

Adoration/First Friday

Are you asleep spiritually? First Friday adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is physically spending time in church in the presence of Jesus -- exposed in the monstrance.

- What is the time commitment?
 - There is no set time, but Jesus asked His apostles for one hour.
- How does one participate?
 - Every first Friday from 12 noon until 12 midnight Jesus waits for you to come and be with Him in prayer or silence.
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - You join by coming to church between noon and midnight. Ask others to come too! Contact Jesus in church. He is waiting for you.

Adult Basketball

We play adult full-court basketball one night a week in the fall and winter.

It's more of a social event to meet your neighbors and parishioners.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Any adult (male/female) willing to participate in pickup-game basketball may join. We accept all types of skill levels.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - All parishioners are welcome.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Once a week from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Participation is not required every week. We have about 20 members, and about half show up every week to play full-court basketball.

Altar Servers

Altar Servers assist the priest at the Mass and special celebrations such as First Holy Communions and Confirmations. This ministry provides an opportunity for young people to become involved in the parish by serving the Lord and the Church.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - One or two sessions of training (approximately 1 hour each) are required before one can become an Altar Server. The training is provided by the priests
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any girl or boy in grade 4 and up can become an Altar Server.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The Altar Server Schedule is published every two months, and the average Altar Server serves 3 or 4 times in that two-month period. Additionally, Altar Servers are needed for the First Holy Communions, Confirmation, Christmas, and Holy Week Masses. If you have a preference as to what Mass you attend, your child can be scheduled for that Mass. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to find a replacement if the child is unable to serve at a Mass that he/she has been scheduled.

Baptism Catechesis

This ministry prepares parents for the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism for their first child.

- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - All parents wishing to have their first child baptized must attend Baptism Catecheses.
- What is the time commitment?
 - One evening prior to the baptism, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Church, is required. (Baptisms are held almost every Sunday at 12:30 in the Church.)
- Whom do I contact?
 - Call the Rectory @ (973) 962-7032 to register.

Adult Bible Study

Come together in the church Gathering Area to read books from the Bible. Father Paul will explain some issues in the theology, spirituality, pastoral life and how to live the Bible in our life.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Bring a Bible to the meeting.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - The class is for everyone who likes to read the Bible and have some deeper understanding. The class is open for everyone, who can come to the classes each week.
- What is the time commitment?
 - A class will be held on Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.; and the same class will also be held in the evening, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. (No PM class during winter)

Boy Scouts of America Troop 96

Troop 96 is a proud troop with many Eagle Scouts to its credit. Scouts from 11 to 17 years of age follow the path to Eagle, thus creating well-rounded leaders of the future.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Young men, ages 11-17, may join. There is once-a-year dues.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Parents are encouraged to volunteer.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The time commitment is up to the Scout and his family.

Building and Maintenance

Members of this ministry assist and advise the pastor regarding any major building projects and general services, such as: painting, cleaning, handyman work, landscape and snow removal from church property. They contact contractors and agencies for bids and supervise parish workers.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Anyone with interest, knowledge, and some experience may volunteer. There is no special training needed.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any active parishioner, high school age or older, may participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Attendance at a monthly meeting is necessary. Other time commitments would vary depending on current projects and involvement.

Education Council St. Catherine of Bologna School

The Education Council works to support financial planning, school policy-making and marketing/public outreach for the parish school.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - There are no real requirements except a strong desire to: support the parish school, spread the good news of the school, and work to strengthen church-parish connections.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - The Education Council is made up of three school-family representatives, three parish representatives, the School HSA President, the school Principal, Sr. Theresa Firenze, and Msgr. Patrick Panos. Members are invited by the current Education Council. Terms are three years.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The council meetings are held monthly and participation in key sponsored activities is also helpful, including: the Catholic High School Open House, Catholic Schools Week, Open House, Grandparents' Day, and the Spring Walk-a-thon.

Casino Night

Casino Night is a social event with Las Vegas-type games and a tricky tray ending.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - An interest in arranging and working at the event and having fun doing so
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone over the age of 18
- What is the time commitment?
 - Approximately six meetings and the day of the event

Catholic Learning Center

The Catholic Learning Center provides parishioners with Catholic reading material and reference information so that they may learn more about their faith. It is available to help CCD teachers and children's liturgy teams find age-appropriate materials to supplement their lesson plans. (Internet is available.) The CLC may also be used for meetings. The Catholic Learning Center serves as a gift shop on designated Sundays.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - One must be available to sign books out to parishioners and help sell gifts in the shop after Mass on Sundays.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - This ministry is available to all adults. The youth of our parish can acquire service hours if they are accompanied by an adult.
- What is the time commitment?
 - After Mass for about one hour

C.C.D. (Continuing Catholic Development)

Religious Education

Members of the ministry teach children the Good News in every grade level. The goal is to teach as Jesus taught by word and example.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Be active in your Catholic Faith
 - Be willing to learn and to attend meetings
 - Be fingerprinted and attend the course “Protecting God’s Children”
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any confirmed practicing Catholic who is interested in teaching children in grades 1 to 8 or the Confirmation candidates can participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Sundays from September to December OR January to April. Sacrament classes are on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

C.C.D. Parents Association (CCDPA)

This ministry exists to encourage and guide our children’s spiritual journey in the Catholic Christian Faith by promoting knowledge of the faith and the meaning of the liturgy and the sacraments. Its mission is to prepare all children to live in a parish community by participating actively in the life of our church.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A desire to become involved in the CCD mission.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any parents of children enrolled in C.C.D. at St. Catherine of Bologna Church.
- What is the time commitment?
 - It varies depending on the degree of involvement.

Cenacle Prayer Group

This ministry is called “The Marian Movement for Priests” which was begun by Our Lady. This ministry is called “The Marian Movement for Priests” which was begun by Our Lady and given to Fr. Stephen Gobbi in 1972. It began in St. Catherine of Bologna Church in October 1993.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A willingness to pray as Mary wants us to:
 - Invoke the Holy Spirit; pray the rosary; read and share Our Lady’s messages; pray for our Holy Father; say the Act of Consecration to our Lady; and get involved in various ministries.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone who loves Our Lady and wishes to pray, especially for priests
- What is the time commitment?
 - First Thursday of each month: 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 in the church

Children's Liturgy

The goal is to provide the young children in our parish (Pre-K through 5th grade) with age-appropriate adaptations and activities for the scripture readings.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A commitment to work on a team with three or four other parents to coordinate the children's Mass twice in the course of a year.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - To be on a team, the individual should be confirmed.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Minimal

Children's Mass (Christmas Eve / Living Nativity)

This ministry coordinates the Children's Christmas Eve Living Nativity and Choir. This annual Mass is a special time for the children of the Parish. It allows the children to participate actively in the liturgy and also learn more about the religious basis for the day.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Parents and children only need to sign up in advance.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - All children of the parish over the age of five are welcome. We need parents to assist in arranging the practices, set up the Parish Center for the Mass, and put everything away the day after Christmas.
- What is the time commitment?
 - There are three 1½-hour practices to prepare for the Mass; setting up takes about 2 hours, and clean-up takes about 2 hours also.

Church Decorating

This committee decorates the inside of the church several times a year. We provide and execute the decorations and adornments that depict the time of the year, such as Advent, Easter, and Pentecost.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - There are no particular requirements. Anyone can participate and come out to lend a hand or share ideas. We understand that everyone is busy so we would be grateful for any additional help. Everyone remarks how wonderful it feels to be a part of something that gives great joy through visual perception. Just come and be creative.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone! Young, old, mothers, fathers -- anyone who wants to be a part of something wonderful. We have a nice group of hard-working people who enjoy each other's company and time spent working on the same goal . . . making our church "beautiful".
- What is the time commitment?
 - Our meetings to kick off the thought process may take a couple of hours. Usually, the setting up and removing takes a lot longer. We all know "more hands make for a lighter load". We ask that you put in the time you can give; that's all!

Cub Scout Pack 96

Cub Scouting is an organization for boys in Grades 1 through 5. Scouting's core values are derived from duty to God, family, and country. The purposes of scouting are: to develop a boy's character, train him in good citizenship, and encourage him to become more fit physically, mentally, and morally.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Boys in the 1st through 5th grades may join, and their parents are automatically eligible to participate in this ministry. Volunteers are required to receive training including the BSA Youth Protection Training, and the VIRTUS training that is offered through the Church. Other "position-specific" training is available through the BSA.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Pack 96 welcomes adult leaders to assist in maintaining the high standards of Scouting leadership that we have set for ourselves, and which are required by the Boy Scouts of America organization. The Pack Committee will meet with the prospective volunteer to discuss what is expected and to determine where the volunteer might fit best.
- What is the time commitment?
 - It varies with the position chosen: Pack Leader, Den Leader, Committee Person, Activity Coordinator. It can vary from one to several hours per week.

CYO Basketball

The CYO basketball program is a competitive program which teaches the fundamentals of basketball to its participants. It strives to foster good sportsmanship and Christian attitudes among the youth from various parishes.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Once a youngster is selected to the program, a strong commitment is expected from the participant and family.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Participation in the program is for 4th through 8th grade students enrolled in our parish school or religious education program.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The program runs from late September to late March and consists of practices as well as league games.
- How do I join this ministry?
 - You must attend tryouts and be selected for one of the various teams. Tryouts are held in late September and early October. (See bulletin.)

Events Committee

This committee seeks to find new fundraisers and people to run them.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A good idea along with the time and talent to implement it.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone with a fundraising idea!
- What is the time commitment?
 - It varies according to the event.

Finance Council

The Finance Council is a body that is mandated by Canon Law. The object of the Finance Council is to bring together members of the parish who have experience in business and law to support the pastor in the effective administration of the church finances. The members of the council advise Msgr. Pat on issues and also take on projects that allow the parish to grow.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Background in business or law
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any member of the parish who wishes to volunteer his/her talents
- What is the time commitment?
 - It varies. There is one meeting a month, usually on the third Wednesday at 7:15 p.m., which lasts approximately 2½ hours.

Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting helps girls develop their full individual potential; relate to others with increasing understanding, skill and respect; develop values to guide their actions and provide the foundation for sound decision-making; and contribute to the improvement of society through their abilities, leadership skills, and cooperation with others.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - All girls, ages 5 – 17, are eligible.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Girls and adult volunteers.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Generally, a Girl Scout troop spends approximately one hour at a meeting twice a month. As the girls get older, the meeting timeframe may be extended.

Good Samaritans

Currently the Good Samaritan Ministry provides meals to families in need due to serious illness or death in the family. Meals are provided for a one-week period.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - You must be able to prepare a meal. Any adult may join. You will need to transport food to the family & must be able to accept the cooking day that is assigned to you. (You can't pick & choose which days you can cook.)
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Adults
- What is the time commitment?
 - We are hoping to get enough people so that we would only have to use each person (at the most) one time during needed week.

Home School Association: St. Catherine of Bologna School

The Home School Association supports the teachers and the school not just monetarily (through our fundraisers), but also in our actions as we work together to create an environment that fosters the balance of education of faith.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - All parents or guardians of children attending St. Catherine of Bologna School make up the body of the H.S.A.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - While the body of the Home School Association is made up of parents/guardians of children attending St. Catherine of Bologna School, anyone can participate in the events and fundraisers sponsored by the H.S.A.
- What is the time commitment?
 - All Home School Families are expected to volunteer a minimum of twenty-five service hours per year. Families of Preschool and Pre-K children are asked to volunteer ten hours of service.
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - If you have a child attending St. Catherine of Bologna School, you are automatically a member. Anyone with questions about the H.S.A., or anyone who would like to volunteer to help with a project, can contact any member of the board by going to: www.stcatherineofbolognahsa.com

Hospitality

The Hospitality Ministry promotes community support throughout the parish and should serve to promote the opening and welcoming nature of the parish.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - An outgoing personality and an eagerness to include all members of the parish in all activities are required.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone in the parish can participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Approximately two to four hours per month

Jr. High Youth Group

Jr. Youth Group is for parish children in grades 6-8. We meet once a month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Our meetings usually consist of an activity to help the children become comfortable with each other, a religious-themed activity/lesson, and a time to socialize. Adults volunteer to run the activities and make/serve snacks.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - The requirements for children joining the youth group are to fill out a registration form with emergency contact information and to pay a small registration fee. Adults working directly with the children are required to have completed the “Protecting God’s Children” training. Adults who have not been trained can help with the snacks and activities as long as someone trained is present.
- Who can participate in this ministry?

- Any child in grades 6-8, parishioner or non-parishioner, can belong to Jr. Youth Group. Any adult trained in “Protecting God’s Children” may volunteer for any amount of time. Adults who have not gone through the training may not be alone with the children.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Jr. Youth group meets once a month from October to June. Adults may volunteer for any or all meetings. They may come to help during the entire meeting, or they may come for part of the meeting.

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus Council 6212 (K of C) is an organization of Catholic men. The K of C was formed 125 years ago and is based on the four principles of Charity, Fraternity, Unity and Patriotism.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A sincere interest in becoming part of a fraternal group of Catholic men
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Men who are practicing Catholics, and at least 18 years of age, can join.
- What is the time commitment?
 - It is up to the individual. The council has a business meeting once a month and presents a Lecture Night at least six times a year. K of C Council #6212 is very active in the parish. The council has renovated the Upper Parish Center and the backyard of the Rectory. It sponsors an annual basketball free-throw contest, and participates in a statewide K of C drive to raise funds to support programs for the mentally challenged. There are programs to suit every interest, and many are family oriented.
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - You can speak with any K of C member. (See the Ministry Directory.) You will be asked to complete a one-page application called a Form 100.

Lectors

Members of the Ministry of Lectors proclaim the Word of God at all liturgical functions of the parish.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Availability (scheduled), ability to proclaim well publicly, an appreciation of the written Word of God, good grooming, and appropriate attire
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any confirmed practicing Catholic, usually sophomore in high school and up. You will receive a practical session (to assess ability to read publicly and to give public speaking tools if needed).
- What is the time commitment?
 - Usually about once a month on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning, plus prep time of going over the readings at home. Lectors must arrive fifteen minutes before Mass to pray the lectors’ prayer, to make sure that the lectionary and lector’s binder are in order, and to familiarize themselves with the Prayers of the Faithful. Confession twice annually and availability for extraordinary liturgies would also be required.

Men's Annual Retreat

We are currently looking for a new retreat house. Call the Rectory for more information.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - If you have an interest in taking a break from your stressful work schedule and getting a chance to spend some quiet time with Jesus, you are a candidate.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any man in St. Catherine's Parish or any other parish is welcome. You can bring a friend or relative to share the experience.
- What is the time commitment?
 - This is a weekend retreat starting about 6 p.m. on Friday evening with dinner and ending on Sunday about 1 p.m. after the noon Mass. Private room and meals are included as well as a stimulating Passionist retreat program that helps with your spiritual development.
- How do I join this ministry?
 - Call the contact person listed in the Ministry Directory. You will be notified about the upcoming retreat. We advertise in the parish bulletin in March and April of each year. We also form carpool(s) to Riverdale. If you have an interest or would like more information, just let us know. There is no obligation.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Selected and trained parishioners of St Catherine's distribute the Sacred Body and Blood of Our Lord at Sunday, Holy Day and daily Masses.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - All Ministers must have received the sacrament of Confirmation, been interviewed by Msgr. Pat, participated in the training, and be certified by the Bishop. Upon completion of training, each minister receives a handbook containing a summary of the training. These instructions are important and must be followed. We stress to all Ministers of Holy Communion the importance of commitment to this ministry.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone who is a St Catherine parishioner who has received the sacrament of Confirmation, has good standing in the community, and is in a state of grace can participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Presently, due to our small group, all Ministers of Holy Communion serve at their selected Masses three times a month with usually one weekend off.

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry provides uplifting and liturgically appropriate music for parish Masses.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - An intermediate or better level of performance as a musician or singer and a desire to contribute your talents to the liturgies are required.
- Who can participate in this ministry?

- Any singer or musician at an intermediate or higher level, who is willing to commit to regular appearances at rehearsals on Wednesday evenings and Masses on Sundays, may participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - We rehearse frequently (not every week) on Wednesday evenings, typically from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Masses follow the parish schedule.

Office Support

This ministry consists of volunteers who assist the parish staff with assembling bulk mailings, filing, working on special projects, inserting special flyers into the bulletin, as well as phone and door coverage during a staff person's absence.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - General office skills and a detail-oriented aptitude are required.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any active parishioner, high-school age or older, may participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - As needed

Parish Picnic

We arrange and coordinate the parish's annual picnic. The picnic has grown over the past couple of years with approximately 500 people attending the 2008 picnic. It is usually held the third Sunday of September.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - No experience is required – just time and a willingness to help.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Teenagers and adults. The pre-event tasks include selling tickets, praying for good weather, organizing games, and ordering supplies. On the weekend of the picnic, food is prepped on Friday evening and Saturday morning. Drivers are needed on Saturday to transport provisions. On Sunday we set up the picnic grounds at around 10 a.m. Cooking starts around noon; Mass is at 12:45, and the foodservice starts at 2 p.m. At 5 p.m. the clean-up starts. We need people with trucks or vans to bring everything back to the parish center in one trip. The day is over around 6:30. Many hands make work light!
- What is the time commitment?
 - Usually around one to two hours, but if someone wants to do more there is the need. The planning begins about a month in advance, but most of the work is the week/weekend of the picnic. This is a great way to meet people and help out without a long-term commitment.

Patron of the Arts Association

You must be a dedicated, upbeat person with a professional demeanor willing to volunteer your time for an intense two-week period prior to and during the photo and art exhibition (the first two weeks of March). You must attend monthly meetings the rest of the year to plan and fine-tune the next year's exhibition.

- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anybody who loves the arts, loves our community, and will work hard to successfully present one of North Jersey's premiere art events can participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The time commitment varies as to each person's responsibilities and can be from as little as a few hours to hundreds of hours per person. We will work with each volunteer to put him/her into a volunteer position that best suits that person's interests, talents and time constraints.

Performing Arts Guild

This guild is a parish organization directed by an executive board to Produce, as professionally as possible, a summer musical presentation for the community at large Assist other parish organizations with their theatrical/artistic productions throughout the year.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - In the spirit of our parish patron saint, a member seeks to:
 - Use theater arts as a gift from God . . . for the glory of God and for serving God's people - making them laugh, cry, think, and forget about their troubles for a few moments
 - Raise money for the parish's building fund to provide for Performing Arts Guild needs and parish center needs.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Adults, youth, and children, both parishioners and non-parishioners, can participate. The Executive Board consists of: Chair, Production Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, Technical Manager, Publicity, and Liaison with other groups. Adult Executive Board members/Parent Wranglers must be "Protecting God's Children" certified.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Scheduled workdays, rehearsals, and performances for the summer production
 - Availability for other parish organizations
 - Guild meeting attendance by Executive Board members

Pilgrim Statue of Fatima

The Statue of Fatima makes a weekly pilgrimage to the homes of those who wish to invite Our Lady. Family and friends gather to say the rosary, prayers, hymns, and prayers for our Holy Father. Each Saturday the host delivers the statue to the next family on the list.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Sign-up is on the first weekend of October after each Mass or call the person listed in the Ministry Directory after that date. (First come, first served)
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone who would love to have Mary join the family for a week. (Saturday to Saturday)
- What is the time commitment?
 - A one-week visit. Family and friends can gather to pray the rosary and other prayers for special intentions, especially peace in our world.

Prayer Chain

The rectory calls in names of those who are ill, dying, or in need of prayers to the Prayer Chain Chairperson. That person forwards the name to the first person on the list, who forwards it to the second, etc. It continues as a chain. We pray for the individual(s) as often as we can. The prayer chain members keep a log with the date, name, illness, etc. in order to keep the individual(s) in their daily prayers.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Call the contact person in the Ministry Directory and your name will be placed on the list.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone!
- What is the time commitment?
 - A phone call plus your prayers for the person needing the help

Pre-Cana Team

This ministry concerns preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Meetings are held at least twice annually with engaged couples. PreCana team members talk about their lives as committed married couples - complete with fun and foibles - to encourage the engaged couples to think deeply about their relationships. Engaged couples are given lists of questions and are asked to share their answers with each other. The purpose is to ensure that they haven't been ignoring serious issues which all married couples must face.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Team spouses must be willing to share a bit of their own married lives with engaged couples.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any married couple with a commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage and a desire to share this commitment with engaged couples is welcome to join this ministry.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Generally we hold two sessions a year – one in the spring and one in the fall, each including a Sunday, midweek night, and Friday night from 7:30 until 10 p.m. Team couples need not attend every session (although we encourage the team members to come as often as possible). Babysitters will be supplied.

Respect Life Committee

This committee furthers respect for and protection of all human life from conception through all stages of growth, dependence, or disability until natural death. Our tools are prayer, education, and action as individuals and parishioners, cooperating with our diocese and pro-life organizations.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A resolve to pray for, and a desire to learn about, the critical issues that threaten human life
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Adults and teens
- What is the time commitment?
 - Two hours at a committee meeting a few times a year, your personal prayer time, and your choice of helping with: bagel sales, praying at the annual Life Chain demonstration in Clifton, occasional post card campaigns, responding to legislative alerts from the diocesan office, participation in prayer vigils as your personal schedule permits.
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - Speak to a member after one of our Sunday morning bagel sales or see the Ministry Directory.

Ringwood Hunger Walk

Ringwood religious congregations come together each October to sponsor a hunger walk (at your own pace) aimed at raising money to help ease the pain of hunger and to provide needed assistance here in Ringwood,

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Get a walker's sponsor form to request a donation, or make a personal donation
 - Walk a route of 1 to 4 miles (at the level most comfortable for you) in Ringwood State Park, beginning at Shepherd Lake.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone
- What is the time commitment?
 - Getting sponsors, turning in donations at Shepherd Lake, and walking time
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - Call the parish office @ (973) 962-7032.

Ringwood Interfaith Association

R.I.C.E. (Ringwood Interfaith Community Education) is composed of people from many different faiths who wish to join together to bring more interfaith dialogue, learning, and service to Ringwood's religious congregations and clergy.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A desire to join together with members of other religious congregations to make our community stronger.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone
- What is the time commitment?

- Participate in R.I.C.E. as you wish: on committees, in activities and/or religious services such as Hunger Walk, Center For Food Action, Thanksgiving Service, National Day of Prayer.
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - Call the parish office @ (973) 962-7032.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The ministry of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) instructs those wishing to become Roman Catholics in the teachings, liturgies/sacraments, prayers, and practices of the Catholic faith. It usually runs from September until Easter Vigil and operates on an as-needed basis (no candidates/no ministry). At the Easter Vigil the candidates are received into the Church.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Availability, a willingness to research the Faith, and ability to teach effectively are all elements necessary to this ministry. A team spirit and reliability are needed.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone who is willing to understand more profoundly the ins and outs of Catholicism and who can communicate the Faith to converts. Persons of deep faith who are comfortable in the Catholic skin and who are willing to put aside personal opinions and remain faithful to presenting the Church as she sees herself would be a non-negotiable requirement. This allows the candidates to make a true judgment about their conversion call.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Personal research time is necessary for course preparation (need not be entirely redone every year – may be updated). Classes are usually two times monthly for 1-1/2 hours.
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - To be part of the team or if interested in attending RCIA instruction, call the rectory.
 - You can check the bulletin or call the rectory for schedule @ (973) 962-7032.

Safe Environment (Protecting God’s Children)

“Protecting God’s Children” is a diocesan policy “Certified Volunteer Process” for all parish volunteers participating in Saint Catherine of Bologna Parish and School events. It provides clear diocesan standards of ministerial behavior and appropriate boundaries for those who have regular contact with children and young people.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A willingness to uphold Catholic values and conduct that are rooted in the Gospel provide an atmosphere of absolute integrity for our young people and for each other at youth events in St. Catherine of Bologna Parish adhere to the “Code of Pastoral Conduct” register with the “Virtus” program.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone 18 years of age and older who has had a background check for St. Catherine of Bologna Church attends the “Protecting God’s Children Seminar” and signs up for the “Virtus” Program signs the “Code of Pastoral Conduct” for the Diocese of Paterson
- What is the time commitment?
 - A 3-hour seminar plus background check and signing the code

Seniors

St. Catherine of Bologna Seniors are an interfaith group from Ringwood and surrounding towns who play, pray, and spend time together. They enjoy cards, crafts, gardening, trips, and learning from different educational speakers. They volunteer for a variety of parish functions including the annual Photo, Art, Poetry & Music Show, and the Performing Arts Guild. Special events during the year include Christmas and St. Patrick's Day parties, annual barbeque, picnic-in-the-park, a Thanksgiving Sharing Dinner, and more.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A willingness to share your time, talents, and ideas. There is an annual dues of \$10.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - You must be at least 55 years young
- What is the time commitment?
 - Meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the parish center. Come whenever you choose.

Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Committee selects worthy causes to receive the parish weekly "cents collection" (loose change and single dollars placed in the collection baskets). This ministry strives to create awareness and provide opportunities to engage parishioners in the social mission of the Church. The committee has adopted three on-going projects: The Save Darfur campaign, The Women and Children Development Organization (in support of Sr. Lavina Gill's mission in Pakistan), and an Emergency Fund for a parishioner in need.

- What is required to become part of this ministry?
 - A desire to promote action on behalf of justice for people who are poor and vulnerable; a living out of our Baptismal call to promote works of mercy and transformation of the world.
- Who can participate?
 - This ministry is open to all persons seeking social justice – high school age and up.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Meetings are held in the church Rectory Conference Room on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. for a period of one to two hours. Participants may wish to volunteer their time for occasional social justice projects.

Spirituality & Films

Come together at 7:30 (Day of the week changes), in the parish center upper room, to watch Classic films and to learn from them spirituality and humanity for our daily life. Father Paul will direct the evening.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - To be a part of this ministry is to have a serious interest in spirituality and humanity in relation to films.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Everyone is invited to participate. Come to the Parish Center on the assigned dates.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The films will be in the evening and the dates will be listed in the church bulletin. The program will start at 7:30 PM

St. Catherine of Bologna School

St. Catherine of Bologna School nurtures the growth of each student from pre-school through grade 8. Choosing to live gospel values, we create an environment which fosters the balance of education and faith.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - To become a teacher you must have a Bachelors Degree and N.J. Certification. To volunteer you must come for an interview, be fingerprinted, and participate in the “Protecting God’s Children” program.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Teachers, teacher-aides, volunteers (to assist with lunch, playground, classroom activities) and teens who wish to assist in our Extended Day Program from 3:30-6:30 p.m. can all participate.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The time commitment is flexible depending on the specific role as an educator or as a volunteer.
- How do I join this ministry? Whom do I contact?
 - Call for an interview with the principal, Sr. Theresa, at (973)-962-7131.

Stewardship

Jesus’ disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager to use them to show our love for God and for one another. We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards. We act on behalf of a loving God who expects us to render an account of our use of the resources that have been entrusted to our care. It is the purpose of this ministry to foster the belief that stewardship is a way of life by helping parishioners get closer to Jesus and advance the mission of Church. Stewardship works to support and enhance other active ministries in our parish.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - To be considered for this ministry, one must have a faith that is alive beyond the Sunday commitment. One must have a spirit to look beyond and have a vision for the Kingdom of God here and now. A sincere commitment to our parish is a must.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any active adults who are interested in this ministry may contact the rectory to express their interest. Stewards are chosen by the pastor, and all positions have term limits.
- What is the time commitment?
 - This ministry has an extensive time commitment. It will vary according to activities planned for the year.

Ushers & Greeters

This ministry prepares the church before/after each Mass, assists and greets parishioners both before and after Masses, assists the priest, answers any questions, or provides direction to parishioners, collects offeratory during the Mass from the parishioners, organizes the procession of gifts to the altar, provides direction at Communion, and distributes the bulletins at the end of Mass.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - There are no requirements.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Parishioners over the age of 18 can participate in this ministry.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Come early (15 minutes) and stay after (15 minutes) Mass. Support the Ministry by performing various functions during the Mass. There are occasional meetings.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (“VBS”) is a fun, faith-filled experience for all participants. Each summer we run a program for children entering grades pre-K through 5. The program runs Monday – Friday (usually the first full week after the 4th of July holiday) from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The theme varies from year to year. Daily activities include a Bible story with related classroom activities, skits, sports, snack, art & music. The children perform a show for their parents in a closing ceremony on Friday evening. Adult volunteers and student aides (grades 6 and up) are needed to supervise the children. Positions vary from teaching to serving snacks.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - All adult volunteers must have “Protecting God’s Children” certification.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Certified adults and children entering grade 6 or higher.
- What is the time commitment?
 - 15 hours

Vocations

The purpose of this ministry is to create vocation awareness by uniting all parish organizations and parishioners to actively and prayerfully encourage vocation discernment. Everyone has a vocation: marriage, parenting, single life, as well as diocesan priests, religious order priests, brothers and sisters. This ministry places a strong emphasis on priesthood and religious life because it is less prevalent than the others in our lives.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A willingness to give time and a commitment to strengthening vocation awareness is required. Our goal is to help lead members of our community to consider priesthood and religious life.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Volunteer as needed and attend a few committee meetings a year

Website www.scobp.org

St. Catherine's existing website is already an excellent online communication tool. It contains relevant information about the parish, school, ongoing activities, spiritual enrichment, ministries, groups, and religious links, to name a few. The weekly bulletin can also be found on the website along with "Catherine's Canticles". There is a wealth of information at your fingertips!

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - A desire to help, along with a knowledge of website design and maintenance
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Anyone, young or old, with website expertise
- What is the time commitment?
 - As much time as you desire

Women's Annual Retreat

We are currently looking for a new retreat house.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - We advertise in the parish bulletin in September. Participants call in to reserve a room and, in most cases, a ride.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any woman from St. Catherine's Parish or any other parish is welcome. They often bring a friend or relative with them.
- What is the time commitment?
 - The weekend retreat takes place the third weekend in October. We arrive at the retreat house about 6 p.m. on Friday and return home Sunday about 1 p.m. There is no other time commitment.
- How do I join this ministry? / Whom do I contact?
 - Call the contact persons listed in the Ministry Directory, and your name will be added to the list. You will be notified about the upcoming retreat in August-September.

LIFE Youth Ministry (Living In Faith Everyday)

Youth ministry seeks to reach out to high school-aged parishioners and give them a moment to gather as Catholic teens in the hope of creating a more perceived identity of their place in the Church. It seeks to foster a sense of belonging to the parish and to respond to the problems of adolescence with Catholic values, morals, and teachings. It is a moment when the teens can question, grow, and be challenged to become mature men/women in the Faith.

- What is required to become a part of this ministry?
 - Ability to work with kids
 - Availability for regularly scheduled and extraordinarily scheduled events
 - A deep practical Faith and patience as we watch the teens grow.
- Who can participate in this ministry?
 - Any adult or confirmed teen can participate in this ministry. Adult volunteers must have "Protecting God's Children" certification.
- What is the time commitment?
 - Two monthly meetings (3 hours a session) and one monthly planning session (1 hour)