

St. Anthony of Padua 2017 Ministry List



Essential Ministries—Fr. Vic

Pray Daily for St. Anthony of Padua Parish—Members of this ministry are charged with praying for the strength and unity of our parish and our members every day. This ministry should be done by everyone!

Active Participation in the Liturgy—Members of this ministry are charged with responding, singing and being actively engaged when they are present for liturgy. This ministry should be done by everyone!

15 Minutes Early Ministry—Members of this ministry are charged with arriving for parish activities at least 15 minutes early. 15 minutes early for Mass, meetings, meals, etc... This ministry is open to everyone!

Episodic Opportunities for Ministry—Members of this ministry are called to help at various times of the year on different projects; stuff envelopes, answer phones, pray for certain causes, help decorate for a party, a wide variety of other opportunities that are needed as one time only opportunities for ministry. This ministry is open to everyone!

Liturgical Ministries—Deacon Bill Simmons

Altar Servers—Any member of the parish who has received First Communion have the opportunity to assist the priest and deacons during Mass as altar servers. *This ministry is now open to people of any age!*

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist—The role of the EME is to assist with distributing Communion during Mass, and/or take Communion to the sick and shut-in. They should be practicing Catholics, in good standing with the Church, and possess a love of the Eucharist.

Lector/Commentator Ministry—This ministry is open to women and men who have received confirmation and have a good ability to present the spoken word. They should be practicing Catholics, in good standing with the parish community, and possess a love of the Scriptures.

Liturgical Dance Ministry—Our “Praise ‘n’ Motion” Liturgical Dance Ministry enhances the spiritual faith of our community by celebrating the gift of prayer through movement.

Music Ministry—Our Music Ministry is a vibrant group who lead the music for both Sunday Masses. We have a variety of choirs for all ages to choose from. If you like to sing this ministry could be right for you.

Sacristans Ministry—Sacristans help set up and assist at each Mass. They ensure that all altar and liturgical linens, and pastor’s vestments are cleaned. They follow the liturgical calendar to make sure all items are ready during each season.

Hospitality Ministry (Ushers)—The Hospitality Ministers are charged with extending a warm and welcoming greeting to all who attend Mass. They assist visitors and make everyone feel at ease. They also help take up the collection and perform other functions before and after the Mass.

Liturgical Environment—This ministry coordinates and plans the liturgical environment (flowers, banners, etc.) for the Mass. They also help decorate for the major liturgical feasts during the year.

Church Cleaning—This ministry helps make sure that our church is cleaned and looking its best.

Parking Lot Security—This ministry will patrol the parking lots used by parishioners on Sunday’s and Holy Days. They will be trained to use their eyes to see anything suspicious and will need a cell phone to call police in case of an emergency.

Parish Life—Cecilia Houston-Torrence

Young Adult Ministry—This is a social and service group for young adults who are 18-40. It is open to all young adult members of the parish: married, single, divorced. Come join in the fellowship!

Bereavement Ministry—This ministry gives comfort, support and encouragement to the families of our deceased members. They help families with the funeral arrangement. They may also prepare and serve a repast. We need folks who would like to help prepare and serve food to sign up for this ministry.

Council of Catholic Women (St. Anthony's Chapter)—The Council of Catholic Women (CCW) acts through its membership to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. The CCW at St. Anthony is part of the National Council of Catholic Women. All women of the parish are members and are encouraged to be active.

Knights of Peter Claver (Council 276) & Ladies Auxiliary (Court 276)—These fraternal and service organizations are part of the largest African-American lay Catholic organization. Today they provide an opportunity for all parishioners to be actively involved in their Catholic faith by living the Gospel message. Boys (**KPC Jr. Knights Branch**) and girls (**KPC Jr. Daughters Court**) who have received their 1st Communion can also join these groups.

Men's Action Club—The Men's Action Club is a group of men who aim to be of service to the parish and to each other. The men take on projects to contribute a better parish life. The club fosters friendships among its members and encourages a spirituality that empowers them to make the world a bit better.

Keenagers—The Seniors Ministry was developed as a means of connecting the senior needs with identified resources within the parish and the surrounding community. The host lunch meetings, social activities and trips throughout the year. This is a very lively ministry for folks who are at least 49.5 years old.

Buildings and Grounds Committee—Under the supervision of the pastor, the Buildings and Grounds Committee manages all facilities and grounds at St. Anthony Parish. If you are handy with a set of tools, please sign up for this ministry.

Discipleship—Rudy Cadney

Time & Talent & Treasure—This ministry will help coordinate the annual Time and Talent Renewal in the Spring and the Treasure Renewal in the Fall. This includes helping produce information pieces that will be used during the renewals. They will help produce the Ministry Fair. They will also be charged with helping with the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.

Welcome Ministry—The purpose of St. Anthony Welcome Ministry is to provide a warm and welcoming experience for visitors and new members to St. Anthony. The Welcome Ministry is also responsible for assisting new parishioners become acclimated to parish life by assisting with registration, introduction to the congregation, ministry registration, and providing a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Communications—This ministry is charged with helping increase communication within the parish and to the outside world through the use of social media, our website and written communication.

Marist Laity—The Marists Laity are called to do the work of Mary in her name and with her spirit. They are members of the Society of Mary, a family of many branches—priests, brothers, sisters and lay people.

Lifelong Formation—Angela Linton

Religious Education—This ministry helps provide religious education and Sacramental preparation to all our parishioners. We are always looking for new people to help teach and support this ministry.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) & Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC)—This ministry is charged with helping people who are on their journey to the Catholic Church. These are separate groups with the same focus.

Adult Bible Study—This ministry offers adult parishioners an opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the Sacred Scriptures, the Catechism of the Catholic Church along with the traditions and rituals of the Church and their application in the modern world. Adults are exposed to scripture reflection, discussion and faith sharing.

Teen Ministry—The St. Anthony of Padua Teen Ministry is committed to the reality that young people are an important and integral part of our parish. Through a variety of programs, events and outreach, we seek to draw our young people into responsible participation on the life, work and mission of the parish community. They are also part of a larger youth group between three parishes in Atlanta.

Outreach Ministry

Health Ministry—This ministry sponsors monthly health education programs and articles in the church bulletin for our parishioners. They have an annual health fair for the church, sponsor annual blood drives and health education seminars.

Anti-Human Trafficking—This ministry is charged with fighting the continued scourge of human trafficking in our city and world. Although this ministry is new, they are very passionate and active!

Outreach Ministry—This is a catch group all for all the other outreach opportunities that are available for you to help with as we serve our greater community.