

Parish Ministries

Our parish is active in many areas. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, contact the person associated with the activity. If there is no name or number, contact the Staff Person and they will help.

Diversity – Fr Ferdinand – 410-964-1437 or fezenwachi@sjerc.org

Diversity Committee – Celebrating diversity within the St John's Community; Clunie Jacques, chair, 410-549-1146

Evangelization – Peter Barbernitz – 410-964-1430 or pbarbernitz@sjerc.org

Awakening Faith – program for inactive Catholics considering a return to an active involvement in the Church and for those thinking about becoming Catholic.

RCIA – program for adults interested in becoming Catholic or finishing their initiation into the Church

Small Church Communities – come together for faith sharing, prayer & discovering our call to service

Adult Faith Formation – talks, lecture series, missions, etc. designed to help our parish grow in faith

Sundays at Seven – talks by notable experts on issues of faith and life

Welcome Ministry – events and activities that welcome new members to the parish and help build community

Reading Scripture Together – afternoon and evening programs each month in which we read books of the Bible, learn some of the history, and look at how they might guide us today.

Hispanic Community – Padre Antonio Vélez – 410-964-1432 or avelez@sjerc.org

RCIA - Adults interested in what Catholics believe or in becoming Catholic

Sacramental Preparation – Baptism, First Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Confirmation

Religious Education – Kathie Armstrong 410-964-1440

Youth Group

Adult Faith Formation / Small groups growing in faith

Marriage Preparation

Alianza de la Comunidad – responds to needs of the community

Liturgy – Eileen Kiefer – 410-964-1439 or ekiefer@sjerc.org

Liturgy Committee – Supports and promotes the spiritual development of the worshipping community. Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at WL. Open to all parishioners; Mike Buckley, chair, 410-992-8948

Ministers for Mass – Lectors, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Linens, Bread Bakers

Children's Liturgy – Liturgy of the Word for children (ages 4-10) during the 10:30 Mass

Liturgical environment – decorate the worship spaces for Sunday Mass and special liturgies during the year

Parish Nurses – Blood pressure screening the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 9am & 10:30am Masses

Resurrection Ministry – greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, set up & assist at luncheons; Serves as a resource for parishioners coping with the death of a loved one.

Music – Christopher Youstra – 301-977-3611 or cyoustra@sjerc.org

Adult Choir – Monday, 7:30pm, WL

Children's Choir – Monday, 7:00pm, WL

Handbell Choir – Tuesday, 7:30pm, WL

Music groups for Mass – individual rehearsal schedule

Religious Education (Pre-K through 6th grade) – Kathie Armstrong – 410-964-1440 or karmstrong@sjerc.org

Religious Education Committee – Merritt Pimental 301-490-2212

Pre-K through 6th grade Religious Education

Preparation for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation

Preparation for Baptism for children in 4th-6th grade

KAFÉ – Kids And Family Enjoyment, social connection with other families with children

Social Ministry – Barbara Hope Hunter, PhD – 410-964-1438 or bhunter@sjerc.org

Social Ministry Committee – meets 7:30pm on 4th Wednesday of the month at OM; Mark Breaux 410-740-0437

Against Global Poverty – fosters a greater awareness of the issues that contribute to global poverty & undertake specific activities to combat it; Sarah Lutterodt 443-755-0452 or sarahlutterodt@comcast.net

Beechfield Elementary School – elementary school partnership; Marge Trenkle 410-788-2185 or m.trenkle@juno.com

Bike and sewing machine collection – children's bikes for Christmas in Baltimore; adult bikes for Bikes for the World and sewing machines; Tom McCarthy 410-869-0705, Thomas.McCarthy@RaymondJames.com

Children's book collection – new & used books collected annually during November and December; Tom McCarthy 410-869-0705, Thomas.McCarthy@RaymondJames.com

Earth Stewardship – raises sensitivity to the interdependence of all living things to each other and to the environment; Mary Ann Buchmeier 410-884-0434 or BobMaryannbuchmeier@verizon.net

Interfaith Coalition for Affordable Housing – advocacy efforts on behalf of the need for more affordable housing in Howard County; www.icaah.net ; Andre DeVerneil 410-730-3567 or drrebus@verizon.net

Interfaith Hospitality Center – volunteers provide food, conversation & activities; Diane Tollick 410-381-4222 or tollick@comcast.net

Jamaica Partner Parish – St Thomas More in May Pen, Jamaica; Patrick McNamara 410-740-0795 or jpimcnamara@verizon.net

Needlers – group who knits, crochets, quilts & sews clothing & blankets for preemies, families in shelters & chemotherapy patients; Judy Major 410-730-4998

Right to Life March – On or near January 22 every year, bus leaves WLIFC; George & Jean Vaeth 410-730-6748

St John's Parish Long-term Transitional Housing Program – limited availability transitional housing with support services . Barbara Hope Hunter 410-964-1438 or bhunter@sjerc.org

St John's Singles – adults 40s to 60+, provides a safe, comfortable & enjoyable setting for single adults to socialize and get to know one another; www.sjerc.org under "Programs"

Visitation – visit and distribute Eucharist to people who are homebound or in assisted living facilities; Fr. Ferdinand, at 410-964-1437, or fezenwachi@sjerc.org

Visitation – visit and distribute Eucharist to patients in Lorien Nursing Home; Jane Coskren 410-381-7344

Visitation – visit and distribute Eucharist to patients in Howard County General Hospital; Linda Raudenbush 410-381-2747 or DRLMR2004@yahoo.com

Visitation – to prisoners at Maryland Correctional Institute at Jessup –Saturdays, 6:45-9:00pm; Betty Wilson-Jones Betty_Wilson-Jones@bd.com

Visitation – to psychiatric patients at Springfield Hospital (Sykesville) and Spring Grove Hospital (Catonsville) – 1st Tuesday of each month, travel by carpool to play Bingo and visit; Don Plasse 410-290-8288 or Plasses@verizon.net or just show up at OMIFC at 6:55pm

Youth Ministry (grades 7-8 and 9-12) – Wayman Scott 410-964-1428 or wscott@sjerc.org

Youth Ministry Committee – Sara Pileggi 410-964-0219 and Patty Dugan Mucci 410-884-7939

7th & 8th grade Religious Education

Fun and Faith Friday – middle school youth group

9th – 12th Religious Education

Confirmation – preparation during 10th grade

Other Activities / Resources

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) – SJRC & SJU teens & adults repair homes in Appalachia

Bridge League (pairs) – meets the 2nd Saturday evening during the school year; Maureen or Carl Bumiller 410-992-9605

Boy Scout Troop # 649 – Barbara Thomas 410-659-9663

Cub Scout Pack # 649 – Tony Adson 410-381-3571

Bridge Group – Hilary Stephens 410-730-7508

Christian Women's Thrift Shop – 3267 Pine Orchard Lane, Ellicott City, 410-465-1060, 9:30am-1:00pm

Call first for hours of operation

Coalition for Compassion – interfaith group which responds to emergency needs; 410-997-2781; Mondays and Wednesday, 10:00am -2:00pm

Food Collections – food barrels at the Wilde Lake & Oakland Mills Interfaith Centers

God's Love Prayer Group – Phyllis Michaels 410-997-2205, Fridays, 8:00pm, WL Chapel

Interfaith Library – Sundays, 9am-1:30pm, WLIFC; Cathy Romero, Library Coordinator 410-964-2277

Knights of Columbus, Council 7559 – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30pm, WL; www.columbiacouncil.info ; Bob Estright 410-715-1427 or Tim Lynch 410-964-2455

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians – Maria Bellchambers 410-997-2210 or Kathleen Mikszan 410-997-2133

Legislative Advocacy in Annapolis – receive updates from the Maryland Catholic Conference on issues affecting the poor in Maryland; Catholic Charities 410-261-6781

Marriage Encounter – Mary & Joe Rekus 410-997-8303

Pregnancy Center – Information & help regarding alternatives to abortion 410-730-3223; Crisis Pregnancy 800-492-5530; Suffering after abortion? 410-354-6900

Ranger Rosary Making Workshop - Kathy Feddor 410-730-3438

VIVA House – 26 South Monroe St, Baltimore; Catholic Worker Hospitality House; Brendan Walsh or Willa Bickham 410-233-0488; serves meals 2-5pm Wednesday, Thursday and alternate Saturdays