



## SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for a ministry that needs volunteers? Consider one of the following ministries.

### **Liturgical Ministries**

**Altar Servers**—The role of the server is to assist the priest during the celebration of the Mass and at other liturgical celebrations. Our servers work in pairs at the weekend Masses of their choice approximately every few weeks. Servers prepare the sanctuary for the Liturgy, assist in preparation of the gifts during Mass, and insure the sanctuary is in order after the liturgical celebration. Training is provided. If you are in Grade 4 and up, and have received your First Holy Communion, you are invited to participate in this very helpful and rewarding ministry. Contact Julie at the office for more information at 724-864-6364.

**Eucharistic Minister**—The purpose of this ministry is to distribute communion at Mass each weekend, each Holy Day, and on other special occasions. The ministry is open to all confirmed Catholics in good standing with the church and requires a commitment to a regular assignment at Mass. All ministers require a mandate from the Bishop and to be Virtus certified through the Diocese. Training is provided by the Parish. For more information, contact Julie at the office at 724-864-6364.

**Ministry to the Homebound**—Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMC) take Communion to the sick and homebound, who are encouraged to receive the sacrament, even if they cannot attend Mass. For more information or to sign up to receive communion, contact Sister Charlene at the office at 724-864-6364.

**Greeters/Ushers**—The ministers of hospitality, Greeters and Ushers, assist the parish community at our weekend and special Masses in a variety of ways. Their job is to make sure those who gather for liturgy feel welcome and comfortable. They also assist the parish by monitoring the communion procession, taking up our offertory collection and distributing bulletins. Contact Julie at the Parish office at 724-864-6364 for more information or to sign up.

**Lectors**—The Lectors proclaim the readings at Parish Liturgies and recite the General Intercessions. A Schedule is set up which rotates lectors on a regular basis at a Mass time of your choice. Preparation for reading is done independently the week before an assigned Mass. A workbook (published each year) is supplied by the Parish to assist in the preparation. Volunteers for this ministry should be able to speak comfortably and with confidence before the assembly. Contact Julie at the Parish office to sign up at 724-864-6364.

**Liturgical Musicians**—Since Vatican II, the role of music ministry now belongs to the congregation. The purpose of the choirs, cantors, and keyboard accompaniment artists is to help the assembly worship through prayer and song. The commitment of time varies with each ministry.

\* **Cantors**—Cantors are scheduled to lead assembly singing at Mass of your choice. Cantors are supplied with all music materials and have cantor meetings to review music. Cantors are expected to arrive one half hour before Mass to warm up. Contact Marion Siebert, Director of Music, at 724-864-6364 for more

information or to audition.

- \* *Adult Choir*—under the direction of our Director of Music, Marion Siebert, the choir is responsible for singing at the 11:00 am Mass on weekends, as well as special liturgies (Ex: Holy Week). Rehearsal is held once a week. All music parts are needed. Contact Marion at [msiebert@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:msiebert@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-864-6364.
- \* *Adult Handbell Choir*—under the direction of Music Director, Marion Siebert, the handbell choir performs at selected weekend Masses and/or liturgies throughout the year. No music reading experience is necessary. If you know your left from your right hand and can count to 4, you can be taught how to ring. Rehearsals are held weekly.
- \* *Musicians*—Musicians of any instrument are welcome to accompany both the Adult choir and the youth choir. Contact Marion Siebert (724-864-6364) or Diana Mikash (724-864-5972) if you would like to share your musical talents with the choir and the congregation. All music is supplied.
- \* *Young Voices Children's Choir*—the youth choir is comprised of young people 2nd grade and up. The choir sings primarily at the 8:30 am Mass every other Sunday, along with the 6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass, in addition to other celebrations from October through May. Rehearsals are held every other Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm in the church. Young musicians with at least 2 years experience of playing an instrument are welcomed to share their talents in accompanying the choir. The Young Voices Choir is a great way to experience singing, serving God, and socializing with other young parishioners! Contact Diana Mikash, Young Voices Choir Director at 724-864-5972 or [dmikash@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dmikash@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for more information.
- \* *Young Voices Handbell Choir*— This choir is made up of children from the Young Voices Children's Choir. They ring at various liturgies throughout the year, including Christmas Eve and Easter season. Reading music is not required for this ministry.
- \* *Resurrection Choir*— *The Resurrection Choir* sings for all Parish funerals. No special rehearsals are held; just arrive approximately 1/2 hour before each funeral to become familiar with the music. For men and women who are available during the day, this is a very fulfilling way to serve our Parish families in their time of need. Contact Diana Mikash at 724-864-5972 or [dmikash@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:dmikash@dioceseofgreensburg.org) for more information.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - We are looking for volunteers to help lead the Children's Liturgy of the Word, which is held during each of the weekend Masses. The commitment is minimal and all materials are provided. Contact Julie at the office if you are available to help. ([jhenry2@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jhenry2@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-864-6364)

## Service Ministries & Organizations

*There are so many needs in our world. How can our efforts make a difference? Here at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, we may be few in numbers, but we help in so many big ways!*

### Parish Organizations

**Christian Mothers** - The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is a women's group dedicated to the Sorrowful Virgin, that nurtures and fosters the values that spring from Catholic social teaching. Through service and activities, these values are brought to life by dedicated women of all ages. Although called the Christian Mothers, any Catholic woman, single or married, may belong. They meet monthly, except for the summer months, on the 4th Thursday of the month. For more information, contact Anita Poetain at 412-751-5182 or email at anitagornick@yahoo.com.

**Seton Men's Group** - Our men's group is dedicated to the support of the parish and the involvement of the men of the parish. They have three goals: socialization, spiritual growth, and the support of the parish family. They meet on the 4th Saturday of the month in the Seton Center. Contact person is Scott Benedict at 412-754-1849.

**Parish Finance Council** - The Parish Finance Council is an advisory body comprised of parishioners with business, finance, building and other backgrounds. The group assists the pastor and the parish business manager in the administration of finances, maintenance and capital improvements in order to carry out the mission of the parish. The Finance Council meets quarterly on Saturday mornings.

**Parish Pastoral Council**— The Parish Pastoral Council offers advice and consultation to the pastor as he directs the spiritual and temporal life of the parish. The council persons are selected from the general parish community. The Parish Council meets several times a year.

### Inter-Parish Organizations

**Knights of Columbus—Saint Jude Council #9019** - is an interparochial, fraternal Catholic men's organization of nearly ninety men working to help the local parishes, the Diocese and the Church at large through its many projects. The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic Mens' Fraternal Organization that does outstanding work in the areas of charitable outreach of service and of financial support. Locally the Saint Jude Council meets monthly on the campus of Saint Agnes Parish. Father Len is a Knight and serves as Chaplain of the local council. If already a Knight, then get involved. If interested, please contact Father Len at [Istoviak@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:Istoviak@dioceseofgreensburg.org), any member of the K of C, or the Grand Knight, Mr. Albert Borgony, at [a.borgony@comcast.net](mailto:a.borgony@comcast.net).

**The Emerald Club**— is an organization composed of members of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Saint Agnes Parishes who are fifty years of age or older that seeks to provide spiritual guidance, social activities, and information pertinent to senior citizens. All members enjoy the closeness of parish family and their lives are better because of it. They meet at Saint Agnes Parish. For contact information, call Saint Agnes Parish at 724-863-2626.

**The Saint Vincent DePaul Society** - locally is dedicated to provided spiritual and material aid to the needy through their works with the Food Bank (which is serviced through our facilities and Mack Hall monthly and assisted by our contributions), **Holiday Baskets** (as a parish we provide additional dinner totes at Christmas ... with gift cards in each tote, and at Easter we give a larger gift card rather than the tote), the **Giving Tree** (which we share in during Advent), and special collections. Call the parish office at 724-864-6364 for info on helping, or if in need of assistance. Continue reading for further information on the parish *Lunch Bag Ministry* and the *Dinner Tote Ministry*.

**Parish Service Ministry Opportunities**

**Operation Lunchbag** - Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church is host to the Food Bank, which is held here once a month in Mack Hall. There are approximately 75 children whose families receive assistance through this outreach program. Under the direction of Debby Pzehoski, our parish puts together a 'lunch bag' for these children which consists of healthy snacks/drinks. This is a year-round project. Donations are asked for packaged items (sorry, no home-made or non-wrapped items can be accepted). Please remember these children on your next shopping trip. Debby Pzehoski and Bert Hoover are in charge of the program. Contact the Parish Office at 724-864-6364 if you have any questions or to contact them.

**Caring Friends Funeral Luncheon Committee** - The Funeral luncheon committee assists the grieving family with the arrangements for a luncheon in Mack Hall after the Funeral Mass. They set tables, make coffee/tea, serve food, and clean up after the family has left. To check the availability of the hall, please contact the Parish Office at 724-864-6364. If the hall is available, Ginger Flynn (724-864-1365) or Mary Jane Henry (412-751-6283) and their committees will be able to make all the arrangements. If you are able to help serve on the committee, contact Ginger or Mary Jane.

**Holiday Dinner Tote Bags** - To assist families in need during the Christmas holidays, our parish families put together a 'dinner tote bag' which is distributed to the Food bank recipients. This dinner tote bag is filled with all the fixins for a holiday meal with nonperishable items such as potatoes, gravy, stuffing, canned vegetables, fruit or applesauce, dessert items, cookies, coffee, tea, etc. Our Charity Fund supplements the tote bag with a gift card to a local grocery store. For the Easter holiday, our Charity Fund purchases a gift card in place of the dinner tote for each family. Due to the Lenten Fish Fry, our hall has limited storage space.

**Educational Ministries**

**SEAS Religious Formation Sessions** are held on Sunday mornings (Sept-Apr) from 9:20-10:30 am in the Seton Center for those in grades Kindergarten through Grade 4. It is designed for all who are not receiving Formation in a Catholic School setting. Teachers, catechists, aides/ helpers are always needed. Contact Sister Charlene at the Parish office 724-864-6364 for more information.

**Junior Youth Ministry (JYM)** is a program for youngsters in grades 5-8 comprised of youth from the area parishes of SEAS, Immaculate Conception and Saint Agnes. They meet on Sunday evenings (Sept-Apr) from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Bishop Bosco Center (BBC) off of Route 30 at the Veteran's Bridge. Teachers/volunteers, and aides are always needed. Contact Sister Charlene at 724-864-6364.

**Senior Youth Ministry (SYM)** is a program for youth in grades 9-12 comprised of youth from the area parishes of SEAS, Immaculate Conception and Saint Agnes. They also meet on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Bishop Bosco Center (BBC). It is under the direction of Regional Youth Director, John McCulloch. Teachers/volunteers and aides are always needed. Contact John at: [jmcculloch@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jmcculloch@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**Other Parish Ministries**

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| <b>Adult Altar Server for Funeral Mass</b> | <b>Hospitality for various church events</b> | <b>RCIA Sponsor</b>          |
| <b>Help at a Parish Event</b>              | <b>Fish Fry volunteer</b>                    | <b>Church decorating</b>     |
| <b>Garden Grounds Committee</b>            | <b>Church cleaning (spring &amp; fall)</b>   | <b>Prayer Chain Warriors</b> |
| <b>Parish Picnic</b>                       | <b>Vacation Bible School</b>                 |                              |

If you are interested in signing up for any of these ministries, contact Julie at the office at [jhenry2@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jhenry2@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-864-6364.

***Stewards join in the Church's mission to proclaim, teach, serve, and sanctify. The sharing of time, talent, and treasure makes that possible and enables the Church to do the Lord's work every day in every place.***

