

2011 Jesus the Divine Word Church Time and Talent Descriptions

The following pages contain information pertaining to the volunteer ministries available to those that attend Jesus the Divine Word Catholic Church. The Descriptions are listed in the order of the 2011 Time, Talent, and Treasure Form. If you need more information, please talk to the leader of the ministry / volunteer opportunity or email or call the leader.

Discover your God given gifts and find a place in our community to give your gift back to God in gratitude and service. God has blessed you with a deep reservoir of untapped potential. That potential is your talent, waiting to be discovered and put to use in your life. It's time to unleash the power of that potential and begin to discover your unique talents.

Prayerfully consider offering your talents to an area of need. Thank you for contributing your time and talents to our wonderful Parish family.

101 ALTAR GUILD

The altar guild is open to all parishioners who wish to serve God, our pastor and congregation by having the altar prepared for the celebration of daily Mass and other celebrations, such as Holy Hour and Benediction. This is a good opportunity for family or couples involvement.

PREPARATION BEFORE MASS – Actual time involved is about 15 minutes; however, it is better to arrive about a half hour prior to Mass time so that these preparations can be completed before the majority of worshipers are in the church. A schedule is set up and each group is assigned a week of the month and a Mass for this week. At present, because we do not have sufficient volunteers to cover all the Masses, the 8 AM Ministers of Holy Communion (MHC), set up for the 10 AM Mass, and the 10 AM MHC set up for the 12 Noon Mass.

CLEAN UP AFTER MASS – 15 minutes. Wash, dry and store sacred vessels. As mentioned above, set up for next Mass is no one is assigned.

LAUNDRY of LITURGICAL LINENS – Laundry help is also needed.

Personal instruction is provided. Simple written instructions are posted in the Working Sacristy for reference.

CONTACT: Joan Hayden, Telephone 410 535-5305;

No email

102 Arimatheans

Arimatheans are adult members of the parish who assist at funeral Masses in the roles of server, lector, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Funeral Masses usually are one to one and one-half hours in length. Arimatheans are asked to be present at the church at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins

If you are able to assist with this ministry, please indicate 102 on your ministry preference form.

If you have questions please call or e-mail Joan Voss at 301-855-8064 or jhvoss@comcast.net .

103 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

An extraordinary minister of Holy Communion is appointed by the pastor to distribute Holy Communion at Mass and to those confined to their home, a hospital, or a nursing home. The person chosen must be fully initiated and be at least eighteen years of age.

A training workshop is provided by the Archdiocese of Washington and attendance is mandatory. Once completed, the person is committed for parish service for a period of three years, or longer at the discretion of the pastor.

If you believe that you are called to serve the Lord in this way, please call or e-mail Joan Voss at 301-855-8064 or jhvoss@comcast.net.

104 **LECTORS**

The lectors (readers) assist the work of the common priesthood of the faithful by assisting in “proclaiming” the word of the Lord during the Mass.

Lector candidates should be confirmed members of the Church.

After parish members show an interest in becoming a lector, his/her name(s) will be submitted to Father Dan. Once the candidate is approved, he/she will be asked to attend a formal class for lectors (offered by the diocese). Attendance at a local meeting will follow to acquaint the candidate of “particulars” of our parish.

Once the training is completed each lector receives a “Workbook for Lectors and Gospel Readers” that assists in the preparation of the readings. Pronunciation guides, margin notes and general suggestions are provided for each reading.

Contact Paul Rhodes, Lector Coordinator, rhodesp@comcast.net, should you have questions.

105 **Music Ministry**

The Jesus Divine Word Music Ministry supports the parish liturgical celebrations by providing the music component at mass, weddings, funerals, healing, parish mission and other special celebrations.

Our membership consists of Children's Choir, Youth Worship & Praise Choir, Adult Choir, Cantors, Pianists and other musicians. We practice weekly throughout the year.

Childrens Choir on Wed evenings 5:00pm-6:30pm, Youth group on Thursday's 6:00pm-7:30pm and Adult Choir on Thursday's 7:30pm to 9:30pm. The Children's Choir and Youth group sing at selected mass times and celebrations. The Adult Choir sings weekly at 10am mass times, and most Holiday Masses. We often have brass and other musicians join us at Holiday Masses and special celebrations.

For additional information, please contact Matt Odell at music@jesusdivineword.org .

106 USHER MINISTRY
“Serving the Faithful”

Confirmed Catholic adult and young men are welcome to participate in the Usher Ministry. The ushers greet parishioners and insure that spiritual events at the parish are conducted in an orderly fashion.

Ushers serve at the four weekend masses: Saturdays at 5:00 PM, and Sundays at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:00 PM. Upon entering the ministry, ushers indicate the weekend mass time(s) they prefer to attend. The Usher Coordinator tries to prepare the monthly schedule to accommodate everyone’s needs. A team of 4 ushers serve at each mass. Ushers also serve on Holy Days and at special celebrations.

The Usher Ministry is vital to our parish, and you are invited to participate. Check off number 106, “Ushers”, on the “Time and Talent” form and indicate in the “Other” block the mass time(s) that are best for you. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners and serve our parish.

Contact the Usher Coordinator, Dan Broderick at 410-535-2314, or at brodcarson@yahoo.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

201 Adult Faith Formation

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry seeks to provide opportunities for adults to strengthen their relationship with God, to deepen their discipleship, and to build a strong community of believers. We will do this by encouraging life-long learning through study, conversation, prayer and service.

The basic principle of Adult Faith Formation Ministry is the reality that from our baptism, until we return to the Father, we are in a process of life-long learning and formation in faith.

Our learning includes knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church, and familiarity with the scriptures that form a source of those teachings. In addition to knowing doctrine, Catholics are privileged to have the sacred mysteries of the sacramental life of the Church as sources for deepening their relationship with God, through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The liturgy, and the sacramental life of the Church are fundamental experiences that allow this to happen. Understanding, appreciating, and praying the sacramental life of the Church enriches our faith experience.

The Adult Faith Formation Ministry is looking for volunteers to facilitate and/or assist with activities such as Scripture Study groups. We are always looking for new ideas on how we can continue to renew and energize our relationship with God.

If you have questions, please contact Deacon David Divins at daviddivins@comcast.net

202 **Good News Preschool**

The Good News Preschool is a ministry of Jesus the Divine Word Parish in Huntingtown, Maryland. It is a non-profit organization.

It is the mission of Good News Preschool to promote the social, emotional, cognitive, motor and spiritual development of three and four year old children within a fun-filled, loving, Catholic atmosphere.

Adult volunteers are needed:

- to serve as substitute teachers on an on-call basis. Must have completed ADW Child Protection process.
- Adults with hobbies to share and present to preschool children during class time.

Must have completed ADW Child Protection process.

For more information, contact Patty O'Toole (410) 535-5160 or preschool@jesusdivineword.org .

203 **RCIA Retreats**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process established by the Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation — Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. We have a team of individuals who help work with the adults to instruct them in the Catholic faith, prepare them to receive their sacraments at the Easter Vigil, and, most importantly, to fall in love with Jesus.

We would welcome volunteers who would be willing to help serve, setup, cleanup, and/or provide food for our two weekend retreats (early Dec. and near Easter).

If you have questions, please contact Deacon David Divins at daviddivins@comcast.net

204 **Religious Education (Faith Formation)**

The Faith Formation Ministry seeks to draw children (Kindergarten through Confirmation) to a closer relationship with God through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit through the richness of Scripture, Tradition and the Sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church. Working closely with parents, we assist in the spiritual formation of students through bi-weekly classes of instruction, prayer, confession, Mass, activities and service. We encourage a life-long learning and formation in faith. The liturgy and sacramental life of the Church are fundamental experiences that allow this to happen. Understanding, appreciating, and praying the sacramental life of the Church enriches our faith experience.

Within the ministry, we have two additional components – Children’s Liturgy of the Word (*during the 10 a.m. Mass every other week*) and Children of Hope Adoration Hour on First Fridays (*for children of all ages*).

There are many opportunities to serve in the Faith Formation Ministry. In addition to catechists who teach from a chosen religious education curriculum (*Grades K-Confirmation*), we are always in need of extra hands throughout the year for various projects. Children’s Liturgy of the Word and Children of Hope are in need of adults to lead the lesson periodically (*once every 6 weeks for Children’s Liturgy and once every few months for Children of Hope*).

205 Vacation Bible School

It is ALWAYS a fun-filled week of crafts, skits, games, snacks, faith and community building and the theme is always CATHOLIC. We are excited to have you join our ministry and invite you to share your talents with our parish family. We have a need for many hands to make these huge weeks a success ~ last year we enjoyed over 200 Campers and over 200 Volunteers- WOW!!!

Please consider being part of this week-long celebration that occurs the end of June after school lets out. Specific dates to be determined. VBS runs 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and on the final day, Friday, we end our week with a huge celebration beginning with our Closing Mass at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and then tons of fun and games that continue until 4:00.

Adult Volunteers can serve as Group Leaders for grade levels pre-K – through Middle School as well as Station Leaders and Supports including Crafts, Snacks, Games, Faith and Music.

We hope you find the time to share your unique gifts with your parish family during VBS this summer as we learn and grow together! Volunteer Forms will be out in February and please be sure to note your area of preference with regard to grade level or other area of interest.

Note: Please note that if you have not been fingerprinted through the Archdiocese you must do so prior to VBS. Karen Burns coordinates for us at JDW and additional information will be shared on how to sign up and get that very important process taken care of.

For more information, please contact Nicole Connolly at nbconnolly@comcast.net or (410) 535-5026.

206 **Youth Ministry** (Middle School and High School)

The youth ministry at Jesus Divine Word supports all youth in grades 6-12th. This ministry is designed to help strengthen the faith of those young people in grades 5-8th while they are receiving Religious Education through their Confirmation year. It also supports those from 9th-12th grade by encouraging them to continue their faith journey by staying connected with their peers in the Church while learning how to incorporate that faith into their everyday life.

We have three different groups, grades 6th and 7th, 8th grade, and high school. If you would like to support one or all of these ministries by providing snacks, chaperoning some of the events, and/or helping with transportation to events, please sign up here. We will contact you in the very near future.

For more information, contact Tracey Smith at (410) 414-8304 or email youthministry@jesusdivineword.org .

207 WEDDING COORDINATOR

The wedding coordinators at Jesus the Divine Word assist with the logistics of the wedding ceremony. Our goal is to enhance the spirituality of the celebration. We serve the Pastor and the bridal party, assisting with all of the little behind-the-scene details to assure an organized and timely spirit-filled celebration! It is exciting and a lot of fun to work closely with the Pastor and it provides a wonderful opportunity to meet new and active parishioners. The duties include:

- Rehearsal - coordinating the wedding rehearsal, usually the evening before the wedding; time involved is approximately an hour or more. By taking the lead for the rehearsal, this is very helpful to Father, freeing up his time to attend to other needs of the parish.
- Day of Wedding – be at the church approximately two hours prior to the ceremony to set up the church and be available to help the bridal party. This includes accepting flowers from the florist, distributing the flowers to the bridal party; providing directions to the photographer on church etiquette, and assisting with last minute questions, details, or problems. At the appropriate time, line up the bridal party, coordinating with the music and opening the doors for the bridal procession.
- After the ceremony – do whatever is necessary to return the church to the proper condition for Mass.

If you have questions, please contact Christine Stewart on 443-486-4811 or Castewart7@comcast.net .

301 **Angels in the Kitchen**

Do you like to cook? Would you like to help a fellow parish member who is convalescing from an illness, accident or surgery?

The "Angels in the Kitchen Ministry" provides the opportunity to utilize your cooking talent to serve others. We provide and deliver complete meals, with attention paid to allergies and dietary restrictions, to persons and/or family members during such times of need. From time to time we may be asked to assist with other cooking needs for the parish community (Project Echo, Safe Nights, etc.)

Won't you join us? The more cooks we have the "better the broth" and the "lighter the yolk!" lol

If you have questions, please contact Angela Banyasz at 410-535-9646 or Maureen Evarrt at evartt@comcast.net .

302 **BEREAVEMENT**

Bereavement provides a reception in Doran Hall after funerals, if the family requests one. Volunteers are needed to provide food, help set-up, serve and clean-up at these receptions.

If you have questions, please contact Shirley Clement at 410-535-0037 or JimandShirley@chesapeake.net or Fran Heflin.

303 EVERYONE BELONGS MINISTRY:

Who are we:

We are a ministry here at JDW to welcome people with special needs and to help assist them to share their God given gifts. We also help to remove any barriers that keeps them from FULL involvement in our parish life.

"People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said-but they will always remember how you made them feel"

For your comfort and convenience:

Large Print Readings-are available on the table at the back of the church

Sign Language Interpretation is available @ our 10:00 Mass on Sunday

Assistive Hearing Devices are available they are compatible with our sound system-please see an usher for assistants.

Handicap Door-for your ease of entering the building the doors in the center of the building near the office entrance is handicap accessible.

Bathroom accessibility- we have 3 bathrooms which are accessible- Chapel, hallway, office.

If you are interested in joining or want additional information contact Carol Harford @ 410-286 3888 or email her singingsolo@comcast.net .

304 OUTREACH

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFT CATALOG

JDW publishes an Alternative Christmas Gift Catalog each year. Help is needed to

- 1- contact the charities at the beginning and end
- 2- update the catalog
- 3- set up narthex table with needed supplies for sales.
- 4- coordinate collection of donations and disbursement of Christmas cards after all the Masses in December.
- 5- Record and summarize all donations

Tasks 2-5 take about ½ hour per week.

Volunteers are needed for each these tasks, or as an overall coordinator.

Contact: Peggy Arnold artzz@comcast.net or 410 414-9546

ANGEL TREE

Support annual collection of Christmas gifts for children by transporting JDW gifts to Calvert Fairgrounds 2 weeks before Christmas and/or helping sort or distribute gifts at Fairgrounds.

Contact: Patty O'Toole otooleirish@comcast.net; 410-535-5160

COAT/CLOTHING DRIVES

Help prepare for/publicize/coordinate/collect/distribute parish coat/clothing drives. And/or donate to drives.

Contact: JDW Office: office@jesusdivineword.org; 410-414-8304.

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Good Samaritan is someone who recognizes a need and does whatever is necessary - within reason - to meet that need without counting the cost. It involves putting the needs of others beyond one's own. It is a kind of sacrificial giving on behalf of our sisters and brothers in need of help.

Some of the tasks a person may be asked to perform would be visiting, picking up a prescription, taking someone to a medical appointment, or calling to check on someone. Travel would be limited to Calvert County unless there are extenuating circumstances.

If this ministry resonates with you, please call or e-mail Joan Voss: 301-855-8064 or jhvoss@comcast.net.

MISSION TRIPS

Help prepare for/publicize/coordinate trip to render service to an area in need. And/or participate in mission trip.

Contact: JDW Office: office@jesusdivineword.org; 410-414-8304

NURSING HOME Praise and Prayer

We pray with residents of the Calvert Nursing Center twice a month (the Alzheimer's Unit on ground floor on the 2nd Tuesday at 1:30pm and in the Chapel upstairs on the 4th Tuesday at 1pm). We pray, read scripture and offer a reflection. Residents sing with us and share their prayer intentions. Praise and Prayer lasts 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Contact: Peggy Arnold: artzz@comcast.net 410-414-9546 or Kathy Koziana.

PROJECT ECHO - Monthly Meals

Our mission is to prepare and serve dinner to the 40 residents of Project Echo on the **third Friday of every month** and on the **first Tuesday of even months**. Volunteer opportunities include preparing a dish for the meal, delivering the meal and/or setting up/serving the dinner to the residents. Contact: Angela Cunningham: alc0129@gmail.com; 443-624-7157

RUN FOR VOCATIONS

Annual fundraiser for Archdiocese seminarians held in conjunction with the Marine Corps Marathon/10K in October

SAFE NIGHTS

JDW houses Calvert County homeless in Doran Hall for one week during the winter. Volunteers are needed to transport, greet, monitor and provide and serve food for about 12 guests. Restroom cleaners, launderers, and set up/breakdown volunteers are also needed.

Contact: Eileen Jenkins 410 610 3673 or ejenks@comcast.net

SUMMER FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Minister to the spiritual (VBS, visitation) and material (construction, painting) needs of Catholic communities.

Contacts: Ron and Karen Burns.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Coordinate or help with details of drive, including publicity, transport of boxes into and out of Doran Hall, filling of some boxes, sealing of all boxes, tracking number of boxes available, delivery of boxes. And/or donate food.

Contact: JDW office office@jesusdivineword.org 410-414-8304

WHEELER ROAD HOMELESS SHELTER

Dinners for 8; 2nd, 3rd, 5th Thursdays

Prepare all or part of a meal and/or deliver it to the Shelter in Washington DC each Thursday.

Contact: Ann Thompson gnathompson@hotmail.com 240-925-0457

305 **PRO LIFE**

The Pro Life Group is responsible for helping the Pastor to raise awareness of the importance of respecting life in all phases.

We are very busy in January with the March for Life and activities in our church that tie in with the March. These activities have included concerts, masses, dinners, prayer and adoration, as well as hosting out of town guests that arrive for the March. We also hold baby showers, collect money for our annual Baby Bottle Campaign, and may have a bake sale.

Our efforts are usually in full swing three to five times a year, so there is always room for other commitments, most importantly family. Some of the organizations we help are Birthright, The Gabriel Project, and Priests for Life. We will be having a meeting soon, so anyone joining will have a voice in what we do this year. As with everything in our parish, our Pastor is the leader of our group, and we are here to assist him in any way we can.

Please consider joining our group to further the cause of human life, from conception to the natural end of life.

If you have questions, please contact Paula Bryant 301-221-5085

Paula.Bryant@L-3com.com .

401 Audio Recording

The audio recording ministry offers parishioners and others to re-listen to homilies and talks online, or send a recording to a friend. But most importantly, these recordings can be heard anywhere the internet is available. As an example, military personnel protecting the USA in other parts of the world listen to these recordings online.

At least one homily from the weekend Masses (and reflections) is available on the Jesus the Divine Word Website in MP3 format. CD(s) are created from Funeral Masses recordings and from recordings for retreats.

Volunteers are needed:

- 1- for recording at each Weekend and Funeral Masses (Arrive 10-15 minutes early for Mass to setup and start recording. After Mass turn-off and label recordings);
- 2- for processing the digital recording (separating the gospel and homily) and creating a mp3. With proper software usually takes no more than 15 minutes;
- 3- for processing the funeral Mass digital recordings by creating separate tracks for parts of the Mass and then creating cd(s) for family;
- 4- for processing, editing and review of reflections from talks/retreats can be time consuming (especially to remove non-important information such as instructions etc.);
- 5- for creating new web page(s) (using Dreamweaver software). Usually takes no more than 15 to 30 minutes). Volunteer(s) must have own software and be experienced in creating web pages and design.

For more information contact Peggy Arnold at artz@comcast.net or (410) 414-9546.

402 **CLEAN CHURCH (HOLY SWEEPERS, ETC)**

4 teams make up the Holy Sweepers; each team cleans the church and the narthex every couple of months on a rotating basis.

Cleaning consists of dusting, sweeping and mopping the Church and the Narthex. Books are straightened out in the pews and occasionally the windows are cleaned. Additional cleanings are also needed during Christmas, Easter, and other times when there is a lot of activity in the Church.

For more information contact Terry DiGuiseppe at (410) 535-7544 or diguiseppe5@msn.com .

403 **Garments of Grace**

Garments of Grace is a ministry, dedicated to our Blessed Mother, that crochets and knits Christening blankets for the babies on the day of baptism and prayer shawls for the sick and suffering in need of prayer. We also make baby hats for Calvert Memorial Hospital and scarves for the homeless.

This is a prayerful ministry which can be done at home, praying for the person to receive the garment.

For more information contact: Sue Stavely at 301-812-0934 or threeringcircus@comcast.net .

404 Greeters

The mission of this ministry is to extend a warm welcome to new members and guests to the celebration of Mass at Jesus the Divine Word. Greeters are present in the Narthex before weekend Masses to establish a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all who come to worship, encourage visitors to sign our guest book and invite them to hospitality after 10 AM Mass, and introduce them to Fr Swink and Deacon Dave after the service. Greeters should also be prepared to provide information about our Parish.

Be on the ground floor to help form this new ministry so that all our visitors feel welcome here at Jesus the Divine Word!

If you have questions, please contact Tara Enright tara20639@gmail.com or 732-320-7347.

405 GROCERY CERTIFICATES (sales, admin., etc)

Sales of Grocery Certificates to be used at Bowens, Food Lion, Giant, or Nick's provide funds to support local needy families.

Volunteers are needed to periodically develop and update the seller schedule; to sell the certificates once or twice a month after a weekend Mass; and to reconcile accounts every other week on Monday afternoon or evening.

Contact Marianne Roberts, mtroberts01@comcast.net or (410) 535 2938.

406 GROUNDS
(upkeep, landscaping, snow removal, etc.)

The grounds keeping team consist of volunteers that assemble every other Saturday at 10 a.m. (weather permitting) to maintain the grounds of the church and the rectory. A schedule is sent out in early spring and runs through the beginning of fall. The duties include lawn care, landscaping, tree removal, gutter cleaning, and snow removal from walkways.

The Jesus the Divine Word (JDW) grounds keepers enhance the outside appearance of our church and rectory. It's a great way to get some exercise, serve the parish, and get family members involved. Check off number #406, "Grounds" on the "The Time and Talent" form.

Contact Dave Stavely at 301-855-0196, or at dastavely@comcast.net if you have any questions. Thank you.

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407 HOSPITALITY (AFTER MASS AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS)

The purpose of the Hospitality Committee is to provide an atmosphere of welcoming and a spirit of community so that all of our parishioners are an integral part of our parish life. We reach out to include handicapped and the sick of our parish with a smile and helping hand. Hospitality at Jesus the Divine Word is held after the 10:00am Mass every Sunday.

As a partner in Hospitality at Jesus the Divine Word, you can help reach out to new and current members by meeting and greeting parishioner one Sunday a month serving coffee and refreshments after Mass. We also provide support to other ministries for special meetings and events.

Hospitality Needs:

- Volunteers on Sunday to set up and after Mass to serve refreshments
- Volunteers to Set up/Clean up for special events such as Confirmation, First Communion, Parish Picnic, etc
- Volunteers to greet new people and help answer questions.

We would like to expand Hospitality to other Masses, but can not do so until we have enough people...SO...please consider joining us.

Questions call Sharon...410.257.9319.

408 **Liturgical Decorators**
(Decorating Church - seasonal)

Our church is always beautifully decorated to reflect the season or celebrations underway in our parish. The members of the Liturgical Decorators work with our Pastor in decorating the sanctuary and the church for special celebrations. The amount of work varies with the liturgical calendar being busiest at Christmas and Easter.

If you have questions, please contact Virginia Soboleski at (410) 414-7117
soboleski@verizon.net .

409 **Office Help**
(as needed-usually mornings)

Specific tasks will be on an "as-needed" basis, often on short notice, and could include stuffing the bulletin, helping with Parish mailings, and/or assisting the office with administrative tasks.

If you have questions, contact Concetta at (410) 414-8504 or email [secretary @jesusdivineword.org](mailto:secretary@jesusdivineword.org) .

410 **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (TIME, TALENT, TREASURE)**

This committee works with the Pastor to coordinate efforts to invite and engage parishioners in the responsibility to share their gifts of time, talent and treasure with the parish community. The committee plans the annual Stewardship Weekend seeks calendar-year commitments of time, talent (volunteering) and financial support from parishioners.

After parishioners fill out the Time, Talent and Treasure form, volunteers are needed update a database so Volunteer Reports can be provided to the Ministries. This can be done from home. It should take a few minutes per volunteer form to update the database (Internet access is required).

The Pastor appoints the committee chairperson and Volunteer Coordinator. If you think you are being called to lead up one of these efforts, please fill in the box labeled 500 Other. (We will pass the information on to the Pastor.)

If you have questions, contact Mike Siewertsen (410) 414-7464 siewertsenm@verizon.net or for updating the database contact Peggy Arnold (410) 414-9546 or jdwwolunteer@comcast.net .

411 Welcoming Committee

The purpose of the Welcoming Committee is to reach out and welcome newly registered parishioners to the Parish, as well as to provide them with information on our many ministries and volunteer opportunities. All of us were once "newcomers" and many of us remember how it felt to be a newcomer. If Jesus the Divine Word is your home, help us let our newcomers know that we already consider them an important part of our Parish family.

If you're interested in serving on this important committee, please sign-up today by putting "411" on the Time, Talent, and Treasure Form. If you would like to be considered for the Committee Chair position, please indicate that under "500-Other" on the form.



Knights of Columbus
Jesus the Divine Word Council 14775

Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan.

The council here at JDW is only three years old and is still growing in membership and activities. This year promises to be our busiest yet with many activities supporting our families, church, community, and nation. We need new members to help us do God's wishes.

If you have questions contact Jim McGrory (410) 414-2172 JROTC140594@hotmail.com

Lay Missionaries of Charity Movement

The basic intent of the Lay Missionaries of Charity Movement is to restore the domestic sanctuary of the family through prayer, dialogue and personal consecration. The two-year formation culminates with a formal Profession of Vows, and a promise to adhere to the private vows of conjugal chastity, poverty, obedience, and whole-hearted free service to the poorest of the poor, lived according to one's own state of life. The JDW Lay MC group currently meets monthly, on the 2nd Friday of every month, from 7-8:30PM, under the guidance of our Pastor as Spiritual Director. The group began formation in the Fall of 2010 but new members are welcome to join at any time! The Profession of Vows is "gradual" and requires discernment and the recommendation of the group's Spiritual Director. Not all members are ready to Profess at the end of their first two years of formation.

L.O.G.I.C. Loving Our God In College

This group is open to anyone in their late teens-early 20's (i.e. post high school and before the real world!). The purpose is to help you continue to grow in your faith, to stay close to the sacraments and to other Catholics your age and to not forget "who you are" in the eyes of God. There are regular monthly meetings which include adoration and the chance for confession every 3rd Friday at 7PM in the main church at JDW. Also scheduled is a "reunion" party on the Saturday following Thanksgiving and an overnight retreat during Christmas break. Come to any or all events and bring a friend!

If you have questions contact Jack DeGrange (443) 684-3072 or Jenn Colosi (202) 744-8696.

JDW Men's Group

The JDW Men's Group meets on Saturday mornings at 7:30 am. After light refreshments (coffee, donuts, bagels, etc), typical discussions focus on relating the week's scripture to everyday life as men and fathers. All parish men are invited to attend. The atmosphere is light and the company is great, so give the group a try, you might be surprised!

Contact Michael Yox (yobox@comcast.net) with any questions.

SENIOR'S GROUP

The Senior's Group meets monthly on the First Thursday for lunch usually at a local restaurant. If there is a special program there may be a speaker or movie in Doran Hall and we may bring our own brown bag lunches.

We meet following the Noon Mass.

For more information contact Joan and Harry Lotis at (443) 550-3367 or Harry.Lotis@comcast.net .

OUR LADY OF DIVINE WORD SODALITY

“To Jesus Through Mary”

Spiritual Life Mission:

To live the Way of Life that recognizes the presence of Christ in the Sodalists every day life. The prayer basis of the Sodality Way of Life was founded upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This Way of Life builds faith, which makes all things possible, and hope, which gives courage. These two virtues, in turn, lead to charity, which reflects the love of God and mankind. These theological virtues exemplify the life of Mary, Our Holy Mother, whom Sodalists venerate and seek to emulate. The spiritual life of Sodalists is the primary function of Sodality. It is the driving force of God's gifts that lead Sodalists to goodness and social action.

Apostolic Life Mission:

The Apostolic Life Mission of the Sodality reflects spirituality in the Way of Life of a Sodalist. The mission channels spirituality to service in the family, in the Church, and in the community. Sodalists respond to the roles of religious life as spouse, parent, careerist to papal encyclicals which call for social action through service in the areas that challenge and demand their involvement as Christians. Some of these involvements are service to the Church and parish programs which care for the sick, the elderly, the poor, and the homeless, as well as concern for Christian education and legislation. Sodalists are concerned about family life and issues before the parish council, school board and parent teacher associations.

What we have done the past year:

VIP Luncheon, Rosary every Tuesday morning after Mass, Spiritual Enrichment – Called to Holiness Series, Making Sense of God, Grieving with Grace, and Living a Spirituality of Action, Fifth Wednesday dinners for Project Echo, with the Youth Ministry and Religious Education the Crowning of Mary in May, small scholarship fund for retreats.

Meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM in Doran Hall, meetings are started with prayer and end with a reflection.

Our Future is where Our Lady leads us so we may get closer to Jesus.

If you have questions, contact Robin Pilkerton (410) 535-2787 MarylandM@aol.com .

Womens Prayer Group

The Womens Prayer Group is an email prayer ministry for our parish.

If you have a prayer intention that you would like to have the women pray for, you can email it to JDW.womensprayergroup@gmail.com . All prayer requests will be sent out within 24 hours.

We do occasionally send out important Church notices, such as upcoming events, cancellations, and other notices.

If you would like to join your sisters in praying for the intentions of the parish please email JDW.womensprayergroup@gmail.com to have your email added to the distribution.