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Ministries

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Christianity can be more fun and authentic when it's social. This book is designed to let people know about different clubs, small groups, and social organizations that exist officially at Holy Spirit Parish. Whether you are looking for a way to help others, help the parish, or simply to meet others, these groups may be able to make you feel more at home and comfortable at our Church and can push you to further live out your Christian vocation to love God and neighbor.

I am very proud of the number of parishioners at Holy Spirit that take the social aspect of their faith seriously through commitment to one of these groups. You may also find other unofficial small groups that are not publicized through our parish office, or you may want to start a more private group with your church friends to pray, study, or do works of charity. May this book help you to consider a small group.

In Christ,

Fr. Anthony Dill, Pastor

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PARISH MINISTRY AND ACTIVITIES

ADORERS

Anyone who officially signs up for a regular hour of prayer in our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. It is our goal to eventually have two people registered to be in the chapel for every hour of the day, every day of the week.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Diane Bird: adorers@hspalmyra.com.

ADULT FAITH STUDY

Holy Spirit has various opportunities for adult education, usually based off of our subscription to Formed.org.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions. Please contact Daniel Colón: faithstudy@hspalmyra.com.

ALTAR MINISTRY

ALTAR SERVERS

Students from 4th grade to senior year that help set up for Mass and serve at the Altar during Mass. Training is held when needed. Schedules are published in four-month increments.

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Kathie Bertrand: altar@hspalmyra.com. Watch the bulletin for announcements about training for new servers.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

People with devotion to the Eucharist who help the priest distribute Holy Communion at Mass. There is brief training with a sacristan, Father Anthony, and eventually the Diocese. Scheduling occurs every four months and training is done when needed. Extraordinary Ministers are also permitted to help Caring Ministry by taking communion to assisted living homes.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Kathie Bertrand: altar@hspalmyra.com.

LECTORS

If you have a devotion to the scriptures and a strong voice, you may be called to proclaim the Word at Weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation. For more information, please contact Pat DiNunzio: altar@hspalmyra.com.

ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

A group that helps organize documents and items from our parish's history for display and writing a history of the church.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact: archives@hspalmyra.com.

ARIMATHEANS

The Arimatheans are parishioners who pray for the faithful departed and their survivors by attending the funerals. Members are contacted when there is a funeral Mass or service. This ministry is part of the Bereavement Ministry.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Janet Binner: arimatheans@hspalmyra.com.

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE

The Benevolence committee meets at least quarterly. They receive referrals from people needing short term financial assistance to pay a bill.

If you are interested in joining the committee, would like more information or have questions please contact 717-838-3369, ext. 112.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Bereavement Ministry offers support and friendship to those who have lost a loved one. The support consists of cards, phone calls and an invitation to an annual Mass of Remembrance, New Beginnings is a social group that meets monthly for dinner. The ministry plans for the Mass of Remembrance and arranges the New Beginnings breakfast.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Janet Binner: bereavement@hspalmyra.com.

BLESSED IS SHE

Blessed is She is a Catholic women's community group here at Holy Spirit committed to deepening a life of prayer starting with group meetups and a supportive sisterhood. The group is for all women who are interested in finding a supportive community to help deepen their understanding of our Catholic faith.

We usually meet twice a month in the multipurpose room for fellowship, prayer and bible study, as well as community outreach and an occasional potluck. We invite you to join us! Learn more about the Blessed is She program here. "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire." – St. Catherine of Siena.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Heather Moran: blessedisshe@hspalmyra.com.

BOWLING TEAM

Holy Spirit has teams in a Palmyra area church league at Palmyra Bowling on Monday nights.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Jake Reidmiller: bowling@hspalmyra.com.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is designed to improve and maintain our Parish facilities both inside and outside. It meets regularly with our Facilities Coordinator, Chris Wood, to discuss any needed repairs and upgrades and how to best go about completing them. This committee works with our Decorating Committee at times to make any permanent decisions in regards to church décor and how to best implement them. The committee will organize volunteers to complete these tasks and if hiring professionals is needed will bid that work out as well.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Chris Wood: grounds@hspalmyra.com.

CARING MINISTRY

The Caring Ministry is comprised of dedicated Extraordinary Ministers who bring Holy Communion to the Catholic residents in our local nursing homes and to our homebound parishioners every Sunday. We give a short Communion service, which includes reading the Sunday Gospel.

Our Goal is to have an Extraordinary Minister at each nursing home for every Sunday of the month, including the fifth Sundays that occur four times a year.

Since we aim to have four to five Extraordinary Ministers assigned to each facility, we are in the process of filling those volunteer positions. This coverage ensures that no one is overly burdened, and each group can cover for each other, whenever someone needs to switch dates.

You will receive training prior to starting the ministry. A pyx is supplied, along with a laminated Communion Service Booklet. The Extraordinary Ministers attend the 8:30 AM Mass on the Sundays when they are scheduled to bring Holy Communion.

If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister but have not received training, Father Anthony can issue an initial mandate until a Diocesan training is available.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Muriel Farrell: caring@hspalmyra.com.

CENACLE OF THE MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS

“My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way to lead you to God.” (Our Lady of Fatima 2nd apparition on June 13, 1917). We are a faithful “little Flock” which Our Blessed Lady is forming and guarding each day.

We are a prayer group, a unit of the worldwide organization, the Marian Movement of Priests. It was started by the Blessed Mother in 1972. The Cenacle proposes three commitments to life:

- 1) Consecration of Priests, Religious and Laity to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- 2) Unity with the Pope and with the Bishops.
- 3) Leading the faithful to live the spiritual experience of Consecration to Our Blessed Mother. Cenacle has spread to every part of the world, in a silent and discreet way, as a beneficial medicine for healing the numerous grave evils that our Holy Mother Church is suffering in these painful and difficult times in which we live.

We meet every Tuesday from 3:30 – 4:30pm in the Multipurpose Room. Come join us for an hour of prayer and Marian Devotions. “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Mt:20). Please bring your rosary. Books will be provided.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Bernice Bossler: cenacle@hspalmyra.com.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

We provide a joyful, nurturing, safe environment where children from our parish can learn to sing hymns and songs of praise, learn their purpose in the liturgy, and provide music at Sunday Children’s Masses held throughout the school year. Typically, choir members are in grades K through 6, but any child from Holy Spirit is welcome to be part of the choir!

Practice is held weekly on Tuesday evenings (Sept through May) from 6:00 to 6:45pm. Children can attend anytime their schedule permits.

If your child is interested in joining the Children’s Choir, or if you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Holly Serio: childrenschoir@hspalmyra.com.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children’s Liturgy of the Word invites all children ages 4-6 (pre-K through 1st grade) to pray and hear the Gospel proclaimed to them in a small group setting during Sunday Mass. Children will hear that particular Sunday’s Gospel and do a short age-appropriate discussion about the reading. After praying together the Prayers of the Faithful, there is also time for an activity sheet related to the week’s readings. The Liturgical calendar and seasons are also highlighted. Children return to Mass after the Homily. This ministry engages and encourages children to participate more fully in the Mass and to become more aware of our liturgical seasons. No special registration is required; please join us at the 11:00am Mass.

Scheduled event dates: Sundays, during the 11:00am Mass (currently year round) in a PREP classroom.

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Daniel Colón: childrensliturgy@hspalmyra.com.

CHOIR

The choir sings under the direction of Rich Druby. They sing at Mass on Sundays, both at the 8:30am and 11:00am Masses. They also sing on Holy Days and other special occasions. Rehearsal is usually on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. All are welcome to try and join, and perfect attendance is not a requirement. Musicians are also welcomed to accompany the choir.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Rich Druby: choir@hspalmyra.com.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

The task of the people in the Collection Counter Ministry is to process the Sunday giving according to the rules and guidelines of the Diocese of Harrisburg. Must be good with numbers and have experience with a calculator. There are always at least two (2) people scheduled at a time and we schedule quarterly with most people counting twice during the quarter. They also may be tasked with counting at various fundraising events, such as Festival and Fish Fry.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Janet Parks: counters@hspalmyra.com.

DECORATING COMMITTEE

The Decorating Committee is a ministry made up of parishioners who use their talents to ensure the church interior and exterior is appropriately decorated year-round to give glory to God and be pleasing and welcoming to our parish community and visitors to Holy Spirit Catholic Church. At the direction of the Maintenance & Facilities Coordinator, we are responsible for feast day & special occasion flower arrangements, Christmas decorations, artwork and accessories inside the church, and beautifying the church grounds. In addition to the members of this Committee, we have a group of parishioners who will assist with decorating and beautification on an as-needed basis. We gather to work on seasonal projects such as Advent, Christmas, Easter, and other special occasions.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Kate Reed or Chris Wood: decomm@hspalmyra.com.

FESTIVAL

A committee that meets monthly and plans and directs our annual festival goals, logistics and subcommittees.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Jeff Sommer: festival@hspalmyra.com.

FINANCE COUNCIL

Canon 537: "Each parish is to have a Finance Council which is regulated by universal law as well as norms issued by the Diocesan Bishop; in this council the Christian faithful, selected according to the same norms, aid the pastor in the administration of parish goods with due regard for the prescription of Canon 532 (The pastor represents the parish in all juridical affairs in accord with the norm of the law)."

The Finance Committee's Responsibilities are: Faith Giving Program, Annual Budget, Monthly Financial Report Review, Appropriate Controls, Long Range Financial Plan, Bequest Program and to insulate the Pastor. The Finance Committee shall have no less than three (3) and no more than nine (9) members and it is recommended the committee is an odd number. A rotation of membership should be done periodically while retaining at least one member for continuity. A quorum shall consist of the majority of members. The Finance Committee will consist of a Chairperson appointed by the Pastor and a Secretary who will be responsible for the recording and distribution of minutes. All members should act in the interest of the Parish rather than personal interest. Members are appointed by the Pastor for a fixed term. Members should maintain confidentiality on matters such as agendas, meeting minutes, and review materials if designated as confidential. All members should have a background in accounting or finance.

The Finance Committee meets every other month on a Thursday evening at 6:30PM (*exception may be budget season when we may need an additional meeting).*

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Janet Parks: financecouncil@hspalmyra.com.

FISH FRY

The Lenten Fish Fry is an event where we as a parish invite our parishioners and members of the local community to join us for dinner and enjoy some time getting to know each other. We serve fried and baked fish, shrimp, crab cakes, clam strips, pierogis, soup and macaroni and cheese. We also provide home baked desserts generously donated by the members of the parish.

We serve meals from 3:00 - 7:00pm every Friday during Lent. The preparations begin Thursday morning, and cleanup on Friday ends around 9:00pm. We can always use help in preparing, working at the fish fry and cleaning up after the fish fry every week. If this does not fit your schedule, donations of desserts, soda and bottled water to serve our guests are always needed.

If you are interested in joining us or donating, need more information or have any questions, please contact John Ciardullo: fishfry@hspalmyra.com.

FOLK GROUP

We provide music for the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Practice is every Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:30pm; anyone is welcome to join!

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Holly Serio: folkgroup@hspalmyra.com.

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY

In development

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you are a male over the age of 18 and would like to be part of an international organization of nearly 2 million Catholic men whose principal work involves helping others in need, we'd like to meet you and invite you to join.

The Knights originated as a fraternal benefits society with principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We provide both financial and volunteer hours support in our parish and community. We meet at Holy Spirit in the social hall once a month to discuss and coordinate the various charitable projects with which we are involved.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Tom Szeltner: knights@hspalmyra.com.

LEGION OF MARY AND AUXILIARY

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, they serve the Church and their neighbors on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. There are approximately 2 3/4 million active members and 10 million auxiliary (praying) members worldwide. The Legion's spirituality is centered on the Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier, the One who not only overshadowed Mary in the work of the Incarnation but also came down upon the Apostles on Pentecost. The Legion provides a framework to develop our personal relationship with the Holy Trinity and Our Lady and it is a way to put our Catholic Faith into action. Following Jesus command at the Ascension to continue His teaching of the Gospel message, we place ourselves in partnership with Mary. We give our all and she gives her all. By uniting with Mary in her army, she brings us into a closer union with her Divine Son. Is Our Lady calling you to be a part of her Legion? Questions? Please contact: legionofmary@hspalmyra.com.

MARRIAGE MENTORS

Married couples meet with engaged couples from the parish to discuss basic topics and help prepare them for their marriage at Holy Spirit. There is diocesan level training and curriculum to help facilitate the mentoring. For more information, please contact: marriagementors@hspalmyra.com.

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Our parish office uses volunteer parishioners to assist with receptionist duties. Duties involve greeting visitors, answering the phone, preparing Mass cards, making copies, proofreading documents, and other light office tasks as needed. We also use volunteers to stuff inserts into the bulletins and process bulk mailings as needed.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have questions, please contact Lori Jasper: officevolunteers@hspalmyra.com.

PARISH COUNCIL

A group of members either appointed or elected that represent the stable parish community. They meet 4-6 times a year on Wednesday evenings to facilitate communication between the pastor, parishioners, and the Diocese in order to promote the mission. This facilitation includes helping the pastor to be aware of past traditions and anticipated needs or goals of the parish and to prioritize them. For more information, please contact Kate Reed: parishcouncil@hspalmyra.com.

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

Catholic Formation and preparation for receiving the sacraments for students who do not receive Religious Education at their school. First grade through fifth grade meets on Sunday mornings 9:35-10:45am and sixth through eighth grade meet Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30pm. Catechists are volunteers and can start out as a classroom aide if interested.

Religious formation for children ages 3 to Kindergarten is called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). Founded in the 1950s by two Italian lay women, one a scriptural scholar and one an expert in Montessori education, CGS is a simple, attractive method for sharing the richness of the Faith with young children, who are uniquely capable of accepting the beauty of God's love. The program includes time in the "Atrium," a quiet environment where children learn through tactile engagement.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact our CRE Daniel Colón: PREP@hspalmyra.com.

PRISON MINISTRY

Holy Spirit Parish supports prison ministry through both spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Fr. Anthony provides Mass to the inmates at the Lebanon County Correction Facility (LCCF) and a parishioner has been providing ecumenical pastoral care on the women's block for many years. She also provides pastoral care at Dauphin County Prison (DCP) as a volunteer block chaplain to women.

The parish has financially supported this ministry by assisting in supplying handouts to help the inmates heal and grow. Parishioners have supported this ministry through prayer, including prayer for inmates considering an abortion and advocating for a fairer judicial system. Other parishioners have ministered to inmates through the Legion of Mary and Prison Christian Growth Group.

If you are interested in any aspect of prison ministry, including advocating for reform of the judicial system and/or rehabilitation of those addicted to opiate prescriptions or other drugs, mentoring inmates, need more information or have any questions, please contact Doris Witmer: prisonministry@hspalmyra.com.

RESPECT FOR LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect for Life Ministry at Holy Spirit Church is a newly established group of men and women working together to promote life in our community for unwed mothers. We have helped out with donations to Susquehanna Valley Pregnancy Services in Lebanon.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Art Bond: life@hspalmyra.com.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process of preparation for Adults seeking to enter the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Who is this process for? 1. Those who have never been baptized, who wish to become Catholic; 2. Those who have been baptized in a different denomination or tradition who wish to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist; 3. Those who have been baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation and are ready to complete their initiation.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Josette Houri: RCIA@hspalmyra.com.

SENIOR SPIRIT

We are a group of seniors that meets on the First Friday of the month for Mass at 9:00am, followed by breakfast. We meet September through June. A yearly contribution of \$10.00 per member is appreciated but not mandatory. A group of five or six members volunteer to host a meeting. The group decides what they will serve for breakfast.

Holidays are celebrated with a festive luncheon. We usually meet on the first Friday of the month at 11:00am for Mass, followed by the luncheon. A fee may be charged for the luncheon.

We get together for a picnic for our June meeting. If you wish to bring something to share, a covered dish or a dessert is welcomed and appreciated.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Pat DiNunzio: seniorspirit@hspalmyra.com.

SHINE FAITH AND FITNESS MINISTRY

We are a group that meets several times a week for faith-infused exercise classes. Our mission is to improve health, reduce and manage stress and share some good times and laughter so we can all SHINE BRIGHTER to better serve God! Class formats offered include: Fresh Air Faith Walk; Chair Aerobics; Relaxation Stretch; Cardio & Strength Timed Circuits and more. Classes take place in the Old Church and are taught by a certified fitness instructor/accredited personal trainer.

Most sessions last 60-75 minutes. All workouts begin with an opening prayer and then continue to the scheduled class format. The last 15-20 minutes is reserved for a peaceful, prayer filled meditation period, which includes a scripture reading, reflection and stretches. It's everyone's favorite part of class!

A SHINE schedule is issued monthly and is available in the Narthex and on the church website. Participants (open to both parishioners and non-parishioners) are encouraged to obtain a doctor's permission before participating in classes. A good will offering is accepted and used to fund equipment for the program. Items you can bring to class are a blanket and a pillow (for the prayerful meditation part of class) an exercise mat, towel and water bottle. Let your heart and soul SHINE in this exercise ministry.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact ministry organizer and class instructor Tina Kowalski: shine@hspalmyra.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE - PACC EVENTS AND REPRESENTATIVE AND LCCM REPRESENTATIVE

The Social Justice Ministry, Living Our Faith, is based on the Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. These are: life and dignity of the human person; call to family, community and participation; rights and responsibilities; option for the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and the rights of workers; solidarity and care for God's creation. We believe in the dignity and worth of every person, and work to address the needs of those who are most vulnerable and have the least voice in our society/community. Our mission is to bring awareness and educate our community on existing injustices, to bring about change and to serve others less fortunate. We do this through education programs, bulletin blurbs, direct service, advocacy, charitable works and donations. We meet on an as-needed basis. The ministry welcomes new members and volunteers for various activities, such as food donations to the Caring Cupboard, sorting cards from the Christmas Card Collection, and donating to specific charities during the annual Bethlehem Mall.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Doris Witmer: socialjustice@hspalmyra.com.

SOFTBALL TEAM

The Palmyra Area Church Softball League was created over 25 years ago so area churches from the Palmyra/Hershey area could enjoy fun and fellowship in competition of slow pitch softball. We meet in May, June, July (and sometimes August) on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings on area baseball fields like Mt. Wilson, Community Bible, and South Annville. Every game is started with a prayer or devotion by the home team. Each team fee is \$150 for the entire season (church supplies). Shirts and hats, over the years, have been covered by PA Central Credit Union. Sometimes a request is issued for help with equipment when needed.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Matt Dishong or Bob Hopstetter: softball@hspalmyra.com.

SPARKLING HEARTS CLEANING MINISTRY

We are the Holy Spirit Church Housekeepers! We work together to complete various cleaning duties like vacuuming the church, wiping down and disinfecting pews and mopping floors. We clean smears off windows and pick up Cheerios and snacks left behind by God's little angels. We dust, tidy up and collect trash if needed. We also clean the bathrooms. Our focus is the Main Church, Narthex and Adoration Chapel, but we also help out with the Social Hall and Old Church. Wherever there is a need...Sparkling Hearts is there. Grab your rubber gloves and join us!

We typically meet once a week, on Friday or Saturday mornings. A schedule is issued monthly. Attend whatever sessions you are available for, no need to RSVP.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact ministry organizer Tina Kowalski: sparklinghearts@hspalmyra.com.

THREADS OF HOPE

We are a group of knitters and crocheters who create prayer shawls, lap throws, baby items and specialty items as needed for the parish and any who would benefit. Anyone who enjoys crafting is encouraged to join. We will teach basic knitting and crocheting techniques to new members as needed. Yarn is provided for the projects and funds/supplies are available but most members provide their own materials. Our projects this past winter were recycling plastic bags into mats for the homeless, slippers for Father's visits to the homebound and pocket shawls for Confirmation and First Communion students.

We meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 7:00-8:00pm. You may join us at any time.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Rebecca Kennelly: threads@hspalmyra.com.

USHERS/GREETERS MINISTRY

As ushers, we greet and welcome parishioners and visitors into the Church and assist worshippers in finding seats. We assist handicapped individuals in the sanctuary with seating, provide hearing enhancement aids to those in need, and provide medical assistance when necessary. We maintain the sanctity of the Mass for all. We record the attendance at each Mass for the office staff, coordinate a family to take up the gifts, and then place the collection in a secure location. We also assist with outside grounds maintenance during inclement weather. At the end of Mass, we distribute the bulletins to the congregation.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Glenn Ward: ushers@hspalmyra.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The program is held one week in the evening, usually over the summer, which combines religious education programs with crafts and social activities. It is open to children 4 years old up to those finishing Fifth Grade. Youth finishing 6th grade and older can serve as Youth Aides. Adult volunteers are also needed.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Daniel Colón: VBS@hspalmyra.com.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Participates in the Palmyra Area Churches volleyball league. The games are played inside in the evening in late winter/early spring.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information or have any questions, please contact Jen Cook: volleyball@hspalmyra.com.

WELCOME COMMITTEE

We are the committee in charge of helping to welcome new members of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Our duties involve personally meeting new members of the church, delivering a welcome packet to new members, and coordinating welcoming events. The welcome packet for new members contains information such as a welcome letter from Fr. Anthony, a yearly and monthly calendar of church events, a current bulletin, and a book of all the ministries at the church. As always, whenever you see a new face at church, please introduce yourself with a warm smile.

Our committee meets three times a year.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact: welcome@hspalmyra.com.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NETWORK

The Women's Ministry Network (WMN) is a coalition of women's ministries and groups offering support and coordination among activities so that women parishioners will grow in their Catholic faith and in their love and service to one another and to our church.

The Network provides a forum for discussion and coordination among its members; it identifies the needs of the parish and women parishioners and plans and supports activities that address those interests and that increase women's participation in church activities. WMN activities include monthly meetings, retreats, and a combination of religious and social gatherings.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Susan Kelly-Dreiss: WMN@hspalmyra.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our mission is to lead teenagers into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. We hope to accomplish our mission through providing opportunities for service to others, attending retreats, and our weekly gatherings for food, fun, faith and fellowship.

Our goal is for the youth to feel like they are a very important part of our parish and to want to serve our parish and community in whatever capacity they can. They are the future of our Church worldwide!

Things we have done include:

- Volunteering at Soup Kitchen, Fish Fry, Silence of Mary House, Caring Cupboard
- Weekend retreat at Mount St. Mary's
- Monthly Youth Ministry nights at Gretna Glen
- Snow tubing, laser tag, ice skating
- And of course, we have a gaga pit!

Meetings: Every Sunday evening 4:00 – 6:00pm in the Old Church (Agape Hall).

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Becky Messimer: youthministry@hspalmyra.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY - JUNIOR

Open to all children in the parish who are in first through fifth grade. The purpose of the organization is to allow the children of the parish a chance to get together for fun (games, crafts, and activities), food, and fellowship. There is no fee to join, but a permission slip is required for each child in attendance. The permission slip needs to be filled out prior to the child attending their first event.

We meet approximately once per month from October through March. Events are publicized through the church bulletin and handouts in PREP classes. We meet for approximately two hours either at church after the 11:00am Mass or at another location in the local area.

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact Ed and Robin Burns: jyouthministry@hspalmyra.com.