

Opportunities for Generous Stewardship

Dear parishioners,

Pax Christi!

Since the resumption of the Sunday obligation last June 2021, we have been seeking to bring our parish life to normalcy. Indeed, this is an opportune moment for us to promote and nurture a more vibrant parish life.

Our presence at the Sunday Masses has been monitored and shared with us in the bulletin by Paul Then. It is really good to see the trend of increase. Thank you for being part of this trend of increase. Please make it a habit to invite family members and friends back to Mass, if they are still to be present at the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

From the in-person celebration of the Mass, let us now turn our attention to our parish ministries that need your help. Through prayer and discernment, I invite you to use your God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure through these parish ministries -

Ushers and Greeters. Do you appreciate being greeted warmly as you enter the church? Are you the type who likes to welcome people and connect with them? If you value giving our parish a human face, consider serving as an usher and greeter. Contact Dave O'Hare at 924-5816 for training. We need 14 at 4:30 PM Mass, 11 at the 8:30 AM Mass, 10 at the 10:30 AM Mass, and 12 at the 5 PM Mass.¹

Altar Servers. Anyone who completed their First Eucharist can serve. Parents, you may serve with your child/ren. Although in the past, we had been used to seeing children do the serving,

adult parishioners should know that they are invited to serve as well. Please contact Mr. Pat Bolger at 857-3201 for training. Currently, we do not have scheduled altar servers, and so we need 8 altar servers at each weekend Mass.

Sacristans. Sacristans do the preparations for the celebration of the Mass, and the aftercare after the Eucharistic celebration. If you have the time to arrive early and leave a little later, this could be a good ministry for you. Please contact Ena Gill at 733-6650 for training. We have enough help at the early three Masses but we need one sacristan for the 5 PM Mass.

Lectors. If you have a great love for the Word of God and seek ways to share it with others, and if you are comfortable speaking publicly, consider lending God your voice so that His Word is continually proclaimed. Contact Sandy Brannigan at 645-7904 for training. We need 4 at 4:30 PM Mass, 5 at the 8:30 AM Mass, 3 at the 10:30 AM Mass, and 4 at the 5 PM Mass.

Communion Ministers. As the Sunday Mass attendance increases, we will need additional help to distribute Holy Communion, including the Most Precious Blood. Contact Amanda Didas at (508) 981-6668 for training. We need 8 at 4:30 PM Mass, 6 at the 8:30 AM Mass, 6 at the 10:30 AM Mass, and 11 at the 5 PM Mass.

Liturgical Environment. We are looking for people to help in creating and maintaining beauty in our worship space. This involves inside plant maintenance and care, planning and care of altar flowers or plants in church and in the Parish Center, and preparing for special liturgical seasons such as Advent, Christmas,

¹ If the numbers appear high, it is because our weekly need for liturgical ministers is as follows: ushers and greeters (4), altar servers (2), sacristans (1), lectors (2), and

Communion Ministers (3). We hope to get the number of volunteers so that volunteers are scheduled to serve only once a month.

Lent, and Easter. Contact Teresa Sheffer at 766-0801.

Currently, we offer the **Coffee Hours** on the first Sunday of the month after the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM Mass for socialization. On the third Sunday of the month, the Coffee Hour is served once, after the 8:30 AM Mass, as a platform to continue Synod discussion in our parish. We need new volunteers to serve the Coffee Hour – hopefully, enough to offer the Coffee Hour every Sunday. Contact Mary Beth Then at 924-7111.

Many would like to see more parish events that are social in nature. For us to do this, we need to revive the **Parish Life Committee** – volunteers and leaders. Prior to COVID, the committee organized the Saint Patrick's Day celebration and the Parish Summer Weekend. If you are gifted in getting people excited and organizing social events, this ministry is for you. See Father Edison after daily or weekend Mass.

Lastly, let me touch on parish communication. For one, even during COVID, the church doors were open for Eucharistic Adoration (to receive Holy Communion) and for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance. Also, in the past month, our parish actively participated in the universal synod called by Pope Francis. Still, as I have heard from parishioners, many did and do not know about these.

There is a lot going on in our parish and we have many ways to communicate to keep parishioners informed, I would like to take this opportunity to bring these to your attention...

Parish Bulletin. Take a copy with you after Sunday Mass or you may access it through our parish website.

Parish Website. The parish website contains general information about the parish, sacramental celebration, Christian Formation programs, archive of recent bulletins, worship aid, forms, online donation opportunities, etc.

On the internet, search and bookmark www.stpatricksvictor.org.

Parish Facebook Page. Because of the ease of uploading photos and posting information, the Facebook page provides daily updates about current and upcoming parish events. I hope you make it a daily habit to visit our parish Facebook page – [Saint Patrick's Church](#) for the parish, and [Saint Patrick's Victor](#) for the preschool.

MyParish App. Next to the Parish Facebook page, our parish app could be another daily tool for prayer and reading the Scripture Readings for the day. The parish app is like the parish website on your phone, with its icons as easy access to important information. To download the parish app, text 'App' to 55321, and then, choose Saint Patrick as your parish.

Parish YouTube Channel. Our parish YouTube Channel archives parish retreats, preschool events, parish concerts, parish announcements, etc. The livestreaming of the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass is accessible through the channel. On YouTube, look for [St Patricks of Victor NY](#). Remember to subscribe to our channel.

Recently, we also employed the platform, **Evangelus**, to enable us to simultaneously send messages to parishioners through [email](#), [text](#), Facebook, and website. If you have not be receiving parish updates by email or text, scan the QR code with your phone camera. This will take you to a site where you may update your email address and phone number, as well as choose your preferred way of receiving weekly parish updates.



Let our faith life revolve around Jesus in the Eucharist. Together, let us serve God and another. And let us keep in touch. God bless you.

- Father Edison