St. Veronica Parish Apostolates & Ministries

Experience the joy of serving Our Lord by volunteering for one of our many parish apostolates and ministries. This is a great way to strengthen our parish family and community by sharing our talents and time for the sake of the Kingdom of God. May God richly bless you for your generosity!

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<u>Altar Boys</u>: St. Veronica Altar Boys serve Our Lord faithfully at all the weekend Masses and school Masses. Boys in grades 5-12 are invited to participate. Contact Father Robert Wagner, pv@stveronica.net.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Contact Deacon Paul Ochenkowski, 703-773-2004.

Lectors: Lectors welcome parishioners, recite the readings, and announce the Prayers of the Faithful at each weekend Mass. Contact Deacon Paul Ochenkowski, 703-773-2004.

Linen Ministry: Responsible for cleaning and care of the altar linens. Contact Michele Sharon, msharon@stveronica.net.

Ushers: Take and care of the collection, distributing bulletins, and assisting parishioners in need. It's a great way to help the parish. Contact Dave Pacia, davepacia@yahoo.com.

Sacred Music: No prior choir experience is necessary. Adult Choir—parishioners 18 and up who can sing on pitch are invited to join; Children's Choir—wonderful musical opportunity for boys and girls in grades 3-8. Other opportunities include Adult and Youth Cantor Programs, Youth Orchestra, Advanced Strings, and Adult Instrumental Group. Contact Emily Mason, emason@stveronica.net.

Sacristan: Gina McCue, stvsacristan@gmail.com.

EDUCATION/EVANGELIZATION

<u>St. Veronica School</u>: Cafeteria, Library, and Playground Volunteers always needed. Call the school office, 703-773-2020, to volunteer.

<u>Religious Education</u>: Weekly catechesis for students grades K-12. Catechists, assistant catechists, classroom aides, and hall monitors needed. Contact Deacon Paul Ochenkowski, 703-773-2004.

<u>RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</u>: Adults interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith or ready to begin process of entering or returning to the Church are invited. Contact Scott Bradford, RCIA@stveronica.net.

Homeschool Group: Contact Anne Dealey, anne@dealey.com.

Legion of Mary: The primary purpose of the Legion is to give glory to God through striving for holiness while serving the Church and our neighbor. Members (Legionaries) undertake various types of works of mercy (for example, door to door evangelization, visiting the sick at Fair Oaks Hospital and the elderly at local nursing homes, and teaching religious education) with weekly meetings for prayer, planning and discussion under the guidance of Father Wagner. Contact Larry Burke, staug1@mindspring.com.

<u>NFP Coordinator</u>: Contact, Meg Kilgannon, 703-507-5998.

<u>**Parish Library</u>**: Provides temporary use of books, movies, and audios to parishioners. We invite you to see our collection—volunteers needed. Contact Marie O'Brien at bureaucrat2@yahoo.com.</u>

<u>Youth Apostolate</u>: Formational opportunity for teens that aims at following Jesus Christ more closely by studying the Catholic Faith from the perspectives of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. Contact Erin Johnson, youthminister@stveronica.net.

APOSTOLIC SERVICE

Aslan's Army: A partnership between parishioners and the prolife organizations Tepeyac OB/GYN and Divine Mercy Care. Contact Shannon Branly and Cherie Sherrier for more information, aslansarmy@stveronica.net.

Saint Mother Teresa Outreach: Provides emergency assistance to those in our community who are struggling to meet basic short term needs. Contact Virginia Perna, stvsmtoa@gmail.com.

LINK: LINK is a group of churches in the Western Fairfax/Loudoun area that provides food, clothing and aid on an emergency basis to people in need. St. Veronica has a monthly food collection on the second Sunday, and the church community makes deliveries of groceries to the LINK clients in November. Contact Patty Bartnick, 703-476-0442.

Prison Ministry Book Apostolate: Collects Bibles, and educational and wholesome leisure reading material for Fairfax County Detention Center. Contact Marie Goldschmidt, caputog@verizon.net.

<u>**Pro-Life Apostolate</u>**: Involved in education, prayer, and peaceful social action to support human life from conception to natural death. Contact Steve Grist, steve.grist@cox.net.</u>

<u>Meals Apostolate</u>: This program invites people in need to request delivery of home-cooked meals for a specific time period. A list of volunteers sign up to prepare and deliver a meal. Contact mealsapostolate@stveronica.net.

Sunrise Assisted Living Ministry: Volunteers help set up, gather the residents, and participate in Communion Service or Mass every Friday (3:00 to 5:00 pm). The Rosary is recited on Wednesdays (1:00 to 2:30 pm). Volunteers may participate at either or both activities on a continuous or rotating basis. Contact Patricia Rouleau, prouleau@cox.net.

PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

50 & Over Women's Bible Study: Members meet weekly on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am for one hour in the Acolyte Room for spiritual book study. Contact Phyllis Simard, psimard001@gmail.com.

<u>Adoption Support Group</u>: For families interested in adopting or who have adopted children. Contact Jill Bender, Jill_Bender2000@yahoo.com.

<u>Charismatic Prayer Group (Our Lord's Flock)</u>: Meets on Saturdays from 1:30 to 3:30 pm in the Training Room. Contact Cecilia Lauchengco, cessvausa@gmail.com.

Divine Mercy Cenacle: A prayer group devoted to the Lord's message of mercy through St. Faustina. Contact Jeff Cappel, cappeljeff@gmail.com.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel: Eucharistic adorers commit to adore the Blessed Sacrament for one hour every week. Substitutes are also needed on occasion, too. Contact Linda Loch, 301-728-7855.

Food & Faith Organic Garden: Volunteers needed to help with tending the garden to supply fresh produce to Catholic Charities' St. Lucy Project in Manassas and the nearby food pantry at Community of Faith United Methodist Church. Contact Sandy Greeley, cookasia1@gmail.com.

Hearts Afire: Parish-based programs from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. Contact Jean Heinzelman, stvheartsafire@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus: Committed to strengthening the faith of Catholic men and the promotion of brotherhood through support to Church and community charities and those less fortunate. Contact Carmine Mendicino, ragoo@verizon.net.

Luminaries of Holy Mary: Meets for one hour on the 1st Saturday each month following 9:15 am Mass, and the 3rd Sunday at 12:15 pm. Contact Frank Spicer, praydailyrosary@gmail.com.

Men's Group: That Man is You! is open to all men of the parish. Meets Saturday mornings for spiritual enrichment and fellowship. Contact Kelly Dobson, TMIY@stveronica.net.

Norbertine Third Order Chapter: Contact Wes or Madeleine Marchesseault, sixmarches@cox.net for more information.

Parish Community Circles (PCC): Organized circles of 4 to 5 families meet once a month. This is a great way to get to know and share the Faith with parishioners in your neighborhood. Contact Francis Thomas, pccstveronica@gmail.com.

<u>Rangers</u>: Christ-centered group for boys age 9-17. Contact Kirby Smith, rangercompanyguide@gmail.com.

St. Catherine of Siena Ladies Faith Group:

Please join us Thursday mornings after the 8:30 Mass to 10:30 am in the Acolyte Room as we continue reading the Encyclicals of the Catholic Church. Starting on September 13, 2018, we will be reading "On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering" by St John Paul II. Suffering touches every women and can come suddenly or violently. Let us learn how to address the mystery of suffering in light of our redemption. Contact Ann Schierer, <u>ann@schierer.org</u>.

<u>Separated or Divorced Catholics</u>: Meets the 2nd Wednesday each month to discuss educational and spiritual topics with guest speakers, and to provide each other support and fellowship. Contact Susan McCullough, sw.mccullough@outlook.com.

St. Veronica Spirituality Apostolate: Help deepen your spirituality, prayer life and intimacy with God by studying works of the Saints. Meets the 4th Thursday each month, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Acolyte Room. Contact Amy Robinson, amy.dh333@gmail.com.

Young Mothers: Provides fellowship and prayer for the young mothers of the parish, including bible study, mom's night out, and rosary for vocations. Contact Cindy Helffrich, youngmothers@stveronica.net.