

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

“Go Out To All The World and Tell the Good News” is our Call! Here at St. Francis we have a great deal of opportunities for you to respond to this call as we invite you to enter into ministry and share your gifts and talents with your sisters and brothers. Through our ministry, we follow the command of Jesus, when He washed the feet of his disciples and asked them to do the same for all people.

Yes, we have all been called to service! As a parish family, we commit ourselves to help and to heal, to feed the hungry, to visit the sick, and to console the bereaved. Please read through the various areas of ministry and see where you may be called to serve the Lord with gladness!

Liturgical Ministries

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers assist the priest (and deacon) during Sunday Mass. They also assist at weddings. All students from grades 4 to 12 are invited to enter this ministry.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

Adult altar servers assist the priest (and deacon) during weekday Masses and funerals. They may be called upon to prepare books, sacred vessels, and gifts before Mass, hold the book of prayers for the priest, set up the altar, help to clear it after Communion, bring incense and holy water as needed at funerals, and put things away after Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers help the priest and deacon distribute the sacred Body and Precious Blood of the Lord to the faithful at Mass. Eucharistic Ministers also bring the Eucharist to the homebound or sick.

LECTORS

Lectors proclaim the Word of the Lord during liturgical celebrations and lead the Intercessions.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We have many opportunities for children and adults to share their musical talents with our parish community whether it be singing or playing a musical instrument. The children's choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and the adult choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass every Sunday, and at special liturgies throughout the year.

LITURGY COMMITTEE

The members of this group plan and organize our liturgies for the various liturgical seasons of the Church (i.e. Christmas, Lent, Easter). If you have an interest in liturgy, and would like to learn more, please come and share your ideas and gifts.

ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

This group of volunteer parishioners comes together throughout the liturgical year to plan and decorate our worship space for the various liturgical seasons. It is the responsibility of this group to enhance the prayer life of our parishioners by creating a worship space that is warm and inviting.

USHERS / MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

Warm, friendly, and outgoing parishioners, men and women, are sought to be a part of this group. The members of this group are responsible for welcoming all those who enter into our church for worship. They make sure all are seated comfortably, and they have the responsibility of collecting the Sunday donations. They may also prepare the church for the next liturgy.

Christian Service

FRIENDS OF FRANCIS

This group in Christian service responds to all those in need. We run a food pantry and make holiday baskets for families in need. We prepare and serve meals for parishioners in need and for soup kitchens like Bread of Life in Malden, where we also prepare and serve Easter Dinner. In the spring we are responsible for the reception following the Healing Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

ST. FRANCIS ROSARY PRAYER GROUP (CENACLE)

The St Francis of Assisi Prayer Group meets weekly to pray the Rosary on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the lower church. All are welcome.

PARISH FAMILY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This group is comprised of parishioners who have volunteered to prepare and deliver a meal from time to time for fellow parishioners who are experiencing illness, bereavement or another difficulty or crisis. This group also organizes our special liturgies listed below for the sick and for those who have died. They also send out cards to parishioners who recently had a child baptized, or were married here or had a loved one's funeral liturgy here at St. Francis. This is an ideal volunteer opportunity for someone who is unable to make a regular commitment but would like to serve the Parish community in some way.

ANOINTING MASS/LUNCHEON

In the Fall, we celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick. Following the Mass, we have a luncheon for those who attended. Assistance is needed to help the elderly during the liturgy and with the luncheon in the center.

MEMORIAL LITURGY/ RECEPTION

In November, when we traditionally remember our deceased brothers and sisters, we invite all families who have had a loved one pass away during the year to come to a special Memorial Liturgy. Following the Mass, a reception will be held in the Center. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Mass and Reception.

WE REMEMBER LITURGY/RECEPTION

This "We Remember" liturgy is for all parents who have experienced a loss of a child through miscarriage, early infancy death, or other circumstances. Following the Mass, there is a reception in the Center. Many opportunities of ministry await you in this event.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree provides Christmas gifts to those in need both locally and in several parishes in Boston. The recipients range in age from infants and toddlers, to school-age youngsters, to teenagers, and to the elderly. Volunteers are needed to help organize and distribute gifts the last week of the project.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This group of friendly and smiling faces is part of our Parish Family Outreach Group. They plan and coordinate the hospitality at various parish functions throughout the year. The group shares the responsibilities of each event, and you can help with one event or all of them!

OCTOBER/MAY BABY SHOWER

Our parish holds a "Baby Shower" each October and throughout the month of May. The gifts that are collected are taken to "Heartbeat" for distribution to mothers who choose life.

THIRD ORDER OF SAINT FRANCIS

Saint Francis is home to the local fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order or Third Order of Saint Francis. This prayer group, with a special devotion to our patron saint, meets on the fourth Sunday of each month.

BAKERS

Bakers are needed to bake for our various events and parish meetings. Freshly baked homemade desserts always add a special touch.

Other Parish Ministries

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What a wonderful opportunity to share your faith. From Grades 1-12, educating and preparing for the sacraments and ministering to the young members of our community Catechists (teachers) and Grade School coordinators are needed.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Adults and Young Adults are needed to help support our Parish Youth Ministry Programs. There are several opportunities for our youth to be involved in various parish activities centering on social, cultural, spiritual and athletic events. Many adults are also needed to assist.

ST. FRANCIS GARDEN CLUB

St. Francis had a love for Creation. We are looking for parishioners who would be willing to plant and maintain the beautiful garden areas of our property.

ST. FRANCIS WOMEN'S CLUB

Established in 1950, the club sponsors a number of activities in the parish throughout the year. The primary objective is to provide social, intellectual and spiritual life for its members and to provide growth and improvement for the parish. All women of the parish are invited to attend our quarterly meetings.

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY

This society consists of all those who labor in the many trades that are often needed in our parish. Those who can share with our parish their talents as painters, masons, plumbers, electricians and carpenters are needed. We have many projects that need to be addressed, and it would be wonderful for this Society to gather in prayer and service each month to start accomplishing some of these great tasks here in our own parish.

ST. FRANCIS SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We are looking for parishioners interested in forming this "new" committee to help plan and coordinate activities, exciting social events and fundraising opportunities for our parish community.

PARISH PUBLICITY

This person will be responsible for working with the local newspapers and media to publicize our parish events.

ADMINISTRATIVE WORK

Volunteers help prepare the Parish mailings and other clerical tasks, and volunteers who can be called to answer the parish phone and answer the door at the parish center either mornings or afternoons when needed.

SPECIAL SKILLS: I am willing to share my professional services with the parish in the field of:
ie: law attorney, nursing, etc.

Lord, make us instruments of your Love and Peace through our life and ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

*Ministry Weekend
September 25 & 26, 2010
Sign-ups will take place after all the Masses.*