

## **Altar Servers**

Altar Servers assist with various parts of the Mass such as lighting and carrying candles, bearing the processional cross, bringing the gifts of bread and wine to the altar, holding the ritual books, and ringing the bells.

## **Buildings & Grounds**

Responsible for the care of parish grounds, buildings & facilities. This ministry monitors the condition of the physical environment and advises the Finance and Pastoral Councils of current facility and grounds status.

## **Choir**

Choirs are often tasked with leading the congregation in singing hymns, acclamations, and responses during Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

## **Counters Collection**

Count and record offertory and other special collections after mass.

## **Finance Committee**

The Finance Council serves as an advisory body to the pastor, offering guidance and support on financial matters.

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

This ministry assists priests at Mass with the distribution of the Body and Blood of our Lord and/or bring Holy Communion to the sick or homebound.

## **Faith Formation**

Responsible for religious education programs in the parish in order to increase knowledge of the faith of all age groups: adults, youths, & children.

## **Lectors**

In the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, a "lector" is a sacred storyteller who solemnly proclaims the stories that give the community its identity, similar to the elders of tribal Israel or the early Christian evangelists.

## **Loaves and Fishes**

To help the parish meet the needs of the poor and oppressed, both among church members and non-church members.

## **Morning Star Guild**

A community of the faithful that seeks to deepen their personal holiness and devotion to Our Lady, the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, through pastoral, spiritual and theological accompaniment. Activities include: Barn Sale, Game Nights, First Responders Luncheon, and Angel Tree.

## **Parish Council**

Responsible for promoting a spirit of unity and community in the parish. A group of parishioners who, under the guidance of the pastor, work to foster the parish's mission through strategic planning and serving the community.

## **Sacristans**

Parish sacristans are responsible for preparing the altar, church, and chapel for Mass and other liturgies, maintaining the sacristy, and assisting altar servers, ensuring a smooth and reverent celebration of the Eucharist.

## **Scholarship Committee**

Coordinates and raises money for the yearly parish scholarship given out each June.

## **Ushers/Hospitality**

Parish ushers play a vital role in welcoming parishioners, assisting with seating, managing the offertory, and ensuring a smooth and welcoming liturgy, serving as the first point of contact for those in need.

