

GROUPS and ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT SAINT SUSANNA PARISH

Altar Ministries (Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors)

Coordinator: Deacon Larry Bloom, Mary Pope
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Lectoring is a ministry that welcomes all those who have an interest in scripture and are comfortable reading to a large congregation. As the hostesses and hosts at Christ's table, Eucharistic Ministers distribute communion to the congregation during Mass and visit members of the community who are not able to attend Mass. Please contact Deacon Larry for further information.

Altar Server Ministry

Coordinator: Ines Dwyer
Email: youthfaithformation@saintsusanna.org
Phone: 781-329-9575

This youth ministry is dedicated to the support and training of our youth altar servers (girls and boys, grades 3 and up) to assist in parish liturgies.

Ushers

Coordinator: Wendall Putney
Email: wput1323@comcast.net
Phone: 781-326-2169

Ushers welcome all to the celebration of Mass, distribute bulletins, and assist with the collection and hospitality. Women, men, and youth are all welcome!

Music Group

Coordinator: Doug Farwell
Email: dwarwell@verizon.net
Phone: 508-660-2424

The Contemporary Music Group prepares and delivers liturgy-appropriate music for Sunday Mass, seasonal liturgies and other special Masses. Rehearsals are Sundays at 9:15 AM for 10:00 AM Mass and Monday evenings at 6:30 PM, with other practice as required by liturgical celebrations. Singers and musicians are most welcome.

Youth Faith Formation

Coordinator: Ines Dwyer
Email: youthfaithformation@saintsusanna.org
Phone: 781-329-9575

St. Susanna Youth Faith Formation is a dynamic program which strives to enthusiastically share our faith with our youngsters. Faith – a friendship with God and to come to live within God – is a process. We like to make our youth realize that God is not someone out there and far away but rather very close, living within and around us at all times. We seek to grow with our young members to become a community of faith centered on worship, prayer, community and service. Our time together reflects these core values and practices.

Hospitality Teams

(before and after Mass, church events)

Coordinator: Position Open!
Email: volunteers@saintsusanna.org
Phone: 781-329-9575

Volunteers are needed as Hospitality Helpers to make the coffee, deliver the donuts, bring the supplies and the coffee up from the basement, set-up, welcoming parishioners, and clean up for all weekend masses. Hospitality Helpers are also needed for our Adult Faith Formation events on Monday nights and for our Good Art Series events on Saturday nights. In addition, baked goods are needed for the Good Art Series and other parish events. For a small amount of time and a little effort, one can enjoy the satisfaction of contributing to this vital and welcoming ministry. New volunteers are always needed and welcome to be a part of one of these many areas of hospitality.

A.A. Meetings

Wednesday night 7:30-8:30 PM
In the Parish Hall

Bus Ministry Group

Coordinator: Position Open!
Email: saintsusanna@hotmail.com
Phone: 781-329-9575

This group provides the parish with great opportunities for community building by bringing people to and from the church for mass and other church-related events. It also enriches parish life for all our different youth and adult groups by traveling together beyond the grounds of Saint Susanna.

Adult Faith Formation

Coordinator: Deacon Larry Bloom
Email: dcnlarry@gmail.com
Phone: 781-329-9575

The Adult Faith Formation Commission plans and produces the year-long adult education program for the parish, offering courses which both inform people of all facets of the subject, and allow for independent thinking. The commission meets once a year to plan the courses for the ensuing year, and members or teams then volunteer to produce individual courses, from selecting speakers to making sure the coffee is perking at the classes. Some commission members lead discussions or teach classes. E-mail is used extensively in place of meetings to keep all informed. New Commission members are always welcome.

Good Art Series

Coordinator: Brian Dwyer
Email: bdwyer98@hotmail.com
Phone: 781-326-7825

The Good Art Series promotes community with local artists. The events take place once a month on Saturday nights from 8 to 10 PM or on Sunday afternoons. Baked goods are sold at the events, so bakers are always a help. All are welcome to attend.

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Green Thumb Garden Helpers

Coordinator: Molly McCabe
Email: dylanamccabe@yahoo.com
Phone: 617-969-6812

Our garden helpers tend to the beautiful parish gardens, vegetable garden, and orchard. Tasks include weeding, dead heading, watering, planting or transplanting on a weekly basis. This group meets Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM for a few hours throughout the spring, summer, and fall. New gardeners are always welcome. There is no prior gardening experience necessary.

Website / IT / AV Support

Coordinator: Phil Mandeville,
Email: phil_mandeville@hotmail.com
Phone: 617-469-0752

This group maintains the parish website, computers, network, customized software applications, and Audio/Visual equipment and photographs many parish events.

Library

Coordinator: Ellen Nickles
Email: enickles3@aol.com
Phone: 781-789-2726

The Parish Library, situated in the Parish Hall, is staffed by volunteer amateurs, who catalog, shelve and maintain the books and AV materials. No skills required, just a love of books. Minimal training will be supplied. Volunteers are always sought. Visit the Library!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Coordinator: Joanne Mongeon
Email: jparnellmongeon@gmail.com
Phone: 781-329-9575

This program welcomes adults who would like to receive Baptism, Communion or Confirmation. Candidates are gradually introduced to aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices.

Knitting and Crocheting Group

Coordinator: Elaine Fino
Email: mrsfino65@hotmail.com
Phone: 781-329-3793

Come for knitting, crocheting, and conversation on Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Parish Hall. No experience is necessary. Experienced knitters will show you how.

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Coordinator: Phil Mandeville
Email: phil_mandeville@hotmail.com
Phone: 617-469-0752

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a 9-member team whose purpose is to work with our Pastor to envision the long term needs of the parish (e.g., a 5-year plan) and match our needs with our resources. The PPC meets the first Sunday of each month (September-December and February-May). Members serve for 3 years. If you would like to join, please submit your name for the lottery that is held on Pentecost Sunday.

Finance Council

Coordinator: John Goodfellow
Email: JJGCIC@aol.com
Phone: 781-326-2007

The finance council is responsible for all aspects of church finances, makes recommendations regarding the use of church funds, and creates parish finance reports.

Landings Program

Coordinator: Linda Bates
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Phone: 508-238-0054

Landings is essentially a lay-run "welcoming" program that offers Catholics who are considering coming back to the Church the opportunity to talk about their faith experiences with active Catholics in a supportive small group setting. If you know anyone who's thinking about coming back to the Church, please tell them about our Landings Program.

Bible Study Group

Coordinator: Tim Sullivan
Email: timothy.sullivan17842@gmail.com
Phone: 781-326-2834

A Bible study group is offered Tuesday night from 7 to 9 PM in the parish hall to systematically study the Scriptures. At times, other topics relevant to our Faith are introduced as well. Four different classes are offered throughout each year. New members are always welcome to join.

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Faith Sharing Group

Coordinator: Jean Brown

Email: j.m.brown@rcn.com

Phone: 781-329-2890

The Faith Sharing Group meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the Library. Participants share about their faith and their personal lives helping them to realize the works of God within one's own life. All are welcome to join.

Circle of Friends

Coordinator: Sally Gould

Email: sally@gouldhvac.com

Phone: 781-444-7284

This group meets to explore ways to connect with and serve the needs of parishioners who are sick or homebound. The ministry includes providing meals, home visits, driving to doctor's visits, cards for special occasions etc. This group always welcomes new members.

Prayer and Adoration Group

Coordinator: Linda Fiore

Phone: 781-326-0492

The Prayer Group meets every Wednesday in the church from 1 PM to 2 PM for prayer, devotion and Eucharistic adoration. All are welcome.

OUTREACH

Pax Christi Committee

Coordinator: Pat Ferrone

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Phone: 781-449-3890

The Pax Christi Committee, which generally meets monthly, seeks to educate the community on matters related to peace and justice issues including war, torture, the environmental degradation of our world and human rights and to bear witness to the hope of the gospel by bringing prayerful attention and courageous, loving resistance to those things that are disharmonious with God's Kingdom. Outreach members reach out in service and support to the local and global community, encouraging our parish community in these efforts as well.

S.V.D.P. Council

Coordinator: Bill Gorman

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Phone: 781-329-9575

The St. Vincent de Paul Society assists families and individuals in the community facing various financial and social needs. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings. All are welcome to join.

Dedham Food Pantry

Coordinator: Carol Burak

Email: carol.burak@gmail.com

Phone: 781-449-5343

Once a month, the second Saturday of a month, from 8 to 11 AM, volunteers assist clients with shopping at the Dedham Food Pantry. New volunteers are always welcome! The DFP is located at 600 Washington Street, Dedham.