

*ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
216 COMLY ROAD, LINCOLN PARK, N.J. 07035  
A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP – A CALL TO SERVE*

**Stewardship is a spiritual way of life marked by faith filled prayer, compassionate service to others and a generous sharing of time, talent and treasure. The more we give back to God, the richer our spiritual lives become. As a way of thanking God for all the blessings He has granted, I wish to share of myself to God and the community of St. Joseph's by participating in a Ministry.**

**Please put a (✓) to join a New Ministry or (R) to Renew a Current Membership.**

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### **Worship Service**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Altar Servers:** Children in Grade 4 or higher and have received 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion are eligible to volunteer. Servers assist the priest at the celebration of the Eucharist.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lectors:** Parish members who proclaim the Word of God at liturgical celebrations, usually 1-2 Masses per month.

### **Spiritual Service**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Prayer Line:** Parish members who commit themselves to daily prayer for particular special intentions of fellow parishioners. There are no meetings and this service can be done from the convenience of your home. Members are notified for prayer requests on a rotating basis.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lazarus Ministry:** Parish members who provide support, prayer and comfort to those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. Members send notes of condolence, organize the annual Mass of Remembrance and attend funerals as individual schedules permit. Meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.

\_\_\_\_\_ **You Visited Me:** Visit homebound and residents of nursing home facilities, regardless of religion, who have no one to visit them.

### **Hospitality and Evangelization Service**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Greeters:** Parish members (men, women, and families) who welcome our parishioners and guests to the celebration of the Eucharist. Greeters arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled service. Frequency depends on ministry membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ushers:** Parish members (men and women) who assist in seating parishioners, sacramental receiving line and facilitate the collection of gifts. Frequency depends on ministry membership.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Women of Faith:** A group of women from several parishes who come together for spiritual growth once a month by sharing their faith and stories through a format of prayer, liturgy and discussion. Meetings are usually held on every other Thursday.

### **Music Ministry**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Adult Choir:** Parish members who enjoy singing and give praise to God through song. Practice sessions vary based on special occasion needs and by the Ministry Director.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Children's Choristers:** Children in grades 3–8 who serve the community by sharing their love of singing at monthly and other liturgical celebrations. Practices are Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Teen Choir (Echoes of Faith):** Young parishioners who enhance the celebration of the liturgy through contemporary spiritual music by sharing vocal and/or instrumental talents. Practice sessions vary as determined by the Ministry Director.

**Community Service**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Christian Service:** Parish members who meet monthly to bring about service involvements such as parish and community food drives, Crop Walk, Christmas gift collections and special sponsorship events throughout the year.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Warming Bee:** Parish members who meet every Tuesday afternoon to knit and crochet items for nursing home residents, hats for premature infants and assorted items for the poor. This ministry can also be done from your home if unable to attend the meetings.

**Parish Service**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Church Care:** Parish members who tend to the cleaning of the church interior including flowers, plants, decorations and laundering of altar linens.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Clerical Support:** Parish members who provide assistance in the parish office to answer phones and perform other simple functions when extra coverage may be needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Buildings and Grounds:** Parish volunteers who provide assistance with the upkeep of parish buildings, grounds and general repairs.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Media Ministry:** Parish members who cover parish and event activities through photos and articles for our parish bulletin and other media communications.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Parish Bakers:** Parish members who donate time and effort to supply home baked goodies for special parish events and the annual St. Joseph Bake Sale. No meetings are required.

**Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Service**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Religious Catechists:** Parish members who provide instruction in the K – 8<sup>th</sup> religious education program. Catechists assist in the preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation under the spiritual direction of our religious staff.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Youth Ministry:** Parish members to assist with programs for the youth of our parish and engage them in religious activities.

**Financial Service and Social Activities**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Fund Raising:** Parish committee for planning and coordinating various fund raising programs throughout the year.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Golf Outing:** Planning, coordinating and recruiting sponsors for the annual May golf outing.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Social Committee:** Volunteers to help with parish social events as needed.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Can we list your telephone number in our Ministry Directory? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*Thank you for your interest. A member of your selected committee(s) will reach out to you. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 973-696-4411.*