

*Epiphany
Parish & Stewardship
Resource Directory*



STEWARDSHIP AS OUR WAY OF LIFE

Hospitality · Prayer · Formation · Service

2018 - 2019

A Letter From Our Rector

Fall, 2018

As we consider God's blessings, we are in awe of his immense goodness toward us. God endows each of us with personal gifts, talents and material possessions. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of each gift that has been received and each possession that we have.

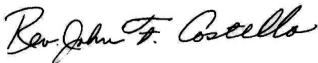
Individually and collectively, our Epiphany Parish families contribute generously and share their time, talents and treasure. We will always remain grateful for those in the past who gave so much to build, nurture and inspire the creation of such a vital and glorious worship center and faith community.

As a stewardship-based church, Epiphany Cathedral recognizes, in a mutual gratitude for our many blessings, the need to revisit annually its commitment to *Stewardship as a Way of Life*. This renewal each fall serves as a reminder that we need to give back to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon us and prepare for the future of our Church.

Living *Stewardship as a Way of Life* is not only about contributing money, but about giving generously of our time and our talents. Volunteerism enables Epiphany Cathedral to be the *Heart and Hands of Christ* in our parish and our community as a whole.

We invite you to read this booklet and prayerfully consider committing to share your gifts and talents with our parish community. Whether you are a full-time resident or seasonal, it is my prayer that you will feel empowered to get involved.

Your Brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rev. John F. Costello". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Your Brother in Christ,".

Very Rev. John F. Costello



EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL

STEWARDSHIP AS OUR WAY OF LIFE
Hospitality • Prayer • Formation • Service

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of God at Epiphany Cathedral, are empowered by the Holy Spirit at Baptism to be the heart and hands of Christ.

VISION

By the grace of God, Epiphany Cathedral Parish will strive to grow into an ever more vibrant, creative, and loving faith COMMUNITY by Welcoming, Worshiping, and Witnessing that which we receive from the Holy Spirit.

A Worshiping faith community founded on an ever-deepening union with Sacred Heart of Christ.

A Welcoming faith community with a spirit of open communication and enthusiastic collaboration.

A Witnessing faith community with an ever-deepening solidarity with all of God's children, but especially with the poor, the sick, and the elderly.



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Mailing and Office Address

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigils:

4:00pm & 5:30pm (Jan.-March)

4:00pm (April-Dec)

Spanish Mass - 7:30pm

Sunday:

7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:30pm

Polish Mass - 12:30pm

Weekdays:

7:00am, 8:00am (8:00am on Sat)

Holy days:

5:00pm Vigil

7:00am, 8:00am & 6:00pm

Reconciliation/Confessions

Thursdays before the 1st Fridays 7:30am & 8:30am

Saturdays: 3:00pm

Epiphany Cathedral School

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School Fax (941) 480-1565

Early Childhood Center: (941) 484-8556

www.ecstigers.com

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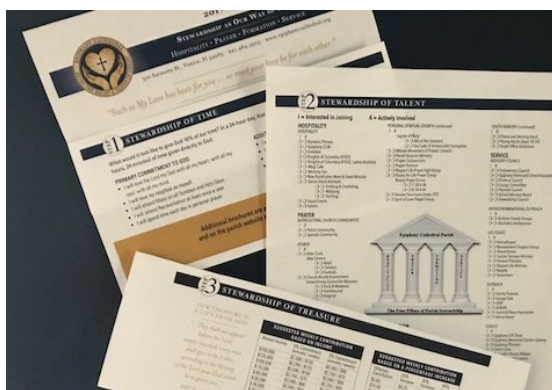
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Congratulations to Epiphany Cathedral for receiving the award for Parish Annual Stewardship Renewal/Commitment Materials by the International Catholic Stewardship Council. This was awarded for our excellence in materials used to promote Stewardship at the ICSC Conference in Atlanta GA.

Site Map

EPIPHANY CATHEDRAL CAMPUS MAP



Legend of Site Map

1. Residence (*300 Park Lane*)
2. Pregnancy Care Center (*301 N. Bayshore Dr.*)
3. Mercy House (*205 Harbor Dr. N.*)
4. Maintenance (ground floor) (*317 Tarpon St.*)
Youth Meeting Room (2nd floor)
5. Parish Center (*224 Harbor Dr. N.*)
 - Hall “A”
 - Hall “B”
 - Craft Room
 - Meeting Rooms 1 and 2
 - Parish Center Manager
6. Magi Hall (*200 Harbor Dr. N.*)
 - Meeting Room & Parish Library
7. School Pavilion
8. School Cafeteria
9. Media & Technology Bldg.
10. Santa Maria Chapel
11. Development Office
12. Early Learning Center
13. School (2 story)
14. Butterfly Garden
15. Perpetual Adoration Chapel
16. Junior Kindergarten
17. School Offices (*316 Sarasota St.*)
18. Parish Offices (*310 Sarasota St.*)
 - Life Issues and Web & App Design
19. Epiphany Cathedral Chapel
20. Epiphany Cathedral (*350 W. Tampa Ave.*)
21. Epiphany Memorial Garden
22. Gift Shop
23. Esteban G. Soy Building
 - Bulletin Editor & Accounts Payable
 - Faith Formation Office
 - Accounting Offices
 - Music Director
 - Maintenance Director
 - Youth Ministry Office
 - Meeting Room 107
 - Meeting Room 109
 - Meeting Room 110
 - Stewardship Office
24. Rectory Annex (*237 N. Nassau St.*)
25. Marian Hall
26. Rectory Garage
27. Rectory (*229 N. Nassau St.*)

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptism is the First Sacrament of Initiation in the Catholic Church. Parents who wish to have their infant baptized must attend a required class. If they are not members, they must get permission from their Parish to have their child baptized at Epiphany. One of the Sponsors/Godparents must be a practicing Catholic, be at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, the second person may be a Christian Witness (baptized Christian of another denomination). Call the Parish Office to register and arrange for the baptism.

Infant baptisms are celebrated during the third Sunday of the month at the 9:00am Mass (with permission) or at 12:30pm in Santa Maria Chapel.

For baptism of infants, contact Parish Office (484-3505)

For baptism of older children, contact the Faith Formation Office (485 - 2325)

For baptism of adults, see RCIA.

Reconciliation/Penance/Confession

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the two sacraments of healing through which we receive God's forgiveness for the sins we have committed after Baptism.

First Reconciliation (Confessions) is celebrated in January as a part of the First Eucharist preparations.

For Adult First Reconciliation, see RCIA

First Eucharist/First Holy Communion

In this Sacrament we share in the Paschal Mystery and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, who is really and truly present in the appearance of bread and wine.

Students in Grade 2 usually receive their 1st Communion on the 1st Sunday in May.



Confirmation

Confirmation, the second Sacrament of Initiation, strengthens the graces of our Baptism, seals us with the special gift of the Holy Spirit which strengthens us to live and proclaim the Gospel.

Confirmation for Adults

If you have missed your confirmation, Epiphany Cathedral Faith Formation invites adults who are practicing Catholics to come to prepare to receive Confirmation. Confirmation Class for Adults will be announced. Confirmation is conferred by our bishop on Pentecost Sunday.

Contact: Sr. Frances Lalor, 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Confirmation for Youth

A two year process of preparation for this Sacrament begins in 9th grade. There are ten classes required as well as weekly Mass attendance, retreats, teen conferences, and service hours.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca, 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Anointing of the Sick

In the Church today, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is for those seriously ill of mind, body, or spirit or for those going into the hospital for surgery. This Sacrament is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month at the 8:30am Mass or by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage

Sacramental marriage is between a Christian man and a Christian woman who are baptized, and free of any impediments to being married. Catholics must be married in the presence of a priest or deacon of the Catholic church and two witnesses.

- Contact the parish at least 6 months prior to setting a date.
- Attend and complete Marital Preparation Course
- Be mature enough to celebrate marriage.
- Baptize and raise all children as Catholics.

Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with a priest.

Annulments

Please contact an Epiphany priest for information.

Vocations/Holy Orders

Holy Orders is the Sacrament by which a man is ordained a Bishop, a Priest or a Deacon and thus dedicated to be an image of Christ in service to the people of God.

Contact: Fr. Eric Scanlan, 486-4720 or vocations@dioceseofvenice.org



Epiphany Cathedral School

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VPK Provider

Nurturing the Power of Individual Learning

Welcome to Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School and a tradition of providing exceptional education to generations of families in an innovative, inviting, safe and secure family environment since 1959.

Our core curriculum includes math, science, language arts, social studies, and religion, with a focus on our STREAM initiative (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Math). Our visual and performing arts program includes music lessons in string and band instruments as well as classes at Venice Theatre, which includes a main-stage production. In addition we have a competitive athletic program. Teachers construct their lessons using the rigorous academic standards put forth by the Diocese of Venice. Our students learn through traditional and multi-disciplinary experiences at each grade level.

Graduates of Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School are responsible, dedicated students who are prepared to succeed during their high-school years and beyond.

Our Catholic Mission

Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School provides excellence in education, which nurtures a loving relationship with God and builds a caring community that serves others.

Connecting Creativity, Critical Thinking, and Core Values

Guided by our school's mission and philosophy, Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School offers a complete, developmentally appropriate curriculum that addresses spiritual, social, emotional, and academic growth. Small teacher/student ratios ensure individual attention and quality classroom time.

Epiphany is accredited through the Florida Catholic Conference and is a member of the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA).

Private School Education You CAN Afford

At Epiphany we are committed to providing affordable Catholic education. With our "Fair Share Tuition Policy" each family partners with us in completing a financial aid assessment.

Financial aid is available to the family of any K-8 student who demonstrates need through the FACTS Tuition Aid Assessment. This assistance is funded through the generous support of Epiphany and our parish and school communities, generous donors and foundations as well as the Diocese of Venice.

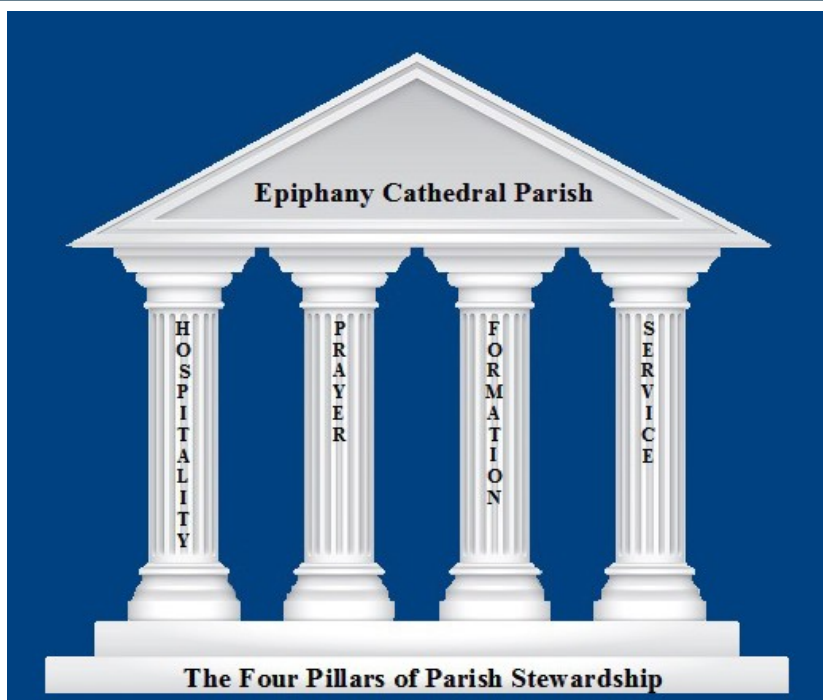
Our Parish is a Safe Environment For Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults

The diocese of Venice is committed to protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. Together, and with God's help, we can continue to promote a culture of openness and awareness, and a commitment to safety within our church and in the larger community.



As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. For further information, visit the Diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseofvenice.org>

Report all abuse to the Florida Department of Children and Families at (800) 962-2873. To report abuse by Diocesan personnel or volunteers call the Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at (941) 416-6114.



The Pillars of Parish Stewardship

(excerpts from the Catholic Diocese of Wichita Stewardship Handbook)

A stewardship parish is identified by four pillars; these are Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. These pillars invite parishioners to experience, witness and live the stewardship way of life in response to a generous God. By making our parish a place of hospitality, prayer, formation, and service, we provide greater opportunity for sharing of time, talent and treasure.

On the proceeding pages you will find information about the various ministries listed under each pillar. Each of the pillars of stewardship have been grouped according to one of the four pillars of stewardship that exist in every Catholic parish. These pillars exist to support fully the parish mission.

Hospitality

Hospitality Ministries

Coffee and Donuts
Diocesan/Epiphany Liturgies and
Special Events Ministry

CCW

Greeters

Knights of Columbus

K of C Ladies Auxiliary

Ministry Fair

NP Meet & Greet Ministry

Social Events Ministry

Ushers

Prayer

Intercultural Church Communities:

Hispanic Community
Polish Community

Liturgy:

Altar Circle

Altar Servers

- Adult, includes Funerals
- Children

Church Art and Environment

Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

- Daily & Weekends
 - Homebound
 - Hospital
- Readers
Sacristans

Music:

Children's Choir
Diocese of Venice Choir
Epiphany Cathedral Cantors
Epiphany Cathedral Cantorum
Epiphany Cathedral Choir
LIFE TEEN Worship Team
Polish Music Ministry
Resurrection Choir
Spanish Choir

Formation

Communications:

Epiphany Star Newsletter
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EW7N Media Missionaries

Faith Formation:

Adult Faith Formation Committee
Catechist (Teaching Faith formation)
RESI

RCIA and Sponsors

Vacation Bible School

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LIFE TEEN Readers
LIFE TEEN Ushers/Greeters
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Advisory Councils

Endowment Committee

The Epiphany Endowment Committee is a group of parish representatives that work to grow the endowment fund for both Epiphany Cathedral Parish and School. Established in 2016, their objective is to identify and cultivate potential donors and facilitate opportunities for planned giving of significant amounts through the Epiphany Legacy Society, Scholarship Endowment and Estate Planning.

Meet: Quarterly

Contact: David Morley (303) 618-1288 or davidcmorley1@verizon.net

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council advises the Rector in the financial matters of the Parish including budgeting, fund-raising, parish asset management and support of diocesan projects. It works in collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council and is responsible directly to the Rector. Appointed by the Rector.

Meet: Monthly, Year round.

Contact: Susan Hanks 468-2225 or susan@robinsonhanks.com

Home and School Association

The Home and School Association is made up of volunteer parents or guardians who support Epiphany Cathedral School, its teachers, staff students and their parents. They also support and collaborate on events that bring the school, the parish and the community together. Membership is open to all parents/guardians of Epiphany Cathedral School students, is highly encouraged, and supports the church's mission of stewardship: sharing your time, talent and treasure.

Meet: Quarterly

Contact: Lyn West 941-786-3304 or lynprada1@yahoo.com

Liturgy Committee

The primary role of the liturgy committee is to focus on the full range of the parish's liturgical life and to represent the consensus of the community in matters related to that liturgical life. It has a mandate to ensure that celebrations are planned in such a way that they lead to a conscious, active and full participation of the faithful, both in body and in mind.

Meet: September - May, 2nd Friday of the month, 1:30pm.

Contact: Jenny Holaday 484-3505 or holaday@epiphanycathedral.org

Pastoral Council

The Epiphany Cathedral Pastoral Council is a representative group of parishioners charged with the task of ensuring the parish as a Catholic Christian faith community lives out its mission statement “to be the heart and hands of Christ.” The Council is advisory in nature and its focus is on the four Pillars of Stewardship: Hospitality, Prayer, Formation and Service. Together with the Rector, the Council encapsulates reflection, discernment, visioning, consensus, and pastoral planning into its ministry of parish leadership.

Meet: August - May, 1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm.

Contact: Roger Hayes 375-8825 or rkhayes@comcast.net

School Advisory Board

The Epiphany Cathedral School Advisory Board is established by the Rector and school principal in conformity with diocesan policy to assist in the governance of the education program in the school. Members of the board serve on the strategic long-range planning committee with goals and objectives in the following areas of school life: identity, ownership, enrollment, and advisory on finances, facilities, development, technology and as a school in the community.

Meet: September - May, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 5:30pm.

Contact: MC Heffner 488-2215 or heffner@ecstigers.com

Stewardship Committee

The Stewardship Committee promotes our vision for Epiphany Cathedral by fostering Stewardship as “Our Way of Life” which enables all members of the faith community to be the *Heart and Hands of Christ*. Council members seek to create opportunities and activities which allow parishioners to become more aware of the abundant blessings that God has bestowed upon them. After parishioners come to a realization of how much God has blest them, the Council encourages grateful parishioners to share their gifts with others freely. The Stewardship Committee advises the Rector on how to develop programs and activities which promote Stewardship as “*Our Way of Life*.” Members are appointed by the Rector.

Meet: September- June, 1st Wednesday of the month, 4:00pm.

Contact: Helen Flynn 484-3505 or flynn@epiphanycathedral.org



Discipleship

Communications

Epiphany Parish Library

The Epiphany Cathedral Library offers over 5000 books, DVDs, VHS tapes, audio tapes and compact discs in various categories to support and enhance our Catholic faith. The children's area offers age-appropriate books and DVDs on prayer, saints, sacraments, Bible stories, etc. Also included are books of interest to teens.

Parish Library Hours

Summer Hours: June 1 to September 30: Sundays 8:30am to 12:00pm

Fall, Winter, Spring Hours: October 1 to May 31:

Sundays—8:30am—12:00pm

Wednesdays 9:00am to 12:00pm

Contact: Carol George 255-0523 or cagalen@hotmail.com

Epiphany Star Newsletter

The Epiphany STAR is published three times a year with topics that interest parishioners from parish news to parish organizations to parish people. The STAR supplements the parish bulletin as a wider chronicle of events and welcomes ideas and suggestions.

Meet: Members meet every two months to prepare for the coming edition.

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and Monica Hunek 928-4633 or mhunek@gmail.com

***EWTN* Media Missionaries**

Media Missionaries Ministry is a group of Catholics dedicated to encourage people to watch EWTN Television Programs. Our goal is to have Catholics, non-active Catholics and non-Catholics to watch *EWTN* Television Network. We see *EWTN* as our way to “Go make Disciples” by allowing the experts on television to do the education and evangelization.

Contact: Patrick Keigher 416-8229

or patrickkeigher@gmail.com

Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation Committee

This programs will assist adults who seek to grow in faith and holiness through ongoing Faith Formation. Adult maturing faith is marked by a life of prayer and openness to God's call; the ability to articulate one's faith and to share it with others; a growing understanding and appreciation of theology, Scripture, and the liturgical life of the church; and the desire and ability to reach out to others in works of justice and mercy.

Adult programs are offered at various times and days to accommodate as many people as possible.

Meet: Once a month or as needed.

Contact: Sister Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Catechist (Teaching Faith Formation)

Catechists are people who have answered a call to minister to our children/youth/adults and who have prepared in a variety of ways to serve as catechists. Above all, they are people for whom faith is important enough to share. While our parish Faith Formation Program does have a professional staff, our catechists help fulfill the goals of the ministry as the volunteer staff of the program. The professional staff could not fulfill the ministry of this program without your service to others in our parish community. Safe Environment training, fingerprinting, and background check are required for all Catechists.

Contact: Sister Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Religious Education for Special Needs Individuals (RESI)

A Special Needs ministry that welcomes God's children by acknowledging that all children can learn, pray and have a relationship with God. (For ages 10+) This program is specifically designed to meet the spiritual needs of persons with developmental disabilities and intellectual challenges. Through this program they are incorporated into the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish.

Meet: September to May, Wednesdays, Parents are welcomed to stay.

Contact: Colleen DeVita 928-5819 or colleendevita@me.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process through which adults and children complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. R.C.I.A. consists of four periods of formation which are marked by rituals. There is no specific length of time for each period. The process is a journey in faith that takes as long as it takes.

Who is this R.C.I.A. process for?

- Adults and children (above Grade 2) who are not baptized.
- Those who are baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation, i.e. those who have not received the sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist.

Contact: Fr. Ricky Varner 484-3505 or varner@epiphanycathedral.org

R.C.I.A. Sponsors are men or women who agree to walk the R.C.I.A. journey with one of the candidates. Sponsors support their R.C.I.A. candidates by attending classes with them, participating in the liturgical rites of the R.C.I.A., introducing them to parishioners and parish life, and offering them their prayers and friendship. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics, be at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Contact: Sr. Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Vacation Bible School

At Vacation Bible School, children learn about Jesus in a fun and unique way. Led by trained adults, who are assisted by teenagers, the VBS participants are engaged in a week long spiritual experience. By means of songs, skits, games, crafts and snacks the children learn Bible stories and Bible verses and are helped to recognize God in their everyday lives. Participants range from Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Safe environment training, fingerprinting and a background check are required for all adult volunteers. VBS is usually held the third week of June. All are welcome.

Contact: Sister Frances Lalor 485-2325 or lalor@epiphanycathedral.org

Hospitality

Coffee & Donuts

Get to know each other in a comfortable atmosphere with free coffee and donuts. Our hosts will encourage introductions and conversations as people relax and *"Share a Cup & Share a Word."*

Meet: Year round, 4th Sunday of the month.

Contact: **Mike & Kristen Hertel 484-3505** Hertel@epiphanycathedral.org

Diocesan/Epiphany Liturgies and Special Events Ministry

This ministry involves the coordination of liturgical and/or special events held at Epiphany Cathedral and Parish Center. These include but are not limited to Chrism Mass, Ordinations, Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Joseph's Feast Day, Advent and Lenten Parish Missions, Penance Services, Adoration Celebrations, Epiphany Feast Day and Divine Mercy Sunday Tri Lingual Masses. TV Masses and Volunteer Appreciation Mass. Events are also coordinated for the Spanish and Polish Communities. Stewards (English, Polish and Spanish) are recruited to assist with responsibilities which vary based for each event (Greeters, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, manning reception or ticket tables, distributing handouts, directing traffic, busing tables, assisting with room set up and clean up. etc.).

Meet: One week before each event.

Contact: Jenny Holaday 441-7495 or holadays@comcast.net

Epiphany Council of Catholic Women (CCW)

The Epiphany Cathedral Council of Catholic Women is an organization that supports, empowers, and educates all Catholic Women of Epiphany Cathedral in spirituality, leadership and service. We welcome all women of the Parish and invite them to join CCW.

Board Meetings: September - March, Last Tuesday of the month

General Meetings: October - April, 1st Tuesday of the month.

Contact: Fran Frederick 484-5904 or franafred@msn.com

Greeters

Greeters view themselves as the “face” of the parish at Masses. They stand at the doors making parishioners and guests feel welcome at our liturgical celebrations. Greeters also assist with any questions regarding the campus, Mass schedules, or questions in general. They are also responsible for distributing bulletins after each Mass.

Contact: Vee Garry-Chiulli 485-6989 or veeconvenice@verizon.net

Knights of Columbus Council #7052

The K of C #7052 is a Catholic men’s service and fraternal organization committed to spiritual growth and founded on the principles of charity to ease the plight of those less fortunate, unity by speaking out for moral values, fraternity by banding together as brothers to help one another, and patriotism by emphasizing that Catholics are proud citizens.

Meet: Year round, 2nd Thursday of the month.

Contact: Frank Viola 488-4046 or faviola36@msn.com

Knights of Columbus Council #7052, Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council #7052 works as an extension of the Council, promoting true friendship among members and their families, and helping where possible to accomplish the mission of the Council.

Meet: September - April, 2nd Thursday of the month.

Contact: Joan Koson 941-408-8153 73joanmarie@gmail.com

Ministry Fair

Witness Stewardship in action and learn more about how you can get involved in being “*The Heart and Hands of Christ.*”

Contact: Helen Flynn 484-3505 or flynn@epiphanycathedral.org

New Parishioners Meet and Greet Ministry

We welcome new parishioners to Epiphany Cathedral by contacting them on the telephone. Answering any questions they may have. Quarterly meetings are scheduled to meet the new parishioners. New Parishioners Meet and Greet ministry also arrange guided tours of the Cathedral which are open to all. Tour includes the history of the Cathedral, information on the meaning of the windows, altar, and relics. Tour reservations are required.

Meet: September thru June, 2nd Tuesday of the month

Contact: Fran Frederick 493-5904 or franafred@msn.com

Social Events Ministry

Parish volunteers arrange and serve at the frequent and varied church receptions held at Parish Center.

Contact: Greg Novack 445-0765 or gnovack3@yahoo.com or mjnov7@hotmail.com

Ushers

Ushers view themselves as the “face” of the parish at Masses, and act as parish hosts, making parishioners feel at home at our liturgical celebrations.

Contact: Tom Altman 486-1378 or tomaltman@comcast.net

Intercultural Church Communities

Hispanic Community

How will you share your time, talent and/or treasure in assisting your community's growth? As a Liturgical Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Sacristan, Greeter, Usher, Choir, Rosary Prayer Group or Faith Formation? We have committees for special annual events and celebrations diversifying all Hispanic cultures. All are welcome.

Meet: Saturday, 7:30pm Mass.

Contact: Hilda Gerstlauer 266-2167 mercedesclean@hotmail.com
Or Lily Mendez 374-3565 mz848@icloud.com

¿Cómo compartirás tu tiempo, talento o tesoro para ayudar el crecimiento de la comunidad? Como lector litúrgico, Ministro de Eucaristía, Servidor del altar, Sacristán, Recepcionista, Acomodador, Coro, Grupo de oración del Rosario, o Formación en la fe?

También tenemos comités de eventos anuales especiales y celebraciones de diversificar todas culturas prehispánicas. Todos son bienvenidos.

Día de reuniones: Sábados a las 7:30pm.

Contacto: Hilda Gerstlauer 266-2167 mercedesclean@hotmail.com
Or Lily Mendez 374-3565 mz848@icloud.com

Polish Community

The Polish Community gathers for fellowship, coffee and cake after the weekly Sunday, 12:30pm Polish Mass.

Meet: Year round, except holidays.

Contact: Wiesia Raszewski 847-770-3626 or wiesia@raszewski.com
Barbara Beldycki 716-3449 or barbanna@ix.netcom.com

Polska grupa językowa należąca do Katedry Epiphany.

Po Mszy Świętej w języku polskim w Katedrze, jest spotkanie towarzyskie z kawą i ciastkami.

Daty spotkań: przez cały rok, oprócz świąt

Interdenominational Outreach

Al-Anon Family Groups

For over 60 years, if someone else's drinking bothers you, Al-Anon Family Groups (which includes Alateen for younger members) has been offering strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers. It is estimated that each alcoholic affects the lives of at least four other people. Alcoholism is truly a family disease. No matter what relationship you have with an alcoholic, whether they are still drinking or not, all who have been affected by someone else's drinking can find solutions that lead to serenity in the Al-Anon fellowship.

Meet: Year round, Mondays, including holidays, 11:00am-12 noon. Soy Building Rm 107

Contact: Valorie H 978 407-2002 or Don C 774 392-5062

Alcoholics Anonymous, Step by Step Group

Alcoholics Anonymous ("AA") is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism.

Meet: Year round, Tuesdays, including holidays, 7:30pm.

Contact: Tom 445-5148 or Charlie 223-0674

Life Issues

Arimatheans

The Arimatheans are a dedicated group of parishioners who show their support by attending the funerals of fellow parishioners. Often family members are not able to travel for the funeral of their loved ones. Our Arimatheans are there to represent the faith community, family members who are unable to attend.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Bereavement Support Group

We heal from grief by talking about it in a group setting. A faith-based setting is ideal to promote healing through prayer and fellowship with others.

Meet: Year round, 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 3:30pm.

Contact: Joanne O'Donnell 485-1782 or jvod25@gmail.com

Blood Drives

Epiphany Cathedral hosts periodic blood drives to help combat critical shortages in the area's blood supply. Drives are announced in the church bulletin.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Funeral Planners

This group of dedicated volunteers assists parishioners and bereaved families in planning funerals for themselves and their loved ones. They are present with the family at the Funeral Mass and help facilitate and coordinate the funeral liturgy. All volunteers are trained, then paired with an existing Funeral Liturgy Planner to assist with planning until they feel comfortable on their own.

Contact: Beatrice Osiecki 475-0780 or losiecki@comcast.net

Respect Life Ministry

The ministry focuses on life and death issues involving the beginning of life, end of life, capital punishment, and legislative advocacy on local, state, and national levels. As a member of the Diocesan Coalition of Life Committee, the ministry takes direction from the Diocesan Respect Life Department, with the Rector's approval.

Contact: Al & Margaret Cantanno 488-9603 or marlexfla@verizon.net

Respite

The Respite volunteers provide temporary breaks for caregivers and a caring and helpful presence for a homebound person. A diocesan course prepares the volunteers and all Respite volunteers are insured by a grant from the Council of Catholic Women. Safe Environment training and fingerprinting required.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Samaritans

The Samaritans provide transportation assistance for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other special needs as necessary. Safe Environment Training and Fingerprinting required.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Liturgy

Altar Circle

The Altar Circle volunteers oversee the cleaning of votive stands, candle torches and Holy Water fonts, and keep vestments and altar linens clean, neat and organized, as well as washing all purificators, altar linens, and altar server garments.

Contact: Barbara Pestorius 493-9348 or barbaraspestorius@gmail.com

Altar Servers

- **Adult** This ministry is open to all adults who wish to serve at the Lord's table. They serve for weekday Masses and other special events such as weddings. **Contact:** Albert Howes 484-3368 or howesaj@msn.com
- **Children** Any young person who has received the Sacrament of First Eucharist may become an altar server. Responsibilities include assisting at liturgies for weekend Masses, Holy Days and other special occasions. **Contact:** Dcn. Paul Consbrook 218-2705 or consbruck@epiphanycathedral.org
- **Funerals** These trained volunteers serve at Funeral Masses. **Contact:** Albert Howes 484-3368 or howesaj@msn.com

Church Art and Environment

The Church Art and Environment Committee prepares the sanctuary for daily and Sunday Masses with a goal of maintaining a warm, spiritual, and meaningful place of worship. It is comprised of carpenters, seamstresses, liturgical consultants and other volunteers interested in keeping the Cathedral ready for the celebration of the liturgy.

Contact: Barbara Pestorius 493-9348 or barbaraspestorius@gmail.com

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- Daily & Weekend

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have the privilege of assisting bishops, priests, and deacons in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Meet: Annual training is conducted in the fall and as needed throughout the year for new stewards.

Contact: Barbara Koehler 484-9664 bjcat39@live.com

Emily Sarnecke 488-6983 emshank@comcast.net

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Homebound

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute Holy Communion to those parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes or other circumstances that prevent them from attending Mass. Training and Fingerprinting are required.

Contact: Marianne Maas 483-1985 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Hospital

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are given the special honor of administering Holy Communion to those parishioners who are in the hospital. Training and Fingerprinting are required

Contact: Margaret Yerman 941-408-6763 yermanm436@gmail.com

Readers

Readers proclaim the Word of God at Masses on weekends, weekdays, and Holy Days of Obligation. The gifts needed by a reader are a love of Scripture, quiet confidence, and a clear speaking voice.

Meet: Annual meeting, 4th Saturday in January.

Contact: Donna & Bob Vodraska 496-4464 or donnavodraska@aol.com

Sacristans

Sacristans are dedicated to making the celebration of the Liturgy as seamless and meaningful as possible by preparing for all daily and weekend Masses, funerals, weddings, and baptisms. They maintain the sacristy, care for vestments and all liturgical materials, and open and close the Church, taking care to provide a quiet, spiritual setting for priests and parishioners.

Contact: Albert Howes 484-3368 or Barbara Pestorius 493-9348

Music

At Epiphany Cathedral, we are blessed with a wonderful Ministry of Music! We have wonderfully talented individuals who make up a variety of groups to praise God with their joyful voices and beautiful instrumental playing. There are different ensembles that perform at Epiphany Cathedral as well as individual cantors! **COME AND JOIN THE FUN!**

Children's Choir

The Children's Music Ministry includes students in grades K-8 who share a love of music and a desire to enhance the Mass celebration through their musical participation in Mass.

Cherubs are grade K-2, they rehearse on Tuesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 pm (ECS Kindergarten rehearse from 3:30 to 4:30pm).

Choristers are grades 3-8, they rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:15 to 5:15 pm.

Little Ringers are Chorister members who ring Handbells and Handchimes, they rehearse on Mondays from 4:15 to 5:45pm (ECS chimers rehearse from 3:15 to 4:45pm).

Jr. Cantors are singers in grades 3-8 who have interest and talent to help lead the congregation in song at Mass. These musical groups sing at the 9:00 am Mass once per month, special events and holy days from September through May. They rehearse on Wednesday from 5:15 to 5:45 pm.

The director is Sharon Guerin

Contact: 941-376-1537 or svguerin501@gmail.com

Diocese of Venice Choir

The Diocese of Venice Choir is made up of skilled singers from the diocese whose music enhances solemn Diocesan Masses, celebrated by the Bishop. The director is Raffaele Ponti.

Contact: 941.615.0292 or ponti@epiphanycathedral.org

Epiphany Cathedral Cantors

Cantors provide musical leadership for all Masses. Cantors work with our Music Director and organist in singing the Mass parts and provide music at our non-choir Masses throughout the year.

The director is Raffaele Ponti.

Contact: 941.615.0292 or ponti@epiphanycathedral.org

Epiphany Cathedral Cantorum

This is an invitation only choir. This chamber choir rehearses one Wednesday a month from 5:45 to 6:45 pm. The Cantorum provides music one Sunday a month and performs all year.

The director is Raffaele Ponti.

Contact: 941.615.0292 or ponti@epiphanycathedral.org

Epiphany Cathedral Choir

This choir rehearses seasonally on Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Accompaniment includes piano and organ. No audition is needed to join.

Provides music at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass from October through April.

The director is Raffaele Ponti.

Contact: 941.615.0292 or ponti@epiphanycathedral.org

***LIFE TEEN* Worship Team**

These Cantors and Musicians sing and play for the 5:30 pm ***LIFE TEEN*** Mass each Sunday. Rehearsals are 4:15 to 5:15 pm every Sunday, prior to Mass. Students entering 9th grade through college are invited to serve the Lord by using their musical talents and skills to lead worshippers in song.

The director is Donna Smith.

Contact: 941.468.6096 or drsmith90@comcast.net

Polish Music Ministry

The Polish Musicians, Cantors and Choir serve a very important part of our community by giving praise to God with their musical gifts and talents. The Mass is in Polish and is at 12:30 pm on Sundays.

The Director is Roland Okula.

Polskie Duszpasterstwo Muzyczne

Polscy muzycy, kantorzy i chór, służą bardzo ważnej części naszej społeczności oddając chwałę Bogu poprzez swoje muzyczne talenty. Msza w języku polskim odprowadzana jest w każdą niedzielę o 12:30 po południu. Roland Okula, dyrektor.

Resurrection Choir

This choir adds a special and moving dimension to the Funeral Mass, singing the main musical elements of the service. Rehearsals are 1/2 hour before the Funeral Mass.

The director is George Minnitti 480-0158

Spanish Choir

The Spanish Choir offers music every Saturday at the 7:30 pm Mass. The group practices every Monday evening at 6:30 to 9:00 pm in the Chapel Choir Room. Accompaniment includes guitarists.

The Coordinator is Omar Morales.

Contact: Hilda Gerstlauer 266-2167 mercedesclean@hotmail.com

Or Lily Mendez 374-3565 mz848@icloud.com

El Coro Español de Epifanía Catedral Este Coro ofrece música todo el sábado a las Misa de la 7:30 pm. El grupo practica todos los lunes a las 6:30 - 9:00 pm en la habitación del coro de la capilla. El acompañamiento incluye guitarristas. El coordinador es Omar Morales.

Contact: Hilda Gerstlauer 266-2167 mercedesclean@hotmail.com

Or Lily Mendez 374-3565 mz848@icloud.com

Outreach

Family Promise-Homeless Children Mission

Epiphany Cathedral is a Support Congregation in the Family Promise of South Sarasota County network (www.familypromisessc.org) addressing the needs of minor children and their families in temporary need of housing. Our local K of C Council #7052 and other local community host congregations provide overnight shelter and meals while the Family Promise Day Center provides comprehensive services helping the families

attain self-sufficiency as quickly as possible. Volunteers are needed for meal preparation, overnight hosting, bedding set up/take down, guest activity, etc., periodically throughout the year.

Contact: Kathleen and Fred Englert 493-2629 or kfenglert@comcast.net

GEM (Guadalupe Epiphany Mission)

GEM is a sustained partnership mission between Guadalupe Social Services in Immokalee and Epiphany Cathedral. Through quarterly collections, held in February, May, August and November, of certain food items, clothing for infants to large teen size, and monetary donations, our Epiphany parish family helps to subsidize the needs of the farm workers and rural poor living in the Immokalee area.

Contact: Craig Imhoff 451-1218 or eci2002@icloud.com

GEMINI (Guadalupe Epiphany Mission In Need) Immokalee)

GEMINI are additional stewards who serve and logistically support Guadalupe Social Services by actually going to Immokalee. Our outreach to the poor include serving in the Casa Maria soup kitchen and unloading/repacking the quarterly GEM delivery truck. We serve monthly and more frequently as needed and requested.

Contact: Ken Rohman 847-219-2595 or rohmanx@aol.com
and Steve Stevens 587-1436 or bigfoot34293@gmail.com

Justice and Peace Apostolate

The Justice and Peace Committee seeks to raise the parish community's level of consciousness on current justice and peace issues as they affect us locally, nationally and internationally. It coordinates Epiphany's monthly food collection with the assistance of the All Faiths Food Bank; it supports the work of the Coalition of Immokalee Farm Workers.

Meet: First Wednesday of the month, 1:30pm

Contact: Ron Courtney 484-2062 or ronclaire5@gmail.com

Mercy House

The Mercy House is a nondenominational, temporary emergency shelter serving families and individuals of the Greater Venice Area in crisis situations.

Contact: Br. Peter Nault, 484-3505 or nault@epiphanycathedral.org

Personal Spiritual Growth

Adoration, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups and Rosary

Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. Both silent prayer time and vocal prayer time are offered. Adoration is for anyone who wishes to attend. You do not have to be Catholic and there are no special requirements, except a willingness to be quiet and respectful in the Chapel.

Meet: Fridays, 12:00pm

Contact: Jenny Holaday 441-7495 or holadays@comcast.net

Bible Study

-Tuesday Morning

Discussion of upcoming weekend scripture readings and lessons from previous weekend homilies. No prior knowledge of Scripture is necessary. All Catholics and non-Catholics are welcomed. A book of the Bible is discussed during the winter months.

Meet: Tuesdays, 9:00 to 11:00

Contact: Sue Barone 485-2941 or Don Corrigan 496-9308

-Tuesday Evening

Reading and discussion of the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings.

Meet: Tuesdays, 7:00pm

Contact: Mary Wright 488-2567 or wrightstuff5@comcast.net

-Serendipity

This group uses the Catholic Serendipity Bible for its study of the Scriptures. Discussion of the questions in this Bible follow our readings.

Meet: September- April, Thursdays, 10:00am.

Contact: Maryann Gilmour 485-6133 or maregil@verizon.net
and Inge Murphy 488-0241 or ingedon730@verizon.net

Catholic Man Night

Catholic Man Night's goal is to draw men together in prayer and fellowship in the New Evangelization of Pope Francis. The night consists of Holy Hour with Evening Prayer of the Divine Office and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a meal and fellowship.

Meet: October - May, 1st Friday of the month, 6:00pm.

Contact: Deacon Jun Roca 713-3150 or eagermac@gmail.com
For more info on this organization, visit www.Catholicmannight.com

Cursillo - Short Course in Christianity/Ultreya

The Catholic Cursillo (cur-see-yo) is a three-day experience, which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. Cursillo is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people, their families, churches and world.

Follow-up to Cursillo: friendship groupings and Ultreya. Friendship group reunions consists of smaller gatherings of Cursillo members who support one another and share ways that God is working in their day-to-day lives as they live out the mission of the church in their families, church, work and world.

Meet: Year round, 1st Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm. **MEETING AT EPIPHANY IN SOY BLDG RM 109 AUG, OCT, DEC, FEB, APR, JUNE; MEETING AT ST. FRANCES CABRINI IN PARRISH IN SEPT, NOV, JAN, MAR, MAY (Call first.)**

Contact: Irene Bauer 726-0368 or iabauer@yahoo.com

Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group offers up prayers for the intentions of the Rector. There are yearly celebrations: Novena of Divine Mercy (Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday) and Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations.

Meet: Friday, 3:00pm in the Cathedral Chapel

Contact: Jenny Holaday 441-7495 or holadays@comcast.net

Emmaus Men

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen Epiphany through the development of Catholic disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ as a servant and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

Meet: Monday, 7:00pm. Year rounds

Contact: Jerry Paulausky 260-602-7542 or jerry881@comcast.net
and Bob Will 223-4828 or bwill@comcast.net

Emmaus Women

The Emmaus Women Ministry provides women of all ages an opportunity to grow in their spiritual life through attendance at a retreat based on Luke 24:13-35 in which Jesus shares the story of his life, death and resurrection with two disciples journeying to the city of Emmaus. Once having attended the weekend retreat, new retreatants are invited to attend monthly prayer meetings fostering continued spiritual growth and fellowship with past retreatants.

Meet: Monthly, 9:00am

Contact: Donna Vodraska (630) 336-0918 or donnavodraska@aol.com

Epiphany Moms Group

The ministry focuses on Catholic outreach to mothers of Epiphany Parish and Venice area, for those with a desire to grow in holiness and share faith and fellowship with other mothers.

Meet: September - April, Tuesdays, 8:00am.

Contact: Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Epiphany Prayer Requests

Anyone who feels the need for prayer for themselves, family or friends may avail themselves of the Prayer Line by telephoning the Parish Office 484-3505 or email epiphanyprayerrequests@gmail.com

Contact: Ron Courtney 484-2062 or ronclaire5@verizon.net

Holy Souls Society - Apostolate of Purgatory

This prayer program is designed to relieve and gain release for the Suffering souls in Purgatory who can no longer help themselves.

Meet: Every Monday at 8:45 am

Contact: Nany Archiable 513-703-8005 narchiable@yahoo.com

Legion of Mary (2 Groups)

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization built upon a true devotion to Mary which is reflected in its prayers and works. With the sanction of the Church, we are an army under the powerful leadership and intercession of Mary Immaculate. Through Mary to Jesus our active members minister to the sick and lonely with visits to homes, hospitals, nursing homes and jails and many other works. There are two Legion of Mary Prayer Groups.

Mary, Ark of the Covenant

Meet: Wednesdays, 7:00pm.

Contact: Julie Courville 720-5690 or jclfiggi@aol.com

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Meet : Fridays, 9:45am.

Contact: Judy Paleski 780-0753 or jmp8820@comcast.net

Marian Movement of Priests' Cenacle

A gathering of parishioners who pray to Our Lady to intercede for priests so that they remain strongly united to the Pope and the Church. The priests also consecrate themselves to Her Immaculate Heart.

Meet: Monday—Friday, 9:00am.

Contact: Marie Rasch 484-4043

Parish Vocation Ministry

The “Parish Vocation Ministry” is an initiative of the Vocations Office to promote a culture of vocations in every parish in the Diocese.

Meet: 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00pm.

Contact: Vocations Director, Fr. Eric Scanlan, 486-4720 or
scanlan@dioceseofvenice.org

Prayer Companions

Some of our elderly and homebound parishioners are unable to participate actively in our parish. We need their valued support in praying for the many intentions of Epiphany Cathedral. All Prayer Companions will have available the intentions for personal and communal prayer so that all may participate more actively in the spiritual life of our Parish.

Contact: Marianne Maas 484-3505 or maas@epiphanycathedral.org

Prayer Partners

This partnership has enlivened our mission of “*building a caring community that serves others.*” The promise of prayer is a commitment between our students and parishioners of our Epiphany Cathedral. The only requirement to join the club is the promise to pray for your partner every day! Undoubtedly, this partnership is a wonderful way to share faith and build community through prayer. Teaching our children to pray is vitally important to help them develop a loving relationship with God. Praying for others deepens our connection with God.

Contact: Lari Lett, 586-3954 or prayerpartners@ecstigers.com

Respect Life Prayer Vigil Group

Members meet every Friday to pray the Rosary outside Planned Parenthood from 9am to 12:00pm in Sarasota.

Contact: Kim Wilkinson 493-0111 or kimann4life@gmail.com

Rosary For Life Prayer Group

Recitation of the Rosary for Life takes place every Friday during Adoration after the 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet unless otherwise noted.

Meet: Fridays, after Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3:15pm.

Contact: Al & Margaret Cantanno 488-9603 or marlexfla@verizon.net



Rosary Prayer Groups (4 Groups)

Recitation of the Rosary takes place before or after Mass.

Contact:

7:30 am weekdays Ed Marinak 408-0805 marinak1932@yahoo.com

8:30 am weekdays Tom Hresko 681-1819

7:00 am Sundays Sandy Higgins 483-3357 bshiggins1@gmail.com

(La Epifanía Grupo de Oración del Rosario)

6:30pm Sat. Spanish Mass Lily Mendez 266-2167 mz848@icloud.com

Secular Franciscan Order, OFS

A community of lay Catholic men and women who seek to pattern their lives after Christ, going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel, according to the rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Must be a Catholic in good standing and have been confirmed.

Meet: September- June, 3rd Sunday and 1st Saturday of every month

Contact: Agnes Carrasco (516) 450-0019 or ajcarra62@yahoo.com
and Roger Reid (410) 227-4545 or reid003@verizon.net

Spirit of Love Prayer Group (Charismatic Prayer Group)

The Spirit of Love Prayer Group is one of the oldest Charismatic Prayer Groups in the State of Florida. The mission of the Prayer Group is to foster the spiritual renewal of God's people by promoting Baptism in the Holy Spirit, the acceptance and use of the charismatic gifts, promote growth in personal prayer, and a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Meet: 1st Thursday 7:00pm Praise and Worship, 7:30pm Mass in Cathedral Chapel. All other Thursdays at 7:00pm in Magi Hall. All are welcome

Contact: Stephanie Oefinger 400-8985 or Alice Keough, 485-2325
or spiritofloveprayergroup@gmail.com

Service

Dynamic Fitness Class

Dynamic Fitness is a choreographed program of routines that are done to music and are designed to improve muscle tone, increase flexibility, improve endurance and promote cardiovascular fitness.

Meet: Mon, Wed, Fri., 8:00am.

Contact: Jerry Woelfel 416-5510 or jerryCW@outlook.com

Epiphany Gift Shop

The religious gift shop, located in the right entrance to the Cathedral, is a religious articles store staffed by stewards.

Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 12:00pm as well as on weekends before and after Mass.

Contact: Debbie Heald 485-5376 or pwrgld2@msn.com

Epiphany Memorial Garden Upkeep

The Memorial Garden is sacred ground open to parishioners and their immediate family who wish to have their cremains interred on Epiphany Cathedral grounds. Cremains are buried directly in the garden, located at the northeast corner of the Cathedral and a plaque is hung nearby inside the church to identify those who are interred. A memorial brick may also be purchased for a friend or family member interred in the garden. Stewards are needed to maintain the garden. They should have a love of horticulture and a willingness and ability to weed, water, and keep the resting place of relatives and friends appropriately landscaped.

Contact: Ann Brozosky (609) 744-6899 or abrozosky@yahoo.com

Epiphany Planters

Volunteers plant and maintain flowers at the entrance to the church and grounds twice a year.

Contact: Fr. Ricky Varner 484-3505 or varner@epiphanycathedral.org

Garage Sale

The Parish holds a 3-day garage sale twice a year with proceeds benefiting the school and parish. We accept all gently used items. And we are always in need of volunteers.

Contact: Helen Flynn 484-3505 or flynn@epiphanycathedral.org

Italian Class

The Italian Conversation Course is intended for students who have some basic notions of the structure of Italian language and the ability to understand and speak simple sentences in standard Italian. It is not intended for beginning students of Italian. The course tries to promote speaking skills based on Italian cultural topics and every-day situations.

Meet: November - March, Wednesdays, 1:45p

Contact: Peter Martini 941-350-5032 martinipgl@aol.com

Peter B Zazzali 727-741-0840

Living Your Strengths—Continue the Journey

Continue the Journey is a small group coming together to learn more about their unique, God-given talents/strengths, those of others, and how we each contribute to the fulfillment of the Body of Christ, resulting in a greater sense of belonging and more effective stewardship!

Contact: Carol George 244-0523 or cagalen@hotmail.com

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

We make rosaries for Epiphany's 1st Communion class, graduation, the Cathedral Narthex, rosary rallies, nursing homes, the Caribbean missions, and for anyone for may need a special rosary.

Meet: Year round, Wednesdays from 11:00 to 1:00pm

Contact: Rose Kidder (517) 618-5723 or roseannakid@yahoo.com

Parish Office Volunteers

Assist with mailings, printing, filing, answering telephone calls, computer input and other office work.

Contact: Jenny Holaday 484-3505 or holaday@epiphanycathedral.org

Senior Adult Activities (3 groups)

Adults meeting in fellowship. All are welcome – all skill levels with some instruction available if requested.

Meet: Year round, Wednesdays

· **Knitting and Crocheting:** 9:30am—11:00am

Contact: Dee Martorana 484-1008 or tdvenice@gmail.com

· **Quilting:** 1st and 3rd Wed., 9:30am –11:00am (all year)

Contact: Cathy Modjeski 488-5176 or cathymodjeski@verizon.net
and Ann Dieter 539-1975 or wdietergpe@aol.com

· **Mahjong:** 9:00am—12:00pm

Contact: Gloria Lovelace 223-1793 or lovelacegloria55@yahoo.com

Soulcore

Soulcore is a movement that combines core strengthening, stretching and functional exercises with the prayers of the rosary to nourish the body, mind and soul.

Meet: Every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Magi Hall

Contact: Erica Maun 941-544-8420 jnmaun@aol.com

Youth Ministry

All teens and their families are encouraged to attend the Sunday 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass together. Several times during the year, the young people worship and enjoy fellowship with teens from other youth groups in our diocese and share our Catholic faith experience. All teens are welcome.

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls offer girls ages 5-18 a program of social development, leadership skills, life enhancement skills, character development, teamwork, confidence building, and spiritual development. Our mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

Meet: Fridays, 6:30 to 8:00pm. (no school + no meeting)

Contact: Robert Paquette 966-4956 or 860-462-2459 or robertpaquette@snet.net

EDGE Youth Group (Grades 7 & 8)

The **EDGE** program is for young people in seventh and eighth grades. The program provides the opportunity for students to learn more about their faith in an environment of fellowship and caring.

Meet: September- April, Wednesdays, 6:00pm.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN Food Ministers

These giving people help with cooking once a month. If you are a good cook, please volunteer to cook for youth group!

Contact: Helen Flynn 941-416-2244 or Jflynn3520@aol.com

LIFE TEEN Readers

Teens read for the 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass every Sunday. All teens are invited to join this ministry.

Contact: Dcn Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN Ushers/Greeters

Teens needed every Sunday for the 5:30pm **LIFE TEEN** Mass to greet everyone as they enter the cathedral, hand out worship aids, and to help bring up the gifts and the baskets for collection. All teens welcome!

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or youth@epiphanycathedral.org

LIFE TEEN Youth Group (Grades 9-12)

The ***LIFE TEEN*** youth program is for teens in grades nine through twelve. Two Sundays each month are for teaching and faith development that complements the Confirmation process and continues faith formation through high-school years. One Sunday evening is for issues pertinent to teens daily lives and societal challenges. One Sunday is for socialization and recreational pursuits.

Meet: September to May, Sunday, 6:30 pm.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Young Adults (Ages 18-39)

Young adults meet for Praise and Worship, and to share their faith.

Meet: 3rd Saturdays, 6 to 8 pm.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org

Youth Office Volunteers

These giving people help in the youth office.

Contact: Deacon Jun & Colleen Roca 615-0293 or
youth@epiphanycathedral.org



Partner Ministries

Cenacle Legal Services

Cenacle Legal Services, Inc., is an all-pro bono legal option for income-eligible individuals residing in Englewood, North Port and Venice. Legal services are provided by volunteer attorneys regardless of clients' race, age, religion, gender, disability or immigration status in the United States. Priority services are extended to the elderly, the vulnerable and the working poor who may not qualify for traditional legal aid from Gulfcoast Legal Services and Legal Aid of Manasota. Consultations are provided by appointment only.

Florida Bar admitted lawyers are encouraged to volunteer.

Contact: Contact: Evelyn L. Moya, Esq., Executive Director
941-244-0308 or CenacleLegal@gmail.com

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center

OLPH provides a setting to serve those searching for God: people of Catholic parishes, participants of programs of the Diocese of Venice, and people of all faiths searching for spiritual help and growth.

Contact: Denise Riley 486-0233

Address: 3989 S. Moon Dr. , Venice, FL 34292

Our Mother's House (Catholic Charities)

Our Mothers House has been providing housing to homeless mothers and their children since 1987. The mission of the program is to offer single mothers and their children a safe and secure environment in which to achieve increased self-sufficiency through education, vocational training and personal growth.

Contact: Joyce Scott 485-6264 or jscott@ccdis1.org

Address: 405 Manatee Ct, Venice, FL 34285

Pregnancy Care Center

A non-profit organization founded in 1985 to serve families in Sarasota County. Our goal is to help parents with children that are in need to provide safer, healthier, and happier lives for their children. We provide gently loved clothing from newborn to 5T and previously loved baby furniture, cribs, swings, high chairs, strollers and more. We also offer baby food, cereal and formula, along with one package of diapers per child, once every four weeks.

Contact: Clareanne Lanktree (973) 722-4110 / 485-1776
or clareannelanktree@yahoo.com

Address: 301 Bayshore Dr., Venice, FL 34285

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Epiphany Cathedral/Our Lady of Lourdes Conference

Conference composed of parishioners from Epiphany Cathedral and Our Lady of Lourdes. A worldwide lay organization that offers tangible assistance to those in need as well as spiritual support through prayer and person-to-person contact. Financial aid is provided to individuals with emergencies, such as a need for help paying for housing, utilities, medications, clothing and food.

Contact: Gerry Walsh, 493-2027

Address: c/o Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
1301 Center Road, Venice, FL 34292

South Country Food Pantry

Is an all volunteer organization providing food to those in need in Venice, Osprey and Nokomis. Open weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Closed Holidays.

Contact: Telephone manned by volunteers, 408-2911

Address: 247 Center Court, Venice FL 34285



Brief History of Epiphany Cathedral

The Church of the Epiphany was begun as a mission of St. Martha's Parish, Sarasota, in the winter of 1935 by Monsignor Charles Elslander to serve the Catholics of the Venice area.

In 1947 a former military chapel of Venice Army Air Base was transported to Tampa Ave. and Nassau St. where it was refurbished and dedicated as the first Epiphany Church.

On March 7, 1955, Epiphany Parish was established as a separate entity with Fr. Michael M. Reynolds appointed as the first pastor by Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley. Fr. Noah E. Brunner was later appointed as interim administrator during late 1955 and early 1956 because of the illness of Fr. Reynolds.

In Sept. 1956, Fr. George W. Cummings was appointed pastor of Epiphany Church. In 1959 Fr. Cummings built a parish school and a new church in 1960. (This new church is the present Parish Center on Harbor Dr.) The former military chapel was then used as a parish hall. By 1966, increased enrollment at Epiphany School made the addition of a second story to the building necessary. The second floor housed the new auditorium, science room, music room, library, classrooms, and conference rooms.

Fr. Esteban G. Soy became the third pastor of Epiphany Church in 1976. Marian Hall was built on the east side of the school to accommodate extra Masses and various parish functions.

In 1980 the present church was built. The 1960 church edifice was remodeled to serve as the new Parish Center.

With the Catholic population in Florida steadily increasing, Pope John Paul II in 1984 established two new dioceses, one of which was the Diocese of Venice. The Church of Epiphany was selected to become the Cathedral for the new Diocese and Most Rev. John J. Nevins was installed as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Venice.

Fr. Soy constructed the pre-school, cafeteria, computer, library, and classroom annex buildings. In 1999 Santa Maria Chapel in the school courtyard was constructed to serve the spiritual needs of the school children.

Fr. Soy retired in July 1999. At his farewell, Bishop Nevins announced the appointment of Fr. Robert R. Cannon as the new rector of the Cathedral on October, 1999. In March 2003, Fr. Cannon, a reserve Chaplain in the Air Force, was called to active duty. Fr. George Ratzmann was appointed as rector effective April 23, 2003.

On April 25, 2006, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI named Msgr. Frank J. Dewane as coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Venice.

On July 25, 2006, Msgr. Dewane was ordained to the episcopacy at Epiphany Cathedral. This was the first Episcopal Ordination in the history of the Diocese of Venice.

On January 19, 2007, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI accepted the resignation of Bishop Nevins. Bishop Dewane, succeeded him as Ordinary of the Diocese of Venice.

On October 1, 2008, Fr. John F. Costello was appointed the new Rector of Epiphany Cathedral. He is now the present Rector of Epiphany Cathedral.

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