, it is also offered for those who are sick.** We encourage anyone interested in participating in or receiving these ministries, to contact the Parish office at (504) 865-7430.

- **Angels for Life** – This ministry provides assistance to other parishioners in the community that are in need of transportation to / from Mass, doctor visits, shopping, home visitation, and delivery of the Eucharist. **This ministry needs more volunteers that are able to provide assistance!** Parish Secretary, Edwa Stewart, is our RFL 911 Operator for Confidential calls by clients who need assistance. This ministry is led by Patricia Mathes – email: CRE@hnjchurch.org
- **Reverence for Life** – This ministry coordinates various events such as March for Peace, prayer vigils at Planned Parenthood, collection of religious books for prisoners, baby bottle fund raiser for Women’s New Life Center, Easter baskets for Good Shepherd school children, household items for trafficked children at Home Free House, women’s & men’s clothing collections, and support of 40 Days for Life & prayer vigil. **We are always looking for interested volunteers to support this ministry and its events.** This ministry is led by Pat Toso – email: miketoso@yahoo.com and Bonnie Talbot – email: bonniest@bellsouth.net
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** – This ministry provides outreach and support to those in need within the community. Due to the various number of needs are served by this community, **we are seeking volunteers, including younger members, to expand its outreach into the community.** We will also be providing additional marketing through our new Communications Committee. **The ministry also needs additional sources of funding** to help clients meet utility bills and other necessities during times of financial stress such as the purchase of school uniforms for low income families, donations to St. Joan of Arc parish twinning parish, etc. This ministry is led by Philip Brooks – email: philipsb@cox.net and Irene Mackenroth – email: econotaxiem@aol.com
- **Young Adult Ministry** – This ministry focused on growth for the year and increased awareness of ministry activities through a variety of events for young adults - socials, volunteer opportunities, ministry support, etc. If you are interested in participating as a volunteer or a member, please contact Kyle Galloway – email: kgalloway86@gmail.com

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Commission Chairs: Donald Toso, Katherine Buras Gitlin and Jim Lamy

- **Newcomer Orientation** – If you are new to the Parish and want to learn more, **please join us for Newcomer Orientation on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:30A Mass.** This ministry is led by Ken Steudler – email: ksteudler@yahoo.com
- **Community Dinners** – This ministry organizes Community Dinners for all members of the HNJ Family / Community. Typically, there are four or five dinners that occur from September to May that are sponsored by a ministry within the Parish. We are looking at expanding sponsorship opportunities as well as the format for the dinner to spotlight the sponsoring ministry or organization and what it does. This ministry is led by Paul and Karen Buras – email: pburas@hotmail.com
- **HNJ Parent Teachers Club** – This club/committee organizes school functions and fundraising events for the school such as the Spring Fling; Gator Run; First Communion and Graduation receptions; Teacher Appreciation; New Parent Social; PTC Appreciation Party; Back-To-School BBQ and Trick or Trunk. If you are interested in participating in this committee or its events, please contact Amy Edmond – email: eedmond@preservationtitlellc.com
- **Men’s Club** – This club/committee provides assistance and support to the parish and the school for many events / functions as well as organizes and facilitating its own fundraising events. **Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Christmas Tree sale!** If you are interested in more information or volunteering, please contact Dan Sanders – email: dan.sanders@maximo.pro
- **HNJ Gator Fest** – THANKS TO EVERYONE who volunteered, helped out, supported, sponsored, attended and made our Gator Fest even better than it was the year before!! We are so thankful for everyone’s generosity in donating their time, talent and treasure to our HNJ Family tradition!! **Go Gators!!** If you are interested in helping out next year, please contact Jill Wood – email: lotalovinlady@yahoo.com

ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

Commission Chairs: Mo Crane, Paul Buras and Stephanie Petras

- **Stewardship Campaign** – This year’s Stewardship Campaign will be led by Mo Crane and Danielle Newlin. The team will be meeting to formalize its plans for the campaign. If you are interested in helping out with the Stewardship Campaign, please contact Mo Crane – email: mcranejr@aol.com
- **Communications & Marketing Committee** – This is a new committee that has been established to create plans for and expand the method and means of communication and marketing within the Parish. The current plan includes a monthly expansion of the bulletin, which will have four more insert pages to share information and community updates. We will also be updating the website to be smartphone friendly and provide an App specifically for HNJ. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Chris Elliott – email: wcelliott@mac.com or Jeremy Burke – email: bigjsb9@me.com
- **Ministry Coordination** – This ministry acts as a liaison and facilitator of activities, events and/or planning that involves all or several ministries. We will begin planning for a Ministry Fair in early 2018. This ministry, in coordination with the Communications & Marketing Committee and the various Ministry Heads and Commission Chairs, will also be responsible for highlighting the activities and needs of the various ministries within a Commission throughout the year in the expanded bulletin and online. If you have comments or suggestions for Ministry Coordination, or are interested in volunteering to help with this Ministry, please contact Stephanie Petras – email: kalehua68@hotmail.com