

Stewardship of Time and Talent 2010-2011

We are each called to be Epiphany People, taking ownership of our faith community and sharing our gifts with each other. These pages include the many ways for you to become involved at Epiphany. If you are active in a ministry and would like to continue, no need to do anything. If you have never been involved, or if you see something new that interests you, fill out the enclosed Time and Talent sheet, or stop by the ministry table at the Ministry Fair to get more information. Completed sheets may be placed in the collection basket, or dropped at any ministry table.

Liturgy Ministries

Minister of Hospitality Welcomes the people to Epiphany, distributes Orders of Worship, assists with the collection, ushers at communion time, and distributes parish bulletins. Adults and youth, grade 5 and up.

Lector Proclaims the scripture, leads the Prayers of the Faithful. Adults and youth, grade 5 and up. One reading every 4 - 5 weeks.

Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, EM Assists with distribution of Communion every third Sunday at your preferred Mass. Adults and youth, grade 9 and up.

Ministry Team Lead, MTL Coordinates a team of Eucharistic Ministers. Makes assignments one week prior to the liturgy and conducts an organizational meeting prior to mass. One year of service as a Eucharist Minister is required, and must be highly organized.

Music Ministry

Chancel Choir – Adults Alternates singing at the 9:15 & 11:15 liturgies, and participates in Advent Lessons & Carols, Holy Week and special liturgies throughout the year. Desired skills include a pleasant voice, good basic musical skills and a compelling interest in liturgical choral music. Rehearsals: Wednesday 7pm.

Jubilate Ringers This bell choir participates in Sunday liturgy throughout the year. Prior ringing and/or musical experience is desired. Rehearsals: Thursday 7:30- 9:00 pm.

Epiphany Ringers This bell choir participates in the 5:15 Saturday liturgy throughout the year. A desire to serve, basic musical and note-reading skills are a plus. Rehearsals: Tue. 10 -11:30 am.

Mass Coordinator, MC The Mass Coordinator is responsible for all activities, before, during and after Mass that occur OFF the Altar. Good people skills and an understanding of the sequence of the Mass are essential. Volunteers serve one Mass per month, and holiday and funeral masses if available.

Head Minister of the Altar Prepares the vessels and Altar and assists the Presider at Mass. Must be a Eucharistic Minister, and be able to complete tasks in front of large groups.

Art & Environment Coordinates the visual appearance of the church to create a prayerful worship environment during the various seasons of the liturgical year. Volunteers are needed to help create and change the decorations. Artists and those with an artistic eye are encouraged to join this ministry. Meets seasonally.

Epiphany Youth Choir - grades 6-12 Sings seasonally at the 9:15 mass. Sings for Advent, Christmas Eve, and Sunday masses in February. Desired skills include a pleasant voice and good basic musical skills. Rehearsals: Thurs. 6 - 7pm.

Genesis Choir - grades 2-5 Participates in Advent Lessons & Carols and Christmas Eve Mass. Children should have a desire to sing and participate in liturgy. Rehearsals: Sun.10:15 - 11:15 am.

Cherub Choir - ages 4- 1st grade Sings a Prelude prior to mass on Christmas Eve (3:00 mass) and March 6th (9:15 mass). Children should have a desire to sing and participate in liturgy. Rehearsals: Sunday 9:15-10:15 a.m.

Ministries of Human Concerns

Outreach & Advocacy

Bainbridge Community Ministry: An ecumenical ministry founded to assist the working poor in the Bainbridge area. Emergency food, fuel and other resources are provided.

Bless the Children: Provides material relief, financial aid and medical assistance to children in third-world countries. Periodic mission trips to Honduras. Alternative gift-giving to benefit the Feeding Program.

CARITAS: An ecumenical effort providing shelter to the homeless. Epiphany hosts CARITAS during the winter and summer. Volunteer needs include night supervisors, food/snack preparation, set-up, clean-up and fellowship.

Environmental Awareness/Recycling: A ministry of awareness and practical assistance on the issues of environmental concern and caring for creation. Recycling already in progress; help needed to manage recycling.

Fair Trade: A ministry of awareness and support for fairly traded goods, including coffee, tea, and chocolate sold monthly in the Commons; as well as handcrafted items from around the world sold at a Fair Trade Bazaar in November.

Freedom House: Epiphany provides financial support, prepared food and drivers to transport food to the feeding site. Needs are for cooks to prepare from prescribed menu and drivers to deliver.

Gateway Homes: A residential facility in Chesterfield County offering supportive services for adults suffering from chronic mental illness. Immediate need is for drivers to bring residents to 11:15 Mass on Sundays at Epiphany. Other volunteer opportunities available also.

Habitat for Humanity: Epiphany is part of Bon Air Friends, an ecumenical group of religious congregations organized to build homes for low-income families. Volunteer opportunities include construction and providing lunches for workers.

HELP: A cooperative association with area parishes and Commonwealth Catholic Charities, designed to give emergency assistance, and follow-up long term planning, to enable a family to reach financial stability. Assistance needed in food pantry, client intake and data entry.

Legislative Advocacy: Part of Diocesan and interfaith efforts to provide information on social justice issues. Volunteer needs include telephone and letter-writing campaigns, as well as participation in Diocesan Advocacy Day with visits to local legislators.

Offender Aid and Restoration: Provides an opportunity for parishioners to work with a prison ministry agency to assist offenders, their families, and/or children.

Outreach Sunday: A parish ministry that collects food and special needs requests in the Commons on the First Sunday of the month and during Advent and Lent. Donations are distributed to area organizations. Volunteers needed to sort and deliver donations.

Refugee Resettlement: Part of a Diocesan effort to resettle refugee families - helping to "welcome the stranger." Volunteers form mentoring groups who assist in setting up living arrangements, teach English and help refugees integrate into American society.

Respect Life: A life-giving, counter-cultural ministry, dedicated to fostering reverence for human life and preservation of dignity at every stage of life. Provides educational and outreach activities for the parish.

St. Francis Home: A non-profit adult home in the Bainbridge area committed to the care and service of low-income elderly and disabled who can no longer live independently. Volunteer needs include providing friendship and activities such as monthly birthday parties and Bingo.

Summer Camp on the Hill: A mission project uniting churches with inner-city children, providing a summer opportunity for a week of joyful learning and fellowship. Adult participants stay at Richmond Hill for sharing with partner churches in a retreat setting.

Formation

JustFaith: An adult formation program incorporating the justice tradition of the Scriptures, the Church's witness, and Catholic Social Teaching, using books, videos, discussion, retreats, and hands-on experiences. Meetings: September-May. Coordinator Needed.

Pastoral Care

Crisis & Bereavement: Offers resources and support for those who are ill or who have lost a loved one. Volunteers make contact to express the community's care and concern and to help identify needs.

Communion Ministries: A ministry of visitation to the homebound and those in hospitals, nursing homes and recovery facilities, sharing Communion, Scripture and prayer with them. Opportunities to serve are both scheduled and as needs arise.

Greenhouse Ministry: Parish gardeners provide living plants to nursing home residents to care for and enjoy, offering fellowship, prayer and tips about plant care.

Praying Hands: Prayer shawls are knitted or crocheted with prayers and blessings for those needing comfort at difficult or challenging times in their lives. Group meets Weds. am; members also work at home. Donations of yarn needed.

Community Life Ministry

Community Life Ministry Committee Plans and evaluates all parish-wide events. Members assist when available at fellowship events and dinners. New members and especially new parishioners are always welcome. Meets monthly, 3rd Monday, 7:15 pm.

Sunday Coffee Ministry Prepare and serve coffee and doughnuts after Sunday masses, 1 time per month at your preferred mass.

Newcomers Orientation Committee Greet, serve dinner to, and register new parishioners at Newcomer Orientations, 4 times per year.

Funeral Reception Ministry Prepare and serve receptions after funeral masses. Volunteers should be available on short notice, and are contacted as needed throughout the year.

Crisis Meals Cooks Provide a dinner (either made or purchased) to those in crisis situations, (including illness, return from hospital, death in family.) Volunteers contacted 4-5 times per year on a rotating basis.

Epiphany Cooks Prepare large quantities of food in the Epiphany kitchen for 1st Wednesday Dinners, Lent Dinners and special events.

Job Transition: Offers practical resources, community and spiritual support for those experiencing job loss or transition.

Ministry of Health and Wholeness: Provides health and wellness education and services to parishioners. Affirms the church as a source to teach and support us to live with "ease" physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially. Open to both health care professionals and all interested others.

Post Abortion Healing Ministry: A ministry of healing the grief and guilt of persons who have made the choice for abortion. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats offer compassion without condemning the person or condoning abortion. Ministry members grow through education about the aftermath of abortion and the power of healing through forgiveness. Needs - ministry members and prayer partners.

Epiphany Food Pantry Pack and shelve bags of food to be distributed to those in need. 4 times per year, after parish outreach Sunday and canned food drives.

Bakers Bake homemade cookies/desserts for sacrament and other receptions, occasional large funerals, and some crisis needs. Volunteers are contacted as needed throughout the year.

Funeral Food Volunteers Donate specific purchased food items, or home baked goods for Funeral receptions at Epiphany. Volunteers are contacted as needed throughout the year.

Dinners Committee Volunteers coordinate, organize and/or serve dinner on the 1st Wed. of the month. Also, volunteers are needed during Lent, to prepare and serve Friday evening Fish and Pasta dinners. Commitment: by event.

Fellowship Events Committee Volunteers coordinate, sell tickets, setup, decorate, and serve at fellowship events such as Dances, Monte Carlo Night, Parish Picnic, and Special Dinners, and at post liturgy celebrations such as Easter Vigil Reception, Epiphany Sunday, and Advent Lessons and Carols. Commitment: by event.

Christian Formation

Family Ministries

Sunday Child Care Ministry - Volunteers provide a nursery for infants and toddlers with free play & Bible activity for 2 to 4 year olds at the 9:15 and 11:15 Masses on Sundays. Once a month commitment - 2 adults in the room.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - Volunteers serve on a team to provide an age appropriate Liturgy of the Word to elementary children through weekend readings, lesson and related activity during 5:15, 9:15 and 11:15 masses. Materials and lessons provided. Commitment: Once per month at your preferred mass, October thru May. Adults and youth grades 6-12.

Religious Education Programs

Epiphany provides comprehensive religious education programs for elementary, middle and high school students. We depend on the commitment of many volunteers who serve as teachers, aides, and hospitality volunteers for each program. Elementary classes meet on Mon., Tues. or Wed., 1 time per week, October through April. Middle and High School Classes meet on Sunday, 2 times per month, October through April.

Sacrament Preparation Teachers

First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation

Teachers Assist children and teens as they prepare to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. 3-4 classes, Sunday afternoon, Jan-April. Commitment: By Sacrament Program. Materials and lessons provided.

Youth Ministry Volunteers

Assist as a chaperone/facilitator for events and activities for middle and high school students.

Adult Formation

RCI Team - Volunteers plan and implement the lessons and activities for the RCI Program throughout the year.

RCIA Sponsor - Mentor and support an adult candidate as they prepare to receive sacraments.

Kiddie Club - Volunteers assist the Kiddie Club Class by introducing preschoolers to the basics of Catholic education through bible stories and associated activities. Meets 5x per year, Monday evenings

Outreach in Love - A total faith formation experience for young people with mental and/or physical disabilities. Activities include classes, family outings, sacrament preparation, and seasonal liturgies. These programs meet at St. Edward Catholic Church.

Teachers - prepare lessons and teach classes in the grade level chosen. Materials, lessons and training are provided.

Aides Assists the teacher in the classroom with activities and lessons.

Hospitality Volunteers - Assist with arrival and dismissal, and monitor halls during class sessions.

Confirmation Sponsor - Support and mentor a teen candidate as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Commitment: Attend 3-4 sessions with your candidate on Sunday afternoons, and the Confirmation Liturgy in May

Activities include Retreats, Social Events, Youth conventions, Work camps and other outreach opportunities. Commitment: By Event

Adult Ed Planning Team - Plans and supports the adult formation offerings at Epiphany, such as Epiphany University, The Parish Mission, and Welcome Home. Also supports ongoing adult formation offerings such as Wings, Thursday Morning Bible Study and Soul Brothers.