SACRED HEART PARISH MINISTRIES
Summer / Autumn 2026

ALTAR BOYS Contact: Fr. Charles Pawlowski, pastorsheartlebanon@gmail.com

Altar boys have the great honor of assisting in the most sacred event that takes place on earth: the sacrifice of the Holy Mass. It is right and just, therefore, that the altar boys prepare themselves in mind, heart, and body in order to worthily serve our Lord. They can do this by arriving at church early enough to spend a few minutes in prayer. This will put them in the correct spiritual state to prepare the altar and assist the priest during Mass.

Boys and young men are encouraged to serve at Mass in order to open their hearts and souls to a possible vocation to the priesthood.

BIBLE STUDY Contact: Maggie Nichols, maggien@hey.com

Usually we meet twice a month (except during the summer months) on Sunday in the Parish Office following 9:30 Mass. This year we'll be diving into St. Paul's Letter to the Romans; our first meeting is Sunday, September 21. Refreshments are served. Be sure to sign up for Bible Study Flocknotes to keep track of all announcements.

CANTORS Contact: Alice Maleski, musicsheartlebanon@gmail.com

Cantors lead the congregation in the responsorial Psalm from the ambo as it is part of the Liturgy of the Word. While some rudimentary knowledge of music is helpful, it is not mandatory. MP3s and/or videos are provided as an extra teaching aide.

EUCHARISTIC Contact: Jane Reece, mjanereece@gmail.com

The Eucharistic Ministry's goal is to facilitate parishioners of all ages to meet Jesus in a personal encounter in the Holy Eucharist at Mass and at Adoration. We strive to help people develop a deep, intimate relationship with our Lord in the Liturgy as well as in their daily prayer life. Jesus Christ may then become and continue to be the *Source and Summit* of their lifelong Catholic Faith.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry and assist us and Fr. Charles in the parish's greater devotion to the Eucharist, please use the contact information provided.

FUNERAL CHOIR Contact: Alice Maleski, musicsheartlebanon@gmail.com

At many parishes throughout the country, and at Sacred Heart, instead of a soloist at a funeral Mass, we have a funeral choir. Nothing fancy or difficult but rather congregants of our parish who are free weekday mornings (typically 10 or 11am) and/or members of our parish who can't make the longer commitment for one of our Sunday Mass choirs. No rehearsals are required. Just come 15 minutes before Mass and join us. The comments from the families of the deceased as well as the funeral homes express deep appreciation! The simple sacrifice of offering up one hour of your time can be rewarding in ways that you may never know in this life!

JOYFUL HEARTS Contacts: Nancy Blais, ndblais11@gmail.com
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Carol Quirk, carolquirk@gmail.com

We are a volunteer group that helps make parish events possible. The opportunities to serve include planning, set up, food preparation, baking, serving, and clean-up. There are no minimum hours to which you commit; sign up only for those events that interest you! It is an amazing opportunity to get to know your parish community. If you would like to be added to our Flocknote group, please contact the Parish Office.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS Contact: John Pomeroy, Grand Knight, johnpomeroy84@gmail.com

Why join our Council? ***Parish service:*** We work closely with our Pastor, Fr. Charles Pawlowski, to help serve the needs of Sacred Heart Parish and its parishioners. ***Fraternity***: Socialize and serve with brother Knights from all walks of life, united together by our love for God. ***Leadership by example***: Demonstrate to your children, grandchildren and others how to love your neighbor as yourself. ***Parish events***: Help plan, organize, and run worthwhile parish events such as Thanksgiving Community Dinner, Lenten Fish Fries, Palm Sunday Breakfast, Oktoberfest, Family Fun Day, Sunday Coffee Hours, and more! ***College Scholarships***: Children and grandchildren of active members can apply for college scholarships made available by our Council since 1975. ***Security for loved ones:*** Knights of Columbus members are eligible to apply for highly-regarded insurance products to help secure the future of your loved ones.

LECTORS Contacts: Fr. Charles Pawlowski, pastorsheartlebanon@gmail.com
Alice Maleski, musicsheartlebanon@gmail.com

"*When the Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself is speaking to his people, and Christ, present in His own word, is proclaiming the Gospel. The readings of God's word must therefore be listened to by all with reverence; they make up a principal element of the liturgy. In the biblical readings, God's word addresses all people of every era and is understandable to them, and a fuller understanding and efficacy are fostered by a living commentary on it, that is to say, by the homily, understood as an integral part of the liturgical action* (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 29)."

If interested in becoming a lector, please see Fr. Charles or Alice or email them at the addresses given. We have recently opened this ministry to our parish's youth, grade 6 and above. We offer training in public speaking, the liturgy, Scripture, and prayer so don't be shy! It's a great privilege to pronounce the inspired words of God at the Mass.

LIBRARY Contacts: Connie Leblanc, leblanc.constance@gmail.com
Jan Casano, grammycasano@gmail.com

Our Parish Library is located just off the Parish Hall on the lower level of the church. Over the last couple of years we've secured some excellent books on parenting, the Sacraments, and for the younger / youngest parishioners. We could use a hand in better organizing what we have, what we no longer need, and titles we should try to purchase. This would be an informal commitment but would be terrifically helpful. Please contact Connie or Jan at the addresses given.

MEN of ST. JOSEPH Contact: Jason Nichols, jasonn@hey.com

Our ministry was formed to meet the specific needs of Catholic men. With prayer, fellowship, discussion, and coffee the men of this ministry aim to emulate St. Joseph to become better husbands, fathers, sons, brothers, and friends. From Proverbs we learn, "*as iron sharpens iron, so shall man sharpen his fellow man.*" We are Catholic men supporting each other to emulate the life of St. Joseph by building a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and by leading our families to Him.

We meet on the second Saturday of every month from 8 to 9:30am in the lower level of the Parish Office.

MUSIC Contact: Music Director Alice Maleski, musicsheartlebanon@gmail.com

The purpose of the Music Ministry at Sacred Heart is to foster a deeper prayer in all who worship with us. Our musical prayer is meant to beautify our celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist and other services. In the Baltimore Catechism, the answer to the question "*Why did God make us*?" is this: "*To know, love, and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him forever in heaven.*" Our musical prayer is a way to serve God and to thereby show our love for Him.

All are welcome (any age) to join us at the back of the church prior to Mass. We also invite musicians to join in our special celebrations, such as Christmas and Easter, as well as throughout the year.

OCIA *(formerly RCIA)* Contact: Kelly Diette, ociasheartlebanon@gmail.com

Most people know OCIA as a class for people who desire to convert to the Catholic faith but it's much more than that. ◆ Maybe you were Baptized Catholic but never received any other Sacraments. ◆ Perhaps you received First Holy Communion but were never Confirmed. ◆ Possibly you grew up thinking you were Catholic but never felt like you knew or understood the Faith. ◆ Have you been asked to be a "godparent" or sponsor but don't feel like you're qualified to take on that obligation? ◆ Maybe you feel like you need more knowledge to be able to pass the Faith on to your children or grandchildren. ◆ Did you promise your Catholic spouse that *one day* you'd attend these classes? ◆ Or could it be that you're just curious and want to know more about the wonderfully strange (but true!) Catholic faith?

Maybe, just *maybe*, **OCIA** is for you or someone you love. If any of these situations apply, contact Kelly Diette.

PASTORAL CARE Contacts: Donna Christy, donnachristy23@gmail.com
Cathy Filiano, cfil@aol.com
Jan Miles, janmiles728@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Visitors serving the homebound can profoundly affect a fellow parishioner's life.

Our homebound parishioners cannot attend Mass but they still wish to share in the Eucharist and in their parish family. They appreciate our prayers and our visiting with them. Pastoral Care Visitors observe firsthand the grace and the calming and comforting effects that the Eucharist, prayer, and simple conversation bring to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Please contact the ladies noted above or the Parish Office for more details.

SACRISTANS Contacts: Bert Blais, bertoscar52@gmail.com
Bob Ferranti, rmferranti@gmail.com
Cathy Filiano, cfil@aol.com

Sacristans help the celebrant prepare for Mass. Often they make ready the sacred vessels, organize the collection(s), and open and lock up the church. Their ministry is crucial for visiting priests who may be unfamiliar with our parish.

THIRD ORDER of MARY Contacts: Connie Leblanc, leblanc.constance@gmail.com
Jan Casano, grammycasano@gmail.com

The Third Order of Mary is the lay branch of the Marist Order (The Society of Mary): *Mary of Nazareth, the first disciple of the Lord and Mother of the Church, is the heart of our identity as Marists. We believe that we have been called by a "gracious choice" into the family of Mary. It is her work that we do and so we commit ourselves to think, judge, feel and act as she did. These qualities mark us as Marists: mercy and compassion, availability, welcome and hospitality….we are called to be humble and hidden and unknown in the world.*

Our meetings are held at noon each first Sunday of the month in the vestibule of Sacred Heart. At our hour-long gatherings we pray the Rosary and other Marian prayers and have a brief spiritual reading. You are welcome to attend and see if Mary is calling you!

VOCATIONS Contacts: Fr. Charles Pawlowski, pastorsheartlebanon@gmail.com
Jim Filiano, cfil@aol.com

Everyone has a vocation, a calling from God. It takes time and soul-searching to discern our individual calling, whether it is the holy single state, sacramental marriage, consecrated religious life, or priesthood. A commitment to a life doing God's will in one of those four states is critical for civilization to thrive.

Sacred Heart prays and takes action to help parishioners in discernment (from school age children to adults), and to support our seminarians. We pray a decade of a Scriptural Rosary for vocations at 5:15pm every Tuesday evening before the 5:30 Mass. Also we devote ourselves to pray for vocations during a Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration on the first Tuesday of every month at 4:15pm followed by 5:30 Mass.