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Please contact leaders of ministries with Questions, or to Volunteer.

WORSHIP

Altar Flower Distribution

Sundays after the 10:15 service, flowers on the altar are wrapped and distributed to parishioners, visitors, the sick and homebound. If you have a little free time and like to meet others, please join us. Volunteers are scheduled once a month.

Contact: The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe 248-546-1255 gaponte-safe@stjohnro.org

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild assists in worship services by setting up for Eucharist, baptisms, weddings, and memorial services. They also participate during Holy Week and Christmas services. They ensure the bread and wine and chalices, etc. are in place and ready for each worship event. Duties include caring for the altar hangings, linens, and communion supplies. Members are assigned to work as a team one Sunday a month before and after worship. Please contact Maryann LeComb. **Contact: Maryann LeComb 248-930-0713 mlecomb@gmail.com or Joyce Morey 248-765-9747 joycemorey4917@gmail.com**

Acolytes

The acolyte ministry is a team of youth (fifth grade and older) and adults who assist clergy during worship services. Duties include leading the procession while carrying the cross and torches, assisting clergy in preparation for the Eucharist and assorted other duties. Most acolytes are scheduled once every 4-6 weeks.

Contact: Kevin McLogan 248-259-3593 kevinmclogan@yahoo.com

Breadbakers

The breadbakers make the gluten free bread for communion on Sundays and other worship services. A recipe is provided. Breadbakers are scheduled about once every 6 weeks.

Contact: The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe 248-546-1255 gaponte-safe@stjohnro.org

Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors

Our Eucharistic Visitors are licensed to take communion after worship to members who are homebound or hospitalized. This is a vital ministry. The Eucharistic Ministers are trained to administer the sacrament (the bread or wine) to persons during the Eucharist. If you feel called to either ministry, please discuss it with any member of the clergy.

Contact: The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe 248-546-1255 gaponte-safe@stjohnro.org

Greeters

The Greeters welcome people and help them connect to people and spaces in the church. A gift for friendliness and making others feel comfortable is important to this ministry. It's approximately one hour of time, one time a month right before and after service at fellowship.

Contact: Lynne Muth 203-912-1983 lynne.muth@gmail.com

Healing Ministry

Healers anoint people with oil and pray for healing at the Eucharist on Sunday mornings, at the Thursday Healing Service, and for special services. If you discern a call to this ministry, please speak to one of the clergy. We also offer a Service of Healing with Eucharist on Thursdays at 11:00am in the Chapel. All are welcome to this service.

Contact: The Rev. Gerardo Aponte-Safe 248-546-1255 gaponte-safe@stjohnro.org

Lectors

Lectors (lay readers) read the assigned passages from the Bible each Sunday and at special services. Lectors also lead the congregation in the Psalms and Prayers of the People. Teenagers and adults are welcome to participate. Typically, each Lector reads once every 4-5 weeks. If you are interested in being trained to become a lector, please contact Beth Taylor.

**Contact: The Rev. Beth Taylor 248-546-1255 bethtaylor@stjohnro.org
or John Russotto, MC/Lectors Verger 727-710-5487 jcrussotto@msn.com**

Liturgy Planning Team

The Liturgy Planning Team works with the clergy to plan special or seasonal worship services. We draw our prayers and music from a variety of resources within our Anglican tradition. All are welcome. Contact clergy with interest.

Contact: The Rev. Beth Taylor 248-546-1255 bethtaylor@stjohnro.org

Music Ministry/St. John's Chancel Choir

The Choir presents and leads service music, hymns and organ, piano, instrumental, vocal, and choral music as needed. The Choir meets for rehearsal on Thursdays from 7:30-9pm and briefly before services on Sunday, at 9:45am for the regular 10:15am liturgy.

Contact: Steve McGhee 734-578-4647 steven@operamodo.com

Ushers

Ushers welcome people, provide bulletins and help make sure everyone feels comfortable (especially visitors) by guiding worshippers during the service and providing an element of security. Parking lot ushers assist people into the building. Ushers volunteer for the 10:15 service and at special services (Holy Week, Christmas Eve, funerals, etc).

Contact: Scout Osborn 586-214-8808 caliosb255@att.net

ADULT FORMATION AND EDUCATION

Adult Formation Ministry

The Adult Education Committee identifies and develops programs of educational interest for all St. John's adults. We alternate formats, times and topics in order to cover as many areas of interest as possible. Programs are generally offered on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. We meet two to three times a year to plan upcoming topics.

Contact: **OPEN**

Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday mornings at 10am to read and share perspectives on the upcoming Sunday readings. We explore historical and contextual aspects of the text, but the emphasis is on inviting those gathered to share what arises in their minds and hearts after reading and reflecting on the passages. Discussions are lively and engaging. All are welcome! The group meets on Zoom and in person.

Contact: The Rev. Beth Taylor 248-546-1255 bethtaylor@stjohnro.org

St John's Reads/Book Group

This program meets occasionally. Sometimes the group meets in conjunction with Adult Forum, and sometimes it stands alone. Watch for announcements in enews and Facebook Group. Dates and times vary.

Contact: Mary Adams 247-821-8251 mja814@aol.com

Education for Ministry (EfM)

EfM is a Christian formation program for lay persons. Major goals of this multi-year program are to learn together to think theologically, and to learn how to be more effective ministers in the world. We study scripture, church history, and Christian theology. Enrollment happens annually in the Fall, and participants make a one-year commitment. **Contact: Aubrey Garfield Muth**

aubrey.q.garfield@gmail.com

Meditation Group

Meets Monday evenings at 7:00pm. Participants sometimes do guided meditation, focus on our breathing, or other meditation practices with the intent to meet God. There is no right or wrong way to meditate. All are welcome and if you haven't meditated before we will help make you feel comfortable.

Contact: Denise Barnett dbarnett2125@gmail.com

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FORMATION AND EDUCATION

Godly Play

Preschool (age 4) through 2nd grade children attend this program at 10:15 on Sundays (excluding holidays) from mid-September until the end of the school year. They meet on the 3rd floor and return to their parents during the Peace. Godly Play “helps children explore their faith through story, to gain religious language, and enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play. Based on Montessori principles and developed using spiral curriculum, the Godly Play method serves children through childhood and beyond.”

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Rotation Sunday School

3rd through 5th grade children attend the Rotation program from Sparkhouse at 10:15 on Sundays (excluding holidays) from mid-September until the end of the school year. They meet on the 3rd floor and return to their parents during the Peace. The Rotation program walks children through a journey of the Bible using several different mediums, including art, science, music, cooking, drama, and games. Each story is told for three weeks using a different medium, giving children the opportunity to learn and experience them in hands-on ways. This isn't your mama's Sunday School class!

Contact: Holly McNeal 248-546-1255 hollymcneal@stjohnro.org

Teachers/Leaders/Helpers for both groups are needed. Please contact Holly to inquire. Background checks and training provided.

Youth Group

The youth program is for all youth in grades 6 through 12. They meet every Sunday (excluding holidays) for the entire year. They meet from after communion at the 10:15 service (around 11:15) until noon. Youth Group is a place where all youth are welcome, and their questions, concerns, and doubts are welcome too. Some meetings we'll play games, some we'll talk about our faith and the Bible, some we'll talk about current events and topics of interest to the youth. We will be engaging in community service projects, both in and out of church. We'll have fun together whether at lock-ins, trips to the water park, laser tag, etc. or a host of other potential fun events.

Contact: Holly McNeal 248-546-1255 hollymcneal@stjohnro.org

Adult Leaders for Middle School and High School are needed. Please contact Holly to inquire. Background checks and training provided.

Vacation Bible School

Each summer an energetic group of volunteers turn the church into a wonderful adventure to explore and enjoy God's love. Vacation Bible School is a fun-filled week where children four years old through fifth grade learn about Jesus and His love for us through songs, art, games, activities, and storytelling. Many adult volunteers are needed to lead and assist. New volunteers are invited to join us!

Contact: Holly McNeal 248-546-1255 hollymcneal@stjohnro.org

OUTREACH

Coffee with a Cause

This ministry supports non-profits and the wider community at St. John's. Meets

the third Tuesday of the month. Volunteers work for a half hour on an identified project then share coffee and fellowship. All are welcome - no standing or heavy lifting required. Please join us or suggest a task we could do in support of your ministry or upcoming event.

**Contact: Bob Davis bdavis506@yahoo.com
or Linda Watkins lindamthc@yahoo.com 248-506-7653**

New To You Shop

St. John's resale store helps fund St. John's and its community missions. Volunteers help sort, display, check out purchases and staff the store during designated shifts. We are always in need of volunteers for the shop hours and donations of gently used items. Volunteers complete an application; must be able to stand, assist customers and handle money in a consistent three-hour shift once a week or once a month. Shop Hours: Monday-Friday 10-4, Saturday 10-1, Monday evening 6:30-8:30

**To Volunteer Contact: Sharon Martin Kennedy srsmartin52@gmail.com or
Paulynn Auger paulynnauger@gmail.com**

**To Inquire about a sizeable at-home donation pick up Contact: Kris
Sprague 248-892-6606 KrSprague@gmail.com**

**General Inquiries: Kathy Williams, Shop Manager at
newtoyou@stjohnro.org 947-234-0730 (local number)**

Open Hands Food Pantry

Hunger is real in Oakland County. The Open Hands Food Pantry serves more than 20,000 individuals in Oakland County annually with food and toiletries. Open Hands volunteers package food on 1st and 3rd Friday mornings of the month, and distribute food on 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month (8:30am to 10:30am). For volunteer opportunities, visit the Open Hands Food Pantry Facebook page or the volunteer tab on openhandspantry.org and sign up online.

Contact: openhandsfood@gmail.com 947-900-1263 (local number)

Open Hands Garden

The Open Hands Garden's provides fresh produce to the Open Hands Food Pantry. A Hoop House was added in 2019, and now the garden provides produce nearly year-round. The garden is managed by the Garden Steering Committee and depends on volunteers to harvest, wash and package produce for weekly distribution. For volunteer opportunities, visit the garden's Facebook page or the volunteer tab on openhandspantry.org and sign up online.

Contact: Dennis Spatafora 586-431-5527 djspatafora@comcast.net

Faith in Justice (Social Justice Group)

We seek to build the Beloved Community through seeking justice and equity for all. We build relationships, identify issues of concern, research them and organize for change. Our work may take the form of advocacy, hosting events, mobilizing or community organizing with other groups in the region. We meet once a month, with follow-up work required. Want to know more and get involved?

Contact: Lynne Muth 203-912-1983 lynne.muth@gmail.com;

PASTORAL CARE

Card Ministry

The card ministry writes and sends birthday, anniversary, get well, sympathy cards, etc. with a blessing, to members in our parish each month. This ministry meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Library (for about an hour) to write, address and stamp the cards. All are welcome. Donations of stamps and cards are appreciated. We are thankful for all the help.

Contact: Sandy Curtis sandycurtis@prodigy.net or JoAnna Prudden joannaprudden@gmail.com

Congregational Care Meals

This group of volunteers works with a coordinator to provide a few meals to people at essential times – following a surgery, a birth in the family, a death in the family, or as needed. We are actively recruiting for people in the parish who would take a meal at least once a year to another member in need.

Contact: Jennifer Wofford 248-797-9991 jwo920@yahoo.com

Healing Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors – See Worship

Pastoral Care Team

Pastoral Care is carried out by the clergy and a dedicated group of lay people: clergy respond to urgent pastoral care needs like hospitalization, dying, emergencies that require immediate care. Lay people respond to long term needs, like loneliness, inability to attend church on Sundays, chronic illness or being homebound, loss of family members to death or conflict, or other on-going conditions requiring the presence of the faithful. Included in long-term

care ministries are Eucharistic Visitors, Card Ministry, Healing Ministers, Meals, and Prayer Shawls.

Contact: Janice Pederson 201-916-0070 janicepedersen@verizon.net

PARISH LIFE

Christmas Legacy Tea

In December, members of the parish are invited to a tea to see old friends, make new friends, and reminisce about the gifts of parishioners in years gone by that enable our ministries and programs today. The Tea is sponsored by the Planned Giving Program (subcommittee of the Finance Committee). If you are interested in helping with this event, we are seeking co-chairs this year's co-chairs (which rotate annually). Please Contact the office.

Contact: St. John's Office 248-546-1255 office@stjohnro.org

Church History and Archive –

Church history is a ministry that collects, stores, and occasionally displays historical material about St. John's. There is quite a bit of material already in our archives. We are currently looking for people to re-form this committee. If you have an interest in history, archives, and display, please contact us.

Contact: Mary Fairman 248-591-4620 marfairman@comcast.net

Daytrippers

This group organizes outings for adults (Tour of Ford Field, lunch at the White Horse Inn, etc.). Participants meet at the church on a designated day/time, carpool, share an educational or social experience, lunch (Dutch treat), and then travel back to the church. Watch bulletins and e-news for announcements. If you have a suggestion for an outing, please let us know.

Contact: Linda Tucker 248-200-9530 lindaetucker45@gmail.com

Fellowship Team

This newly forming team is looking for people who are passionate about hospitality and gathering. They will set calendar of events for the year, in coordination with leaders from regular fellowship ministries, put out calls for organizers for various social events, and be the keepers of info on how to host events (annual picnic, weddings, funerals, receptions, etc). All are welcome to inquire or volunteer for this team. We need lots of participants.

Contact: Nicole Stewart 248-752-8467 nicole.stewart@pobox.com

First Sunday Breakfast

This team plans, prepares and serves breakfast on the first Sunday of most months for St. John's parishioners. This is one of the major fellowship gatherings of the parish. Donations are collected to offset our food and kitchen supply costs. Volunteers are always needed for food prep (for an hour or so on a Saturday), set up and clean up/dish washing (about an hour on a Sunday) see the Sign-Up Genius on firstsundaybreakfast.com

Contact: Keith Freeman 248-217-2522 keith@keithfreeman.com

Hiking Group

This group gathers periodically to enjoy hiking/walking and enjoying nature together. Groups generally gather at the church and carpool or caravan to appointed hiking locale. All are welcome. Watch for details/announcements in the enews and Facebook Group.

Contact: Veronica Griffith 547-286-6887 vgriffith777@gmail.com

Mom's Group

Social connection and interaction through period social gatherings (brunch, dinner, bowling, etc) of Moms. Watch for details/announcements in the enews and Facebook Group.

Contact: Jennifer Taub 248-854-2124 jennifertaub2010@gmail.com

The Newcomers Team

This group welcomes and incorporates new members to St. John's. We help people connect and become part of the life of the parish. Meets approximately three times a year for planning, with some follow-up work required, and host brunches and small group gatherings. Please join us if you like to make people feel at home.

Contacts: Lynne Muth 203-912-1983 lynne.muth@gmail.com

St. John's Dinner Groups

The St. John's Dinner Groups provide opportunities for parishioners to forge new friendships and strengthen existing ones. The Home Dinner Groups meet as often as the group decides (trying for at least four to five times in year). Members take turns hosting potluck gatherings. There are both day and evening groups. The Restaurant Dinner Group meets almost monthly at a local restaurant. We take turns selecting the venue, date and taking RSVPs. All are welcome to join the Restaurant group at any time. Details are printed in the bulletin.

Contact: Jennifer Taub 248-854-2124 jennifertaub2010@gmail.com

OPERATIONS

Openers/Closers

The Openers/Closers are appointed individuals who open the church at 7:00am on Sunday mornings or close at noon-ish on Sunday afternoons (and occasionally other parish events) every six weeks or so. In addition to unlocking/locking doors, they switch lights on/off, help clergy with light set up, and monitor heat. This ministry is appointed by the Rector. Let us know if you are interested.

Contact: Bob Davis bdavis506@yahoo.com

Finance Committee

Serving in an advisory capacity to the Rector and Vestry, the finance committee works to ensure the long-term financial health and stability of St. John's, and takes on ad hoc finance-related assignments as requested by the Rector and/or Vestry. If you have expertise in accounting, finance or investment, and would like to serve (monthly meeting and some research), please contact us.

Contact: Maria Walter 248-565-7262 mlwalter824@gmail.com

Grounds and Gardens Committee

The Grounds Committee works one Saturday a month (seasonally) to keep the gardens and church area maintained (i.e., weeded, soil, compost and mulch added, annuals and donated perennials planted, etc.) Please consider volunteering to keep our grounds beautiful.

Contact: Marie Donigan 248-505-2195 mariedonigan@yahoo.com

HoneyDoers

Do sparkling windows make you swoon? Does vacuuming bring you joy? Then the HoneyDoers is the group for you! The group meets occasionally (about every two months) to do odd jobs that don't always get done. This helps our St. John's staff and gives us time to socialize as well. Everyone welcome!!

Contact: Linda Tucker 248-200-9530 lindaetucker45@gmail.com

Maintenance Team

The Maintenance Team is made up of volunteers who do small and medium maintenance or repairs according to their talents, and analyze maintenance or

repair issues, that are forwarded to the Rector and Vestry for further action. On occasion, a maintenance member is present when a contractor is on site. They also help with major set up for holidays (Christmas trees, Lenten/Holy Week, etc). They also invite the wider parish into seasonal clean up days. There is always room for additional volunteers.

Contact: Tim Morgan 248-850-6500 timmorgan1653@gmail.com

Resurrection Garden

Join the grounds crew who provide loving care for Resurrection Garden. This involves maintaining the garden from late Spring through Fall. Includes planting, weeding, watering, donating and/or purchasing plants. The ministry is open to all ages who are interested in learning the importance of creating a loving garden for the remembrance of those who are interned in the garden.

Contact: Cindy Fellner 734-718-6943 (call/text) cfellner@att.net

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee promotes stewardship of the parish in terms of financial pledges and ministry. The committee works with the Rector to establish themes and activities for an annual stewardship campaign in order to solicit pledges of financial support for the coming year. It also helps to coordinate follow-up and other stewardship-related activities. The Stewardship Committee is appointed by the Rector.

Contact: Joey Spano jmspano74@gmail.com

Vestry

The Vestry, made up of nine to twelve members of the parish who are the elected leaders of the St. John's community. They meet monthly to discern and set the vision and priorities of the congregation. They are stewards of their congregation's property and lay spiritual leaders of its mission and ministry. Three to four new members of the Vestry are elected each year to serve a three-year term. From within the group, two Co-Wardens are elected by the Vestry as leaders. Members of the parish may attend Vestry meetings as guests on the fourth Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in being considered for election in the coming year, contact a member of the current Vestry or a clergy member.

Contact: Rev. Beth Taylor; 248-546-1255 bethtaylor@st.johnro.org

If there is a ministry that you dream of starting that you don't yet see listed here,
please speak to a member of the Vestry or Clergy.