

Christ, Prince of Peace

Ford City, PA



List and Descriptions of Ways to be Involved in the Parish

Liturgical Ministries

Enhance your worship by participating in the Eucharist, the “source and summit” of our parish life and the most essential aspect of our parish community. The following are avenues to share with God and your parish community. Many of these ministries require little extra time and are a way for you to participate more actively in the Mass and sacramental celebrations: Altar Server, Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Cantor or Usher.

Visitors to the Sick or Homebound

Lend a helping hand to your senior parish members! This outreach ministry provides visits to senior or ill parishioners. Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick also coordinates the distribution of the Eucharist for the homebound.

Bereavement Ministries

Members of the bereavement committee are familiar and caring parishioners who assist families with grief support. Members of the bereavement ministry attend funerals and go to the funeral home to support grieving families when a loved one passes to their Eternal Home.

Partner Parish Acts 2 Young Adult Fellowship

Open to parishioners between age 21 and 49. Members seek to grow together in the Catholic faith by gathering together for social outings, religious discussion groups, common prayer, ministry, and evangelization.

Long story short, we wanted to create a social group where we could gather the “young” adults and families in our Catholic community. We hope to organize “events” of all kinds that are family friendly and are absolutely open and welcoming to ideas/suggestions! Some events may be adult oriented, but if so, we hope to arrange babysitting (possibly paying teens of associated families would be great!) so that this is taken care of for the parents who would need it in order to attend.

Education

CCD The CCD program, seeks to assist parents in their task of instructing children in the Catholic faith - our beliefs, values and practices. The program of instruction for children in kindergarten through grade 5 presents the concepts of God, the Commandments, the Sacraments, Works of Mercy, Mary, Saints and Church in a manner appropriate to the children's level of understanding.

RCIA Maybe you or someone you know is at a crossroads in life and would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic. Our parish family invites you to come and see through the process of RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. In the RCIA those interested in the Catholic faith meet to learn about the church and to deepen their relationship with God.

Good Shepherd Catechesis The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children that is based on the conviction that God and the Child are in relationship. Our role as adults is to protect and nurture this bond. In the Catechesis we present age-appropriate themes from the Bible and our liturgy with materials the children use to internalize and ponder the great mysteries of our faith.

Liturgy of the Word for Children The children’s Liturgy of the Word is conducted at the 11am Mass and presents the readings of scripture to children at their level and from their prospective.

Youth Ministry The youth ministry meets three to four times a month for social, service, spiritual and educational activities. It is for young people in grades 6-12.

All educational opportunities are looking for instructors, substitute teachers, aids and, of course, participants.

Altar Rosary Society

The Altar Rosary Society is a dedicated group of ladies that come together in monthly meetings to pray the rosary. They also perform various other volunteer activities depending on the need of the Parish and the community. Meetings are monthly.

Facilities Committee

Help with the upkeep of our majestic century-old church!

Members of the facilities management committee perform routine maintenance and troubleshoot problems in the church building. If you have electrical, carpentry, plumbing or general “handy-man” skills, come join us maintaining this beautiful building.

Pro-Life Ministries

Share the culture and respect for the sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death within the church and the community! Volunteers may participate in local, regional, and national Pro-life events. They provide witness both in presence and in prayer that we believe that life is precious.

Music/Choir

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious. Psalms 66:1-2.

The Christ, Prince of Peace Choir regularly participates at the 11am mass and during holiday liturgies. Members may also be cantors. We are always looking for members regardless of your musical experience. The choir practices Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council

Members of the pastoral Council help identify and organize the pastoral efforts of the parish. Meetings are monthly.

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary’s objective is to glorify God through prayer and active co-operation in Mary’s and the Church’s work. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals; providing bereavement support at the time of the funeral and at home afterwards; and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. Meetings are every Monday at 7pm

Finance Council

Members of the financial council help advise the pastor on the financial matters of the parish. They meet in the months of January, April, June, and October

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is the popular or common name for the Confraternity of the most Holy Names of God and Jesus.

It is a confraternity of the Catholic Church with Canonical ties to the Dominican Order. The Holy Name Society is committed to spreading devotion to the Most Holy Name of Jesus Christ and assisting its members grow in holiness and obtain their personal salvation. Meetings are the Second Sunday of the Month at 10:15 am.

LCBA

Help support the parish. The LCBA is a group of women who support the parish through fundraising and programs to enrich the Catholic life. Plans include, once again, two soup and salad luncheons, a bake-less bake sale, and spring and fall lotteries including the basket of raffles. Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month

Saint Vincent DePaul

Help care for the less fortunate! The Saint Vincent DePaul Society cares for the needs of the less fortunate and the need through collection of used clothes, which are sold for a discounted rate, in the St. Vincent DePaul Store located in Kittanning; they evaluate and offer financial assistance for those in need; and are instrumental in the operation of the Food Bank here in Armstrong County

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone who knits or crochets is invited to participate. These shawls are provided to people in need to remind them they are in our prayers. The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Parish Office at 7:00 pm.

Decorating Committee

Members of this committee assist decorating both the inside and outside of the church during holidays and various liturgical celebrations.

Sponsors

Marriage sponsors are married couples who are willing to share their experiences while leading an engaged couple through a five session marriage preparation program. Training is provided.

RCIA Sponsors personally support a candidate or catechumen on their journey through the process of becoming Catholic, by attending the classes, friendship, prayers and faith sharing.