

NEW PARISHIONERS (Permanent and Semi-Permanent) WELCOME!
Please register with us. If you move or change address or phone number, please notify the Parish Office.

THE PARISH OF ST. ANN
ACTIVITIES DIRECTORY
INTRODUCTION

The Parish of St. Ann is blessed to have parishioners with many and varied talents. This directory reflects the ministries through which they share these talents. A short description of each ministry and, when possible, the meeting times have also been listed. If you wish to participate in any of these ministries feel free to call the contact person listed.

This directory is another result of the giving of time and talent by members of our parish. However, as in most endeavors of this kind, there may be omissions. If you have a need or wish to recommend a ministry that is not included, please contact the Parish Office.

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PARISH OF ST. ANN'S

PASTORAL COUNCIL

We, the Pastoral Council of the Parish of St. Ann in Bethany Beach, Delaware are members of a believing community professing faith in God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Through the saving waters of Baptism, nourished by the Eucharist, and strengthened by the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, it is our mission and responsibility to collaborate with our Pastor to establish a vibrant Roman Catholic community providing opportunities for spiritual, ministerial and personal renewal for all.



In Communion with our Holy Father and the universal Church, in union with our Bishop, and under the leadership of our Pastor, we seek to live out our ministry as members of the Parish Pastoral council.

We are conscious of our membership in the Body of Christ and of our responsibility to share talents, time, treasure, and wisdom for the sake of the mission of Christ. We have been gathered as a Pastoral Council to advise our pastor in those matters affecting our pastoral mission. We shall maintain open lines of communication with all individuals and groups within the parish as we serve as a model of a caring and concerned parish community.



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PARISH OF ST. ANN'S PASTORAL COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE: Being united in our dedication to and concern for the parish community of St. Ann's, we are professional individuals striving to provide an environment where God's faithful can worship, gather, work, and learn in safety, comfort and beauty.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: The Christian Formation Program helps adults, young people and children develop their relationship with God and their faith life as Catholic Christians. We reach out to the increasingly diverse population included in St. Ann's and those seeking information about or admission to our Catholic Community. We do this prayerfully through instruction and formation of conscience, faith-sharing, initiation rites and community service. Dedicated catechists using updated methods and materials assist in this formation. In our kindergarten through grade ten program, family cooperation and support are recognized as essential. In addition, our beautiful location blesses us with the opportunity to welcome and provide spiritual nourishment to seasonal parishioners and visitors. Together we strive to grow as the family of God.

LITURGY: Liturgy is the central ministry of our parish community from which we take our identity and from which all other activities of the parish flow. Therefore, the mission of the Liturgy Committee is to foster good worship in the parish. The committee bears responsibility for coordination of the liturgical life of the parish under the guidance of the pastor, the liturgical documents of the church, and approved diocesan guidelines. The committee is responsible for determining long-range goals and specific objectives for the liturgical life of the parish in conjunction with the pastoral plan established by the pastor and the pastoral council.

PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE: The Parish and Family Life Committee shall strive for the promotion of Christian community and an environment of mutual support, assistance, and growth in living the Christian life in our time and culture. The committee is working to fulfill this mission by focusing on helping with and creating services and events to build community and foster a welcoming attitude for parishioners of all ages.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: The Social Concerns Committee believes that the needs and concerns of our brothers and sisters are our concern as well. To this end we will facilitate for our parishioners, opportunities to discern needs, to serve the poor, the marginalized, the unchurched and the transient. This will involve educating ourselves and the parish in Catholic Social Justice teachings and encouraging parish-wide participation in both advocacy and outreach.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
AA	Pat Musick	539-3641
Aarp Tax-Aide Program	Cathy Earl	539-5443
ACTS Thrift Shop	Store	539-3513
Altar Linens	Hilda Mary Graham	539-9475
Altar Servers	Deacon Ed Danko	539-1321
Bazaar & Bazaar Workshop	Pat Duchesne	539-1774
Bereavement Luncheon	Amelia Dera	537-9983
Bible Study - Tuesday AM	Jeannie Fleming	539-5443
“ “ - Wednesday AM	Fran Slahetka	537-5363
“ “ -Thursday PM	Linda Magarelli	539-4316
Blood Mobile	Jeannie Fleming	539-5443
Book Club - Women	Andy Tracy	539-3240
- Men	Andy Favret	537-5942
Bowling League	Ray Thiebeault	539-7729
	Or Shirley Ghurston	5397729
Building & Maintenance Committee	Charlie McMullen	537-5247
Casa San Francisco	Jo Richardson	539-3543
Choir	Pat Hudson	436-8594
Christian Formation	Kathy DiSabatino	539-8485
Companions/Bereavement	Deacon Ed Danko	539-1321
Delaware Hospice	Mary Costello	856-7717
Donuts/Delaney Hall	Jen Scott	537-4607
Environment Committee	Jane Reister	539-1345
First Friday Exposition &		

Benediction	Deacon Ed Danko	539-1321
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CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES

English as Second Language	Joe & Claire Nelan	539-1993
Food Collection	Pat Duchesne	539-1774
Garden Club	Hilda Mary Graham	539-9475
Greeters	Joanne Busalacchi	539-3818
Hispanic Community	Ruth Benegas	302-670-1114
La Esperanza	Zaida Guarjardo	854-9262
Lectors	Jack Freebery	829-8165
Liturgy Committee/Chair	Ronnie Malone	537-7162
Marriage Encounter	Bob & Michelle Dooley	800-688-9963
Meals on Wheels	Larry Malanka	537-1734
Men's club	Tom Difibaugh	541-8269
Most Blessed Sacrament		
School	Cliff Embley	541-4174
Ocean View Leisure & Resource	Office	539-2671
Outreach	Joanne Busalacchi	539-3818
Parish & Family Life	Marianne Fike	732-6213
Parish Potluck Supper	Michael Downes	245-3174
Prayer Group - "Living Waters"	Cas Chodnicki or Deacon Dennis Hayden	537-7831 539-0106
Retrouvaille (Couples Retreat)	Bob & Joyce Gillespie	832-8044 800-470-2230
RCIA	Joan Kornacki	537-6153
Religious Education & Sacramental Preparation	Jeannie Fleming	539-5443

Right to Life

Hilda Mary Graham

539-9475

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Saint Ann's Youth (SAYO)
denisemsb@aol.com

Denise Santa Barbara

539-5443 or

School Mentoring

Joe Rodgers

539-1410

Senior Bingo

Pat Duchesne

539-1774

Shady Grove Sr.

Development

Pat Duchesne or

539-1774

Bob Tracy

539-3240

Social Concerns

Pat Duchesne

539-1774

Social Justice Ministry

Howard Boyd

537-1244

Sociality

Lois Rubinsohn

537-2906

Special Ministers of Holy

Communion

Deacon Bob Tracy

539-3240

Stockley Center

Pat Stanislav

537-0321

Support for the Troops

Gigi Vanderman

539-9252

Ushers

Joe Cavaluzzo

539-1909

Visitation

Bob Tracy

539-3240

Visually Impaired Program

Ceil Chodnicki

537-7831

Youth Advisory Board
denisemsb@aol.com

Denise Santa Barbara

539-5443 or

ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS

See Contact Information sheet for chairperson names and phone numbers

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

St. Ann's Garden Club: The St. Ann's Garden Club consists of volunteers from our parish. Since 2004 volunteers have worked at making St. Ann's the most beautiful complex in Bethany by designing, planting, weeding, watering, and maintaining the grounds.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE

Adult Formation: Scheduled events at various times throughout the year. Qualified catechists teach programs throughout the year for adults interested in increasing their faith participation through study and prayer. Four weekly Bible studies are offered. Special programs are scheduled in Advent and Lent.

Bible Study - Tuesday Mornings: Tuesday mornings, 9:30AM. A welcoming group doing lectionary based bible study and looking at readings for the upcoming Sunday. Drop-ins are welcome.

Bible Study - Wednesday Mornings: Meets Wednesdays, 9:30- 11AM. Each session begins with song and prayer. Using study guides and videos, one book of the Bible is studied at a time. Participants discuss how it relates to our lives today.

Bible Study - Thursday Nights: Meets Thursdays, 7PM. Informal group studying scripture using workbooks and videos.

Bible Study - Friday Mornings: Meets at the Cheer Center from 10:45-11:45 AM. All are welcome to this enriching series.

English as Second Language: Volunteers teach English to our neighbors at three sites, preparing them for economic and social adjustment to English Speaking, USA.

Religious Education: Meets Sundays 8:45AM to 10:00AM (K-5); 11:45AM to 1:00PM (6-12). Qualified catechists teach grade level religious education from K through Grade 12 to form Catholic Christians who are disciples of Christ ready to bring a message of God's love and hope to the world. A co-op preschool nursery is available during 10:30 Mass. An 11th, 12th grade program is our goal, but requires a commitment from the families involved.

RCIA: Meets Tuesday evening at 7:30PM. Prepares interested people for sacraments of initiation as Roman Catholic Christians or baptized non-catholic Christians for full communion as Roman Catholics.

Sacramental Preparation: Various times throughout the year. Works with children and their parents and other adults preparing for Reconciliation, Eucharist, confirmation or Baptism. Marriage preparation starts with a call to the Parish at 539-6449 and requires one year to complete.

Saint Ann's Youth Organization (SAYO): Meets various times through the religious education school year. Works with youth grades 6-9 and 9-12 to build community and fellowship and provide opportunities for service to neighbors and the parish.

Youth Advisory Board: Group meets about four times a year to help with planning and supporting the youth of the Parish in a welcoming and challenging atmosphere with activities that promote community and model Catholic Christian life. This group includes enthusiastic adult parishioners, staff and young people working with the Coordinator of Youth Ministry.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

Altar Linens: Volunteers launder and press altar linens which are collected on Mondays and Fridays.

Altar Servers: Meet as needed. Trained individuals assist the presider at daily and Sunday masses and at special functions if requested. The deacon in charge trains altar servers.

Choir Music: Choir practices each Wednesday at 7PM in Church and sings at 10:30AM mass on Sundays (except during the summer) and at special liturgical functions. The Folk Group sing at the 4PM and the 5:30PM masses in the Church, on holy days and at masses in our new mission church, Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Environment Committee: Volunteers enhance the Church building through such activities as choosing fabric and designing wall and altar decorations.

First Friday Exposition and Benediction: On the first Friday of each month, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:30AM Mass and concludes with Benediction at 4PM.

Greeters: Trained parishioners are stationed at each door to greet all those attending the weekend liturgies.

Lectors: Volunteers are trained to proclaim the word at liturgical functions. Training occurs in November.

Special Ministers of Holy Communion: Meet yearly for training. Ministers are trained to distribute the Eucharist at Mass and to the sick in their homes.

Ushers: Usually meet once a year during the winter months. Volunteers are trained to usher at all weekend masses and special liturgical functions when needed.

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PARISH AND FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE

Bazaar: Occurs the first full weekend in August. This is the big parish fundraiser each year. The Bazaar volunteers include men, women and teenagers from the parish. All parishioners are welcome to volunteer and meet new people at the same time.

Bazaar Workshop: Average of two Thursday mornings a month from September to May. Women of the Parish meet to paint, sew, quilt, and to do needlework and small crafts which are sold at the Bazaar. All women of the parish are invited.

Book Club – Women: Meets monthly as scheduled by members. Women meet at each other's homes to discuss religious books and have a simple lunch together.

Book Club – Men: Meets monthly as scheduled by members. Men meet to discuss religious books and have lunch.

Bowling League: Pre-season organizational meeting – 2nd week of August in Delaney Hall (details in bulletin). Bowling Wednesday, 1PM @ Millsboro Lanes. Begins Wednesday after Labor Day and goes through April. Description: 14 team league with 5 persons per team. 4-5 substitutes per week are used as needed. Bowlers typically start out as substitutes before being placed on a team.

Donuts in Delaney Hall after 10:30AM Mass: Second Sunday of each month, September through May. This activity provides an opportunity for parishioners to gather and share fellowship. Help is needed ordering and picking up donuts, making coffee and setting out beverages, and cleanup of hall afterward.

Men's Club: Meets 3rd Tuesday of each month. St. Ann's Men's club's purpose is to encourage spiritual growth and a sense of community in the parish. Members assist in parish liturgical, operational, educational, social and maintenance activities. Sponsored activities include: Golf tournament, St.

Patrick's Day Party, Christmas party, Annual picnic, Joint Day of Recollection with Our Lady's Sodality, Men's Retreat.

Marriage Encounter: Meeting: participants can pick one of 3 weekends, typically in January, April, and October in Rehoboth Beach, DE. The emphasis of the Marriage Encounter weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. The weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together away from the distractions and tensions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship. It's not a retreat, marriage clinic, group sensitivity, or a substitute for counseling. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing marriage.

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Prayer Group - "The Living Waters" Prayer Group: Meets weekly on Wednesday @ 7:30PM in the Library. All are invited to join fellow parishioners for a time of prayer and praise, faith sharing, and scripture reading.

Parish Pot Luck Supper: Meeting Time: 3rd or 4th Sunday in January, 4-7PM. Parishioners are invited to share a meal and fellowship. The parish provides the entree and parishioners are asked to bring either a side dish or dessert. Help is needed in ordering, picking up entrees, setting up and cleaning up the hall.

Sodality: First Thursday of the month after the 8:30AM Mass, except for the months of February and May. The primary purpose of Sodality is to help its members acquire a deep love and devotion for Mary. Members participate in charitable works for parishioners and the community. Sodality members also gather to pray the Rosary the first Saturday of every month after the 8:30AM Mass, sponsor an annual Communion Breakfast in the fall, and the Day of Reconciliation Luncheon in the spring.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Bereavement Luncheons: Delaney Hall is available upon request. Beverages, paper supplies and servers are provided by the Parish. The family provides the food.

Christmas Giving Tree: Providing to the community, at Christmas time, gifts and necessities that are requested from families in need. Check November and December bulletins & calendars for further information.

Companions/Bereavement Support Group: First Wednesdays of each month at 10:30AM in the Masterson Center conference room to share with others who are facing or have faced life altering illnesses. Pray and share with others who have experienced the loss of loved ones.

Food Bin: Located in the vestibule of the church; Parishioners place donated non-perishable food items and hygiene supplies. Food in the bin is delivered by parish volunteers to Casa San Francisco, Sister Rosa in Georgetown, Pyle State Service Center and St. Ann's Food Closet.

Outreach: When needed, Volunteers provide rides to the doctor, grocery store, etc.

Senior Bingo: Held the last Monday of the month in St. Ann's Library in the Masterson Center for St. Ann's Seniors.

Social Justice Ministry: Social Justice Ministry works to create a just society by advocating on behalf of poor and vulnerable people with appropriate government officials. In addition, to direct outreach to those in need. Areas of emphasis include: the sanctity of life, non-violence, living wages, health care, affordable housing and education. We encourage all to become involved in supporting public policies that provide for the dignity of the human person, solidarity among all peoples, the dignity of work and care of God's creation.

PARISH AFFILIATED PROGRAMS

AA: Meets Wednesday and Friday nights at 8PM in Delaney Hall. Support group for those recovering from alcohol addiction.

AARP Tax Aide Program: AARP Tax Aide program offers free tax preparation for both Federal and State tax returns. Volunteers e-file returns that fall within the scope of the program. Appointments for tax preparation are made by calling 302-858-3575 for January 15th through April 12th.

Atlantic Community Thrift Shop (ACTS): All types of items are delivered by community members for resale. Volunteers help sort, sell, etc. Monies from ACTS supports community organizations that help those in need.

Blood Mobile: Held in St. Ann's Masterson Center. Check bulletin and monthly calendar for details.

Casa San Francisco: Volunteers deliver food, serve lunches, mentor, answer the telephone, help with annual fundraiser and assist wherever they are needed.

Delaware Hospice: Volunteers receive training to help in home care, office jobs and fundraisers.

LaEsperanza: Located in the Hispanic Center in Georgetown. Volunteers help in education program, fundraisers, special events and wherever needed.

Meals on Wheels: Delivered Monday thru Friday all year except holidays. Two people go together, pick up food from their distributor and deliver to the people on their route.

Most Blessed Sacrament Elementary School: First opened its doors to the children of 8 parishes in September, 2003. The school serves children from 4 years of age through Grade 8. MBSCS offers a full complement of core curriculum subjects as well as Spanish, music, computer, PE, library and art. Middle school students function in a departmentalized setting and are eligible to participate in team sports including, soccer, golf, basketball and softball against other non-public schools in the region. Open House days are scheduled throughout the year. The school is located at 11242 Racetrack Rd., Berlin, Md.

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Ocean View Leisure & Resource Center: Located on Cedar neck Rd., Ocean View. Volunteers help with daily operational functions. Weekly bible study occurs on Fridays from 10:45 -1145AM.

Retrouvaille: Meeting Time: Participants can pick one of 4 weekends a year, typically in February, April, August, and October at the Malvern Retreat Center in Malvern, PA. Pronounced re-tro-vi(with a long i). Retrouvaille is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program.

Right-to-Life: Right-to-Life at St. Ann's is involved in many activities. On January 22nd, a group attends the March for Life in Washington, DC. Twice a year we "quietly" demonstrate on Rt. 1 for Life. On Mother's Day we sell roses for Delaware Birthright. In October, Right-to-Life month, we hold a baby shower for new mothers and mothers to-be in Georgetown. We also contact state and local government officials to express our views on matters pertaining to the protection of life.

School Mentoring: Volunteers assist teachers by mentoring school age children in various areas, i.e., math, reading. Times vary based on each individual child's schedule. Organizational meeting in August; watch bulletin for details.

Shady Grove Sr. Development: St. Ann's partners with Dagsboro Church of God for picnics, Bible Study and Bingo for the Shady Grove residents.

Stockley Center: Volunteers send special occasion cards to the patients residing at the Medical Center and also fill Christmas gift requests from the residents.

Support for Troops: Gifts collected at St. Ann's from the parish and the community are sent to the troops overseas through Dover Air Force base on a regular basis.

Visual Impaired Program: Volunteers read to the visually impaired at the South Coastal Library.