

Directory of Ministries and Programs



Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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CHURCH INFORMATION

PASTOR

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily (Monday - Saturday) - 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 7:30 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am and 5:00 pm
Wednesday - 7:00 pm
Holy Day Vigil - 7:00 pm
Holy Days – 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 am & 6:00-6:45 pm
Saturdays – 3:30-4:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Wednesday – 9:00-10:00 am
First Friday of Every Month – 8:00 pm-8:00 am

MISSION STATEMENT

To inspire our parish community to live a life of stewardship, community involvement and faith with the grace of our Blessed Mother Mary.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to create a loving, caring, faithful community that bears witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ through active participation in the liturgical celebrations, stewardship, Catholic education and evangelization.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

“Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to the life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other sacraments.”

– *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1213

Parents are the principal and first educators of their children. To assist parents in preparing for their child’s Baptism, the parish provides classes the second Saturday of every month. Please contact Pam Kastner at 845-544-3434 or baptism@olsspvb.org to register.

Persons over the age of 7 who have never been baptized, or baptized in another faith tradition are asked to call the Parish Office and inquire about the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

CONFIRMATION

“By the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.” – *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1285

At Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, young people in the eighth grade prepare to celebrate the sacrament. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Faith Formation Office at 904-567-1970. Persons over the age of 14 who have not celebrated Confirmation are asked to contact the Parish Office.

EUCCHARIST

“The Holy Eucharist completes Christian Initiation... The Eucharist is ‘the source and summit of the Christian life’ (*Lumen Gentium*, Vatican Council II). The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it.” – *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1324

Baptized Catholic children generally receive the Eucharist for the first time in Grade 2. The immediate preparation involves the children and their parents in formation sessions. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Faith Formation Office at 904-567-1970.

RECONCILIATION

“Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God’s forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.” – *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1440

The Sacrament is celebrated Saturday evenings prior to the evening Mass from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 9:00-10:00 am & 6:00-6:45 pm. prior to the 7:00 pm Mass.

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, Communal celebrations are planned with the opportunity for individual confessions.

Catholic children prepare to celebrate this sacrament for the first time generally in Grade 2. The immediate preparation involves the children and their parents in formation sessions. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the Faith Formation Office at 904-567-1970.

MARRIAGE

“The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life.” – *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1661

Diocesan Guidelines require a minimum of eight months for Marriage Preparation. Please contact the Parish Office for additional information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

“By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them.” – *Lumen Gentium* and *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1499

Communal celebrations are scheduled twice a year – please consult the bulletin for specifics.

Individuals may request this sacrament by calling the Parish Office and arranging with one of the priests.

HOLY ORDERS

“Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry.” – *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1536

Men interested in discerning a possible vocation to priesthood or diaconate are asked to call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with one of the priests.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS

Michael McVeigh
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(904) 535-0522

Purpose: To provide boys and girls the opportunity to assist in liturgical celebrations.

Events/Programs: Servers are needed at all weekend Masses, on Holy Days of Obligation, and during the Easter Triduum.

Program Needs: New servers are always needed. Servers should be in at least the 5th grade and have received their First Holy Communion. Altar Servers are provided specific training to prepare them for this ministry.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Cathy Damone
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(904)223-8453

Purpose: To assist priests and deacons in the distribution of Communion at Mass and to bring Communion to the sick and homebound.

Events/Programs: Ministers of Communion prepare the credence table and the gifts of bread and wine before Mass, help with the distribution of Communion, and purify and store the various vessels at the conclusion of Mass.

Program Needs: Eucharistic Ministers are needed to serve at all Masses. Those who desire to become Special Ministers of Holy Communion are given specific training to prepare them for this ministry.

LECTORS

Sophie Schubert
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(301) 775-9414

Purpose: To give members of the parish the opportunity to proclaim the Word of God at Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

Events/Programs: Lectors are asked to be available for various Mass times and to proclaim the Scriptures at least once a month.

Program Needs: Lectors are needed to serve at all Masses. Those who desire to become lectors are given special training to prepare them for this ministry.

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY (GREETERS)

Nancy Vella
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(904) 710-3723

Purpose: To provide hospitality to members of the congregation by welcoming them prior to Mass.

Events/Programs: Greeters assist at weekend Masses by welcoming parishioners and fostering hospitality. Aspects of this Ministry include holding the door open for parishioners and greeting them with a smile when they come to Mass. Volunteers are asked to show up 15 minutes prior to the Mass that you regularly attend.

Program Needs: New greeters are always needed.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY (USHERS)

Frank Cervone

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Amy Warpinski

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Purpose: To provide hospitality to members of the congregation.

Events/Programs: Ushers assist at weekend Masses by welcoming parishioners and fostering hospitality. Aspects of this Ministry include helping parishioners find seats, collecting the offertory baskets, directing the flow of people going to Communion, assisting anyone with special needs, and, most importantly, greeting and welcoming the parishioners. Volunteers are asked to show up 20 minutes prior to Mass.

Program Needs: New ushers are always needed.

MUSIC MINISTRY AND CHOIR

Chris and Jim Goodell (Music Directors)

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(904) 813-8132

Vision/Values/Mission:

The OLSS Music Ministry is grounded in the following:

Vision: Offering our God-given gifts to provide music that encourages full engagement not only in liturgy, but in living-out our faith.

Values:

Christ-centered ministry – To ensure that all we do is in line with Christ’s teachings and example.

Inclusion – To provide a creative, encouraging environment that allows musical talent to be recognized and offered at liturgies across a variety of musical styles.

Humility – To understand that we are the accompaniment to the liturgy and not to detract from the Altar.

Musical Excellence – To give Jesus our best.

Mission: Combining our ministry values and musical gifts, we will attract, develop and serve as music ministers who will, in turn, enhance the celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations and to support the congregation in singing, so that all who attend services will be inspired and engaged in their faith.

Cantors:

Cantors rehearse individually with the Music Directors and/or during group practices. Cantors are generally selected from the ranks of the OLSS Choral Groups and serve with those groups.

Chancel Choir:

The *Chancel Choir* serves at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. The core musical style is traditional in nature.

Instrumentation includes: organ, piano and, for select liturgies, strings and brass.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

MUSIC MINISTRY AND CHOIR (CONTINUED)

Sacred Sound

(Adult Contemporary Ensemble):

Sacred Sound serves at the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays. This vocal/instrumental group's core musical style is Contemporary Christian Music. Members are also featured for solo and ensemble preludes and reflection moments during the Mass. Instrumentation includes: guitars, bass, keyboard and percussion.

Grace Band

(Young Adult Contemporary Ensemble):

Grace serves at the 5 pm Mass on Sundays. This group is comprised of teens and young adults with a core musical style of Contemporary Christian Music. Band Members are also featured for solo and ensemble preludes and reflection moments during the Mass. Instrumentation includes: keyboards, percussion, guitar and strings. This group is led by Dr. Alexander J. Groppe, D.Min., MA Th.

Joy

(Youth Ensemble):

The *Joy Youth Ensemble* serves at the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays. These talented youth sing and play Contemporary Christian Music, as well as Traditional Church Repertoire. Youth K through 6th grades are welcome. Instrumentation includes: Piano and organ. We welcome additional instruments and talent.

The Son-Risers:

This group serves at the 7:30 am Mass on Sundays. Music is Traditional Church Repertoire. Instrumentation includes: Piano, organ and guitar.

Taking It on the Road:

The Music Ministry actively participates in Diocesan-wide events, community outreach and special programs. From the Eucharistic Congresses to Youth Rallies & Retreats to Prison Ministry to Gabriel House & Mission House and beyond, the Music Ministry offers support.

SACRISTANS

Barbara Mulvey

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(904) 280-8311

Purpose: To assist the celebration of the liturgy by preparing for all Masses and for the various liturgical seasons.

Events/Programs: Sacristans ensure that the sanctuary and sacristy remain clean and in good order. In addition, they are responsible for cleaning linens, vestments, sacred vessels and for maintaining adequate supplies of materials needed for all liturgical celebrations

Program Needs: Volunteers

PRAYER MINISTRIES

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Barbara Conway

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(904) 495-5176

Purpose: The Prayer Group meets once a week to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and meets monthly for a business meeting and fellowship. Plan events and activities related to the Divine Mercy.

Events/Programs: Chaplet every Friday at 9:00 am in the Church

Program Needs: Participants

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday Nocturnal Adoration – Friday 8:00 pm thru Saturday 8:00 am

Jay Anderson

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(904) 285-2678

Purpose: To promote devotion to Christ's sacramental presence in the Eucharist, and to pray for an end to abortion, an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life, and that all will be open to the message of salvation.

Events/Programs: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the 1st Friday of each month, beginning at 8 pm and concluding at 8 am on Saturday.

Program Needs: Members of the society make a one-hour commitment per month.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

Mariann Werninck

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Purpose: In honor of our Blessed Mother, please join us to pray the Rosary.

Events/Programs: First Saturday of every month at 9:00 am in the Marian Chapel.

Program Needs: Participants

LIVING WATERS PRAYER MINISTRY

Winnie Walsh

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Forrest Yanke

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Purpose: To offer our parish community a time of worship, praise, scripture and intercessory prayer. We are available for personal and confidential prayer by appointment

Events/Programs: Every first Thursday of the month at 9:00am in the Browning Center.

Program Needs: Participants

ROSARY DEVOTION

Grace Diez-Hoeck

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(904) 868-3661

Purpose: To pray the Rosary on a weekly basis for special intentions.

Events/Programs: Monday thru Friday at 8:00 a.m. Every Saturday at 9:00 am in the Marian Chapel.

Program Needs: Participants- all are welcome!

PRAYER MINISTRIES

ROSARY FOR THE SICK

Bob Grano

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(904) 273-0256

Purpose: To visit the homes of parishioners who are ill or homebound to say the rosary with them. This prayer is comforting to those for whom they are intended, as well as their family members.

Events/Programs: As needed.

Program Needs: Participants



FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE MINISTRIES

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Leah Tabiry

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(615) 823-0711

Purpose: To build and strengthen fellowship among the women of the parish through spirituality, leadership and service. This ministry falls under the umbrella of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Events/Programs: Planned activities and special events coordinated on an annual basis.

Program Needs: Participants are encouraged to become members.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Michele Jennings (Home Visitation)

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(904) 280-7646

Purpose: Ministers of the Sick bring the Eucharist to anyone not able to attend Mass. This includes residents/patients in private homes, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, hospitals, and hospice.

Those who desire to become Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick are given special training to prepare them for this ministry. Commissioned Eucharistic Ministers must attend a Diocesan workshop called "Protecting God's Children" and must also undergo a Criminal Background Check.

Program Needs: Volunteers

MEN'S GROUP

Contact the Parish Office at 904-285-2698

Purpose: To build and strengthen fellowship among the male parishioners of the parish.

Events/Programs: Quarterly dinner meetings with guest speakers, Parish Fish Fry, Family Breakfasts and other special events.

Program Needs: New participants/volunteers

Men's Group Basketball (Meets on Sunday afternoons)

Purpose: Adult men 18 + years get together weekly for friendly competition.

Dan Devenny

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NEWCOMERS WELCOMING/HOSPITALITY

Nancy Vella

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(904) 710-3723

Purpose: To welcome new parishioners and provide them with information concerning the various ministries and programs available to them.

Events/Programs: Newcomers are contacted by phone and/or e-mail to welcome them to our parish. Newcomer socials are held two times a year. Also, on the second Sunday of every month, the Newcomer's Ministry sets up a table after all Masses and provides information/assistance to parishioners.

Program Needs: Volunteers

SAINTS ALIVE

Mary Romero

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Purpose: To help beautify the interior of our church through the care and placement of flowers and plants, and to increase parishioner interest in various OLSS/Catholic literature through maintenance of the tabletops, bulletin boards and pamphlet rack.

Special Events: For Easter and Christmas, this group plans and puts into place the decorations appropriate to the season. Prior to weddings and funerals, the interior premises are checked for general tidiness, etc.

FELLOWSHIP & SERVICE MINISTRIES

SAINTS ALIVE (CONTINUED)

Time Commitment: Each week, a team of (at least) two people is responsible for handling the above. The total time commitment for the week is between two to three hours, to include Monday, a convenient time in the middle of the week and Saturday following the 8:30 am Mass; also, special occasions as necessary. Duty assignments occur at approximately four-to-five-week intervals.

Program Needs: Volunteers with an eye for detail are needed.

SENIOR'S GROUP

Joyce Scott

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Purpose: To create fellowship among the senior members of our parish.

Events/Programs: Monthly luncheons and ongoing activities.

Program Needs: New participants are always welcome.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

Vivian Garcia

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Purpose: To provide women an opportunity for group fellowship and discussion on a monthly basis.

Events/Programs: Program is offered monthly at a designated location.

Program Needs: Participants

YOUTH MINISTRY

Alison Benton

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Purpose: All youth in Middle School (grades 6-8) and High School (grades 9-12) are welcome to participate in Youth Ministry events & activities.

Events/Programs: Go to our website for more info: www.olssyouth.com

Program Needs: Volunteers

Adults: Would you like to volunteer with our ministry? All volunteers must complete the DOSA Safe Environment requirements. Here are a few ways you can serve this ministry:

- Core Team
- Prayer Team
- Refreshment Team
- Communication Team
- Music Team
- Transportation/Chaperone
- Youth Ministry Benefactor

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Emma McCabe

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(404) 987-5881

Our Mission: Leading young adults (18-39) to Christ through Worship, Catechesis, Fellowship and Service.

Needs: Young Adults to participate and help lead this ministry.

Find us on Facebook: Journey OLSS Young Adult Ministry and Beaches Young Adult Ministry (collaborative young adult ministry with St. Paul's & St. JP II).

PARISH OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

B.E.A.M.

Susan L. DePorre

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(904) 403-8228

Beaches Emergency Assistance Ministry (B.E.A.M.) is a nonprofit, ecumenical outreach agency dedicated to providing short-term assistance to beaches area residents to help families stay together in their homes and become self-sufficient.

Purpose: B.E.A.M. provides financial assistance with rent, utilities and prescriptions, as well as personal care items, food and clothing.

Events/Programs: B.E.A.M. has special annual projects for children and families in our beaches community. Back to School with B.E.A.M. takes place every August and is our largest and most comprehensive outreach effort.

Holiday Food Drive for families at Thanksgiving. Ongoing food collection.

Program Needs: 1. OLSS needs volunteers to assist during Mass once a month with our First Sunday Food Sharing.
2. B.E.A.M. on-site volunteers may assist with the food pantry, outdoor garden, or the front desk.

BEREAVEMENT

Annelie Welch

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Leslie Montoya

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Purpose: To provide emotional and spiritual support for parishioners who have lost loved ones.

Events/Programs: While the group meets on a monthly basis (typically on a Thursday), members are available to take calls at any time.

Program Needs: 1. Those who have gone through their own bereavement period and can share their personal experiences with others are encouraged to participate in this ministry.
2. Co-leaders wanted/needed

DIVORCED & SEPARATED

Forrest Yanke

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(850) 866-2115

Purpose: Building around the Diocesan Family Life program, individuals are encouraged to work on reconciliation and healing within their relationships.

Events/Programs: A trained facilitator offers regularly scheduled sessions.

Program Needs: Participants

FAMILY LIFE

Mary Ann Miller

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Purpose: To coordinate family life Diocesan initiatives throughout the year and disseminate information to the Parish.

Events/Programs: Special events will be planned throughout the year.

Program Needs: Volunteers who would like to build up marriage and family at the parish.

PARISH OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY

Marie Maguire

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Purpose: To provide spiritually centered workshops and programs that sustain and improve the health of individuals and communities.

Events/Programs: The Health Care Ministry will continue to evaluate the needs of the congregation and community. Programs will include health screenings, fairs and educational seminars. Other events will be scheduled based on interest.

Program Needs: Volunteers

HUMAN LIFE & DIGNITY

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Susan Harrison barri4001@aol.com · 705 2304

Laura Moritz · moritzlaura@yahoo.com · 525 5646

Theresa Richter jclpnb03@yahoo.com · 707 8590

Purpose: Serve the parishioners of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish by organizing, planning, and implementing Respect Life and Human Dignity programs and projects proclaiming the sanctity of human life and advocating society, through its laws and social institutions, protect and nurture life at every stage of its existence.

Events/Programs: Primary efforts include serving the parish community by praying, informing, educating, and inspiring parishioners about life issues.

Program Needs: Volunteers are needed to help support pro-life efforts as well as promote human dignity.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Karen Perry

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Purpose: To serve meals to the homebound.

Events/Programs: Our church participates in this program on a quarterly basis.

Program Needs: Volunteers are needed to deliver meals.

MISSION HOUSE

Tom Perry

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Purpose: Mission House is an ecumenical and nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the homeless throughout the beach community. Mission House is committed to minister to the material, physical and spiritual needs of the homeless by providing services and referral contacts. The goal of Mission House is to assist the homeless, who receive our services, to be homeless no longer.

Events/Programs: Volunteers assist on an ongoing basis at Mission House.

Program Needs: Volunteers prepare and serve meals, distribute clothing and items of personal hygiene, and if qualified, serve in the medical clinic. Volunteers must be 16 years of age or 18 years old to prepare and serve meals.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Paul Jennings

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a worldwide charitable organization with over 1 million volunteers working in 144 countries. The Beaches Conference is over 20 years old with volunteers who take on many tasks involved with helping the local poor. We are an all-volunteer organization and have no paid staff.

PARISH OUTREACH AND SUPPORT

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (CONTINUED)

Purpose: Our dedicated volunteers visit the needy in their own homes. While visiting with clients, we attempt to solve the immediate crisis, assess other needs and network with other agencies for further assistance. In a typical year, we help over 3,000 people.

Events/Programs: Assistance is provided for rent, utilities, food/gas cards and bus tickets. In the past year, a dental program was initiated to assist clients with serious dental problems in getting medical help from a network of dentists willing to provide care at greatly reduced costs. The conference also has a furniture ministry whose volunteers pick up gently used furniture and appliance donations, which are eventually delivered to the deserving poor. In a typical year, clients receive more than \$175,000 worth of furniture and appliances. Each year, turkey dinners are delivered to clients at Thanksgiving and about 1,000 Christmas gifts are delivered to clients thanks to “giving trees” in our sponsoring churches. For the last several years our conference has operated a very successful thrift store. It has become a major source of funding for our mission. The store is open six days a week and is staffed by volunteers who work a variety hours based on their availability.

Program Needs: Volunteers are needed to answer calls from clients and visit the needy in their places of residence. Men are needed to work in the furniture ministry. The amount of time volunteers give is an individual decision. Of course, financial assistance is always appreciated.

SISTER PARISH MINISTRY

Rolf Engmann

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Purpose: The Sister Parish Ministry at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church seeks to achieve spiritual growth and discovery through service to poor communities in the Dominican Republic by way of a solidarity- based partnership with a materially poor local Catholic parish. Together with members of our sister parish, the Ministry serves the residents of several communities of Haitian descendants who are truly among the poorest of the world's poor, occupying little more than single-room tin roofed shacks with dirt floors and no electricity, running water or sanitation facilities. Food, potable water, clothing, medicine, and work are in extraordinarily short supply or even absent. The Ministry works to provide access to schools for small children, medical care for young and old alike, housing and small, modest chapels for the celebration of Mass. Mission and volunteer opportunities include:

Medical Missions: The Ministry fields three medical missions each year, generally occurring over long holiday weekends in January, May, and September. Medical professionals and lay volunteers work together to provide medical support to more than four hundred patients each trip, people who medical needs would likely otherwise go unmet.

Youth Missions: Several youth missions are scheduled each year, including the Palmer Academy Club 4:12 mission trip for eighth graders and the St. Joseph's Academy mission trip for high school juniors and seniors. The Youth Ministries of Our Lady Star of the Sea and other area parishes have also organized mission trips with the Sister Parish Ministry.

Family Missions: Each summer and fall several family missions have been organized by interested parishioners in a grass roots type fashion. Sister Parish Ministry hosts the missions, providing the local service programs and local transportation.

Events/Programs: The Sister Parish Ministry holds monthly meetings usually on the third Monday evening of each month where upcoming initiatives and mission trips are discussed.

Program Needs: Volunteers are welcome at all levels of involvement to provide Spanish language assistance (here and in the DR), administrative assistance, fundraising efforts, and mission travelers.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

LouAnne Hawkins

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Purpose: Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who receive special training to provide one to one Christian care to people in our parish community who are experiencing grief, loneliness, divorce, hospitalization, disability, job loss, and many other life difficulties.

To learn how to become or receive care from a Stephen Minister, please contact LouAnne Hawkins.

Program Needs: Volunteers

FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDIES

Bible study groups discuss and read Scripture and commentary in a group setting. For information about upcoming sessions, please check the bulletin for updates.

FAITH FORMATION

Dr. Alexander J. Groppe, D.Min., MA Th.

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(904) 567-1960

Our Lady Star of the Sea Faith Formation offers classes for students in grades K-8 who are not currently attending a Catholic school. Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office and can be downloaded via the website at www.olsspvb.org. All students must register each year.

PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Linda Earp

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(904) 543-8515

Palmer Catholic Academy of Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish was founded in 1997 to provide our children and our community with a quality education within a loving Catholic environment.

The foundation of our educational program is developmental learning, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. In addition, physical education, secondary language, music, art, computer science, and special events are integrated into the curriculum. These educational instruments are enhanced by daily religious instruction and prayer intended to strengthen the learning process and give our children a well-rounded Catholic Christian education.

PALMER CATHOLIC ACADEMY PRESCHOOL – EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Linda M. Earp, Principal

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(904) 543-8515

Chris Saliba, Director

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(904) 567-1970

Palmer Catholic Academy Preschool of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church was founded in 1991 to provide the children of our parish with a warm, Christ-centered environment in which to learn and grow. The school is located on the grounds of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. Our preschool provides for over 100 children, offering classes full and part time for ages 12 months through prek-4- year olds. We offer VPK for all eligible children.

RCIA

Sr. Lucy Clynes, D.W.

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904-285-2698

RCIA is for any adult or child (over the age of seven) who is not baptized, who was baptized in another Christian faith tradition, or any baptized Catholic who has not received Confirmation and Eucharist. RCIA prepares individuals for full communion with the Catholic Church.

Beginning in September and ending in May, participants attend weekly Monday meetings from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Browning Center. The basic teachings of the Catholic faith are presented in these meetings. Sponsors assist the participants on their faith journeys through shared prayer and conversation. In addition, there are special ceremonies throughout the year, culminating in the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil.

FAITH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

SPONSOR COUPLE PROGRAM

Lillian and Gerard Elias

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Purpose: To help engaged couples discover more about themselves in preparation for a Christ-centered marriage in the Catholic faith.

Events/Programs: This ministry is coordinated with the diocesan Engaged Encounter/Pre-Cana marriage preparation programs. Sponsor couples are asked to meet with engaged couples one or more times to discuss important issues regarding married life, especially those which surface in marriage instructions.

Program Needs: Additional couples are encouraged to participate in this meaningful and rewarding ministry. Training is provided.

THAT MAN IS YOU!

Bob Mylod

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Purpose: To strengthen the spirituality of men within the parish.

Events/Programs: This ministry will resume on Fridays in the fall. Meetings are held every Friday at 6:30 am in the Browning Center.

Program Needs: Participants