



Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
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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 MINISTRIES and ACTIVITIES

## **ADORATION CHAPEL**

The Adoration Chapel at Holy Spirit Catholic Church has opened on a limited basis following the Covid outbreak of 2020. We are presently open for the following schedule:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 AM-5 PM

Tuesday from 8 AM-10 PM

Thursday from 10 AM-10 PM

Saturday 2 AM-9 AM and 7 PM-10 PM

Sunday 12 noon-1 PM and 6 PM-10 PM

for anyone who wishes to visit. The rules are posted on the door for proper procedures to follow when you visit the Chapel. These rules must be followed to provide the safety of our Adorers. We are gradually going to add hours as we get adorers to commit to the times either before or after these hours. As many of you know we have had the Adoration Chapel since June of 1995 but had to close it because of the Corona Virus. We presently can accommodate up to 10 visitors at a time. If you are interested in becoming a regular adorer, visiting the chapel, would like more information, or would like to have a tour, please call Bart Kaminski at 717-838-3369 ext. 111 or e-mail [adorers@hspalmyra.com](mailto:adorers@hspalmyra.com).

## **ADULT FAITH STUDY**

The Adult Faith Ministry seeks to offer faith-based, interactive opportunities and events in the form of studies (Bible, book, Advent, Lent), faith talks, communal prayer, and social activities. Adult Faith will promote faith-building events already taking place at the parish as well. We aim to offer select activities for all ages like our annual Fall Book Study. We welcome members interested in planning, leading, or attending events. No expertise or experience necessary! Just come with curiosity for faith-development and a desire for fellowship.

Direct questions to [faithstudy@hspalmyra.com](mailto:faithstudy@hspalmyra.com).

## **ALTAR MINISTRY**

### ALTAR SERVERS

Students from 4<sup>th</sup> 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 multi-month increments.

If you need more information or have any questions, please contact Christine Bromfield: [altar@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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 Deacon Jorge Reyes: [EMHC@hspalmyra.com](mailto:EMHC@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 [EMHC@hspalmyra.com](mailto:EMHC@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](mailto: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](mailto:arimatheans@hspalmyra.com).

### **AUDIO/VISUAL (A/V) MINISTRY**

The Audio/Visual ministry strives to aid the Holy Spirit parish in embracing technology to enhance faith activities. The primary service the AV ministry provides is livestreaming of both daily and weekend masses. Additional support is provided for any technology needs of the parish. More information is available on the ministry website at <https://sites.google.com/hspalmyra.com/avministry>.

If you are interested in joining, please contact [av@hspalmyra.com](mailto:av@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](mailto:bereavement@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](mailto: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, Joe Cesari, 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 [grounds@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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 [caring@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 [childrenschoir@hspalmyra.com](mailto:childrenschoir@hspalmyra.com).

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is a wonderful time for children ages 4-7 to build their relationship with God in the company of their peers. We will use the week's scripture, faith-based activities, song, and prayer to explore our faith with the help of a religious education volunteer. Listen for the announcement during 11am Mass. Children will go to a separate classroom with a volunteer before the first reading and return after the homily.

If you are interested in becoming a CLOW volunteer in either a lead or assistant role, or have additional questions, please contact Katy Dummeyer at [childrensliturgy@hspalmyra.com](mailto:childrensliturgy@hspalmyra.com).

## **CHOIR**

The choir sings under the direction of Rich Druby. They sing all year round 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 Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. All are welcome to join, ability to read music is not required, and neither is perfect attendance. Musicians are also welcome 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](mailto: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 asked to assist 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](mailto: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: [decomm@hspalmyra.com](mailto:decomm@hspalmyra.com).

## **DIVORCE CARE MINISTRY**

Divorce Care is for those who are hurting from the loss of separation or divorce. It is a 13 week biblically based program that you can join at any time. Each week we discuss different topics and watch a video series as we navigate through the healing process. We meet on Tuesday evenings from 6-7:30pm in the multi-purpose room.

If you are interested in joining us or learning more, please contact Karen at [divorcecare@hspalmyra.com](mailto:divorcecare@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](mailto: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 4 – 5 times a year.*

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

## **FOLK GROUP**

We provide music for the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday evenings. Practice is every Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00pm; 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](mailto:folkgroup@hspalmyra.com).

## **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Where do you find comfort when you are grieving the loss of a loved one? Holy Spirit Parish offers a grief support group for individuals that are suffering the loss of a spouse, an adult child, or a parent.

For more information on this ministry, please email [griefsupport@hspalmyra.com](mailto:griefsupport@hspalmyra.com).

## **HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY**

The Health and Wellness Ministry is a healing ministry, integrating the body, mind, and spirit to promote wholeness, health, and a sense of well-being, through the care of self and others, with the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as an expression of God's love and presence. Focus of the ministry is:

**H**Health education

**E**Environmental safety

**A**Advocate/Resource person

**L**Liaison to church and community resources

**T**Teacher of volunteers; developer of parish support groups

**H**ear and assist parishioners with concerns of body, mind, spirit, and community

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact [health@hspalmyra.com](mailto:health@hspalmyra.com).

## **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 Mike Serio: [knights@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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](mailto:legionofmary@hspalmyra.com).

## **MARRIAGE MENTORS**

The Church requires marriage preparation to help couples: have a better understanding of marriage as both a sacrament and a vocation; discern and deepen their commitment to each other in marriage; and to learn more about one another and themselves before they get married. To this end, Holy Spirit offers the Marriage Mentoring program. During Marriage Mentorship, engaged couples meet with a married couple from the parish that has been trained by the Diocese in the Mentorship process. Through the use of online inventories, workbooks and heartfelt discussions the mentor couple will work with the engaged couple to help them prepare not only for a joyful wedding celebration but a lifetime of joy and a deeper connection to their faith throughout their marriage. Married couples in the Parish are always welcome to complete the Mentorship training and join in this ministry here at Holy Spirit.

For more information, please contact [marriagementors@hspalmyra.com](mailto:marriagementors@hspalmyra.com).

## **MIGRANT JUSTICE**

A new Social Justice Ministry group is launching that will focus on the needs of refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers and how we can all help advocate for and serve these families. The group will develop ways to assist in advocating for this often-forgotten group, educating others about the issues surrounding immigration, organizing service projects, partnering with other likeminded groups, and more.

Our mission is to serve and advocate for those forced to flee their homelands, whether termed “refugee,” “immigrant,” “migrant,” or “asylum seeker” trying to make a safe, productive life in our country. As children of Christ and in line with our Catholic Social Teachings, we strive to ...

- **Raise Awareness** in our parish and community and grow those committed to serving this population through parish social media, bulletin inserts, narthex information and more.
- **Provide Educational Resources** to learn more about the humanitarian crisis at our border by sharing pertinent websites, articles, event notifications, and hosting informative events.
- **Provide Service Opportunities** Organize service projects that address needs of both border and local immigrant families, raise funds to support ongoing supplies at the border such as water, food, & (baby) items distributed by identified groups.
- **Plant Seeds** of service and commitment especially in our parish youth by working with PREP to provide hygiene kits, letters to children, books, and Rosaries. In addition, develop ways to sponsor learning trips to the border for interested older youth.
- **Be Grounded** in a spiritual journey and prayerful guidance in our work.
- **See Ourselves as migrants and refugees** – just as our Lord, Jesus and the Holy Family found themselves.

A Migrant Justice group at Holy Spirit can have a direct effect with concrete ways to help these families in need of safety and a new home. We can look forward to helping those still making the hard decision to leave their homelands as well as those who have already made their way to our local communities. Contact Lisa Neuhauser if interested: [migrantjustice@hspalmyra.com](mailto:migrantjustice@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 [officevolunteers@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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 [parishcouncil@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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 sixth grade meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:45am and seventh and eighth grade meet monthly on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm. Catechists are volunteers and can start out as a classroom aide if interested.

If you are interested in religious education for grades 1-8, need more information or have any questions, please contact [PREP@hspalmyra.com](mailto:PREP@hspalmyra.com).

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 the CGS program, need more information or have any questions, please contact [CGS@hspalmyra.com](mailto:CGS@hspalmyra.com).

## **PRAYER LIGHT: A MEN'S MINISTRY**

Please join our parish men as they develop a stronger relationship with God, rooted in prayer. It's a men's group, led by men wanting to grow in their faith for their families, their Church, and for themselves. Join us when you can on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm and/or the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8:00am. For more information, feel free to contact Michael Serio at [mensministry@hspalmyra.com](mailto:mensministry@hspalmyra.com) or 443-744-2490, or Art Bond at 717-383-8583.

## **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 Correctional 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](mailto:prisonministry@hspalmyra.com).

## **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

The mission of the Respect Life Ministry of Holy Spirit Church is to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ on the respect and dignity of all human life, from conception to natural death. St. John Paul II's "Evangelium Vitae", translated as "The Gospel of Life", stated, "Choices once unanimously considered criminal and rejected by the common moral sense are gradually becoming socially acceptable." St. John Paul II condemned the "culture of death" in which moral "crimes" such as abortion and euthanasia are viewed as individual rights. We in the Respect Life Ministry work toward transforming the "culture of death" into a culture of life through prayer, education, and active support of organizations, activities, and other ministries which encourage and support human life at every stage and in every manner of its existence.

Meeting times are the first Thursday of the month at 6pm. If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact [life@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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 Hourie: [RCIA@hspalmyra.com](mailto:RCIA@hspalmyra.com).

## **SECOND QUARTER MINISTRY**

Second Quarter is a faith sharing group of people ages 25-50 years old, or the second quarter of a 100 year life, which is often a time when people are getting more serious about a faith they want to know more about. There is a combination of socializing, presentation, and group discussion. Anyone in the age range (or the spouse of anyone in the age range) is welcome to any meeting. Most meetings are independent discussions and so do not require regular attendance. The topics are all spiritual but can have a biblical, ethical or scientific focus. It is a good way to meet others of a similar age who belong to our parish.

To get emails about the next upcoming meeting, please contact Fr. Anthony: [pastor@hspalmyra.com](mailto:pastor@hspalmyra.com).

## **SHINE FAITH AND FITNESS MINISTRY**

We are a group that meets weekly 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: Drum Fitness, Fresh Air Faith Walk; Chair Aerobics; Relaxation Stretch; Cardio & Strength Timed Circuits and more. Classes take place in the Agape Hall 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 and to make donations to charity. 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](mailto: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 [socialjustice@hspalmyra.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:ushers@hspalmyra.com).

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)**

VBS 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 in 1<sup>st</sup> grade up to those finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth finishing 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Becky Messimer: [VBS@hspalmyra.com](mailto:VBS@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.

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

### **WOMEN AT THE WELL MINISTRY**

In biblical times, women often gathered at the town well to draw water and to offer stories, support and friendship. We think "The Women at the Well" best describes our group and our purpose. We gather weekly to study the word of God, pray for each other, our families, friends and parish, and tell stories about our journeys in faith. We decide together what materials we want to use to enhance our lessons in faith. Catholic books, videos and podcasts have been part of our journey in the past. If you'd like some companionship on your spiritual journey, join us on Wednesday evenings in the multipurpose room. Come as you are able - every week, once in a while, or whenever you can make it!

If you are interested in joining us, need more information, or have any questions, please contact [womenatthewell@hspalmyra.com](mailto:womenatthewell@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 Ann Donnelly: [WMN@hspalmyra.com](mailto:WMN@hspalmyra.com).

### **YOUTH MINISTRY - JUNIOR**

Open to all children in the parish who are in first through eighth 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 September through April. Events are publicized through the church bulletin and handouts in PREP classes. We meet for approximately two hours either at church 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](mailto:jyouthministry@hspalmyra.com).