

Pastoral Service

Bernadette's Angels

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Goals and Purpose

To offer assistance to members of our parish family who are having difficulty coping due to illness or social isolation. We offer support through our prayers which are said individually by members of the ministry, as well as collectively by the church parishioners. By supplying occasional meals, homemade soup, flowers and cards, we hope to provide additional support and comfort to those in need. Also, our Prayers Shawl Angels crochet or knit beautiful prayer shawls/lap blankets which have been blessed at a special Mass, to be gifted to the seriously ill. Depending on our assessment of the family's needs, we may provide transportation for important appointments, food in a crisis situation or short term support related to managing and running a household and give any referrals that may be appropriate. Thanks to the generosity of our members making voluntarily donations throughout the year, we have been able to assist less fortunate families with monetary gifts during the Christmas season.

Responsibilities

Members are required to make sick and/or homebound visits, participate and volunteer for the many committees and activities related to the ministry's outreach programs. In addition they are expected to attend the bi-monthly meetings. If this is not possible, all members are responsible for reviewing the minutes of the monthly meetings.

Helpful Attributes

Empathetic personality, generous nature, sensitivity and compassion for others who are suffering due to illness or social isolation. A strong desire to reach out to our neighbors in need. Also, any experience in healthcare or counseling is desirable but not necessary for membership.

Time Commitment Varies with commitment - Directors approximately 25 hrs weekly; members approximately 4 hrs. per month

Training Required None (Orientation Provided)

Fingerprinting Required Yes

Birthday Ministry

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Goals and Purpose

The Birthday Ministry is a celebration of life - a labor of love! We personally call our parishioners on his or her birthday on behalf of our Pastor and the St. Bernadette Parish Family. We let them know that we thank God for them and their parents who chose life. Our goal is to make people feel loved and remembered on their special day, "their birthday".

Responsibilities

Commitment to telephone calls from home to those parishioners assigned to you on their birthday. Convey our message of life, love and caring.

Helpful Attributes

Desire and ability to convey a warm and caring greeting to truly brighten one's day. This ministry particularly welcomes those who might otherwise have limited mobility but would enjoy making telephone calls from home to fellow parishioners.

Time Commitment Varies based upon individual availability. Some members make calls every month; others several times a year.

Training Required None
Fingerprinting Required No

Cana Companions

Coordinators Vi and Al Eslager
Phone 772-878-8718

Goals and Purpose

To provide engaged couples who are to be married at St. Bernadette Parish with a guide who serves as a liaison with the priest/deacon as their wedding date approaches.

Responsibilities

Contacting and communicating with couples who will be married at St. Bernadette.
Facilitating wedding rehearsals and ceremonies in the Church.

Helpful Attributes

Friendliness, a desire to help couples make their special day wellplanned and stress-free.

Time Commitment

Being available for any questions the couple may have. Being present at their wedding rehearsal and ceremony.

Training Required Minimal

Fingerprinting Required No

Circle of Friends Bereavement Ministry

Coordinator Angela Doyle; **Phone** 772-873-8969; **e-mail** angela394@comcast.com

Coordinator Gerry Mauck; **Phone** 772-343-7767; **e-mail** gerrypsl@att.net

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Goals, Purpose and Responsibilities

The Circle of Friends Bereavement Ministry is a dedicated and rewarding ministry. We are with the bereaved family members offering funeral planning assistance. A friend, to assist with planning the appropriate funeral liturgy and music; obtaining the Sacristan, altar server, and Eucharistic Minister(s) for the Funeral Mass as well as attending the funeral rites, recognizing the spiritual bond that still exists between the living and the dead and proclaiming the belief that all the faithful will be raised up and reunited where death will be no more. This ministry also makes available a Bereavement Support Group, which has two sessions, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. For any questions specifically regarding the Support Group, please contact Diane Jones at 772-344-1771.

Helpful Attributes

Compassion and concern for others; good listening skills; a strong desire to help others during a very difficult time in their lives upon the loss of a loved one.

Time Commitment Varies with individual commitment and the number of families needing our services.

Training Required Parish training provided.

Fingerprinting Required No

Columbiettes Council #13042

Coordinator Mary Paglione

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Goals and Purpose

Helping the Knights of Columbus reach out to all who are in need. Assisting our Parish and the Knights of Columbus wherever possible.

Responsibilities

Sharing of our time, talent and treasures as good stewards.

Helpful Attributes

An understanding and commitment to the needs of the Knights of Columbus and the St. Bernadette Parish Family.

Time Commitment Varies with commitment. General meeting once a month.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

Coordinator Mary Lou Piacesi

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Goals and Purpose

To support, empower and educate all Catholic women in Spirituality, Leadership and Service. The St. Bernadette CCW is an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women, the Florida CCW and the Palm Beach Diocese CCW.

Responsibilities

Spirituality: To create a community of women who are rooted in and share common religious beliefs by worshipping together and having a devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Service: To address and faithfully answer the needs of people in our Parish family, our community and our world through specific action.

Leadership: To develop and offer support to our members through workshops and education which create stronger Council structure.

Legislative Advocacy: To be credible in our expression of common beliefs concerning human rights and social justice in issues relating to Gospel values.

Helpful Attributes

A commitment to making Stewardship a way of life for Catholic women.

Time Commitment

Monthly meetings and attending Mass as a Council once a month. Members also attend Mass and the Rosary on the first Friday of each month.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

Divorced & Separated Catholics

Please call the Parish Office at 772-336-9956

Goals and Purpose

Offering caring support and healing for the divorced & separated.

Responsibilities

A commitment to Church teaching. A further commitment to walk with those who are hurting because of a broken relationship.

Helpful Attributes

Love and compassion.

Time Commitment Varies with commitment.

Training Required Diocesan and Parish training provided.

Fingerprinting Required No

Knights of Columbus Council #13042

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Faithful Navigator (Our Lady of Fatima Assembly #3090)

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Goals and Purpose

We are Council of Catholic men, who are dedicated to the basic principles of our Order: *Charity, Unity, Fraternity* and *Patriotism*. These principles are the foundation upon which all of our projects are based. We strive to be good stewards for our church and community.

Responsibilities

Be an active member by participating in the planning or execution of projects. Our projects include one or more of the following objectives: spiritual, social, service or fundraising for charities. Attend the monthly Council meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month.

Helpful Attributes

A Catholic man, who is a registered parishioner of St. Bernadette, having a desire to participate with brother knights in projects to benefit those in need.

Time Commitment Varies with commitment.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

Martha's Hands

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Coordinator Delana Snyder; **Phone** 772-871-2024; **e-mail** delanasnyder@yahoo.com

Goals and Purpose

Offering light refreshments after funeral Masses.

Responsibilities

Set up and supply cookies and coffee; clean up afterward.

Helpful Attributes

Like to cook a special dessert or two to share with others.

Time Commitment Occasionally, for 2 to 3 hours.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

New Beginnings

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Goals and Purpose

This is a social ministry for widows and widowers of our Parish who wish to form new and lasting friendships.

Responsibilities

Join with the coordinators in planning various social activities, getting a speaker for each meeting and arranging for meeting notices in the Church bulletin.

Helpful Attributes

Willingness to come together with others who have gone through the same life changes.

Time Commitment

Meet once a month for approximately 2 hours.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

Prison Ministries

Diocesan Coordinator Tom Lawlor; **Phone** 1-561-775-9553; **e-mail** tlawlor@diocesepb.org
Parish Contact Ray Sierra; **Phone** 772-879-1946; **e-mail** raysierra3728@yahoo.com

Goals and Purpose

Bringing the word of God and the sacraments of the Catholic Church to men, women and juveniles who are incarcerated. This is a diocesan wide ministry.

Responsibilities

Priests hear confession and celebrate Mass. deacons and lay ministers assist at Mass, bring the Eucharist to inmates when authorized to do so, conduct para-liturgies and prayer meetings, facilitate Bible discussion sessions and provide spiritual guidance.

Helpful Attributes

To love God and be willing to share this love with others.

Time Commitment

On average, ministers visit institutions about twice a month for one or two hours.

Training Required Diocesan training provided.

Fingerprinting / Background Check Required Fingerprinting is required when ministering to juveniles. A Florida Department of Law Enforcement and FBI background check will be conducted on all applicants, although a previous arrest and conviction does not necessarily prevent participation in this ministry.

Project Mother Teresa

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Coordinator Wanda Chin-Aleong; **Phone** 772-466-0339; **e-mail** wchinaleong@comcast.net

Thanksgiving Coordinator Diane Repoli; **Phone** 772-878-3741; **e-mail** diane16900@aol.com

Goals and Purpose

Helping to feed the hungry by providing non-perishable food collected at all Masses on the last weekend of each month. Coordinate special food collections for Thanksgiving.

Responsibilities

Project members will collect food at monthly Masses, sort and deliver foods on the following Monday morning.

Helpful Attributes

An interest and willingness to help feed the hungry.

Time Commitment Less than 2 hours per month and occasional evening meetings.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

Respect Life

Coordinator Judy Wheeler; **Phone** 772-336-5865; **e-mail** themouse39@aol.com

Coordinator Georgianna Bigley; **Phone** 772-336-4956; **e-mail** gbigleyslw@bellsouth.net

Goals and Purpose

Helping our Parish to appreciate and value the dignity of human life at all stages.

Responsibilities

Keeping the Parish aware of ways we can be good stewards to all whose lives are most vulnerable to attack: the unborn, elderly, the seriously ill, those condemned to death and the dying.

Helpful Attributes

An awareness of all life as being a gift from God.

Time Commitment Monthly meetings.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Coordinator Russ Embry

Phone 772-873-2693

Goals and Purpose

This international Roman Catholic voluntary organization is dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing direct assistance to anyone in need.

Responsibilities

The Society was founded in 1833 to serve impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. Today, it numbers about 950,000 in some 132 countries world-wide, whose members operate through “conferences”. The Port St. Lucie conference operates out of St. Bernadette Church. It is composed of Catholic stewards who dedicate their time and resources to help those in need in the community. The Society trains new members to become case workers and to develop an understanding of the different financial circumstances people encounter. In order to provide food and comfort to those in need, the organization operates a thrift store and a food pantry. Clients are provided with vouchers to access with these two facilities. The Society stewards are also informational sources for other social service agencies that can address more long-term needs of individuals or families.

Helpful Attributes

A keen awareness and understanding of the varied problems individuals and families encounter.

Time Commitment

Varies with the stewardship activities in which one becomes engaged.

Training Required

Parish training is provided.

Fingerprinting Required Yes

Voices for God’s Children [Guardian ad Litem]

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Florida Guardian ad Litem Volunteer

Goals and Purpose

The purpose of Voices for God’s Children is to encourage members of our St. Bernadette Parish Family to consider becoming an advocate for children through the *Florida Guardian ad Litem* Program. This Program is a partnership of community advocates and professional staff providing a powerful voice on behalf of Florida’s abused, neglected or otherwise at-risk children. A guardian ad litem is a volunteer appointed by the court to protect the rights and advocate the best interests of a child involved in a court proceeding. Additional background on the goals and purpose of the Program can be obtained at www.guardianadlitem.org.

Responsibilities

A guardian ad litem carries out the following activities: advocacy, facilitation, investigation and monitoring. Responsibilities include visiting the child, interviewing appropriate parties, gathering and assessing independent information, attending and participating in court hearings and submitting written reports.

Helpful Attributes

A loving and caring heart and a dedication to helping our community's children. You need not have any legal experience. Anyone with compassion, common sense and dedication to children can be a guardian ad litem.

Time Commitment

After completion of required training, approximately 10 hours per month working on a case (as with any average, some cases will involve more time and some less time).

Training Required

Must successfully complete 30 hours of certification training and 6 hours annually of re-certification conducted by the *Florida Guardian ad Litem Program*. Attendance is also required at the one-day *Protecting God's Children Workshop* conducted at the Parish

Fingerprinting / Background Check Required

Fingerprinting is required. In addition, a background check will be conducted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Welcome Committee

Coordinator Lauran Griffith; Phone 772-785-9579; e-mail griffje@aol.com

Goals and Purpose

Welcoming the newest members of our St. Bernadette Parish Family.

Responsibilities

Provide a welcome packet to all newly registered families.

Helpful Attributes

A love of our parish and a burning desire to share this gift with others.

Time Commitment Monthly meetings and home visits.

Training Required Parish training provided.

Fingerprinting Required No