

St. Patrick Church Liturgical Committee

St. Patrick Church Liturgical Committee Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to enhance the worship of God, to support the liturgical prayer life of the community and to nurture the spiritual growth of St. Patrick Church.

Purpose of the Liturgical Committee:

The St. Patrick Church Liturgical Committee is a committee of the St. Patrick Church Pastoral Council committed to promote and strengthen the liturgical life of the parish family. The Liturgical Committee exists principally to enhance the living experience of the People of God as they come together in yearning to sustain the vision of the Kingdom come in Jesus Christ. Serving the parish in the areas of the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist, sacramental and para-liturgical celebrations and evangelization, the Liturgical Committee also promotes and provides for programs of education, planning and evaluation.

Functions of the Liturgical Committee:

The revised ***General Instruction of the Roman Missal (G.I.R.M.)*** notes that since liturgy is the “primary and indispensable source from which the faithful are to derive the true Christian Spirit ... the entire celebration is planned in such a way that it leads to a conscious, active and full participation of the faithful both in body and mind” (No. 17). Since the Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist is the “source and summit” (**SC 11**) of Christian life, the Liturgical Committee is actively and directly connected and concerned with all of the aspects of the liturgical and sacramental life of St. Patrick Church. The Liturgical Committee collaborates with the Pastor, the St. Patrick Church Pastoral Council, other parish personnel and committees, and the Office of Worship of the Diocese of Norwich. It develops and establishes objectives to realize and accomplish parish, diocesan and ecclesiastical goals and norms in the area of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and parish worship. In consultation with the Pastor and the St. Patrick Church Pastoral Council, the Liturgical Committee develops and oversees a program of evaluation of its own work.

The primary tasks of the Liturgical Committee are in the areas of liturgical worship and evangelization. This work includes administrative, prayer and worship, and educational responsibilities.

A. The Liturgical Committee’s **administrative** responsibilities are:

1. To make recommendations to the St. Patrick Church Pastoral Council regarding priorities, policy guidelines and directives of the parish, diocesan and Church universal which should be considered in the planning and carrying out of the worship life of the parish;
2. To coordinate the planning and scheduling for the liturgical celebrations for seasonal and special feasts;

3. To coordinate and oversee the preparation, functioning and evaluation of all liturgical ministries in the parish i.e. readers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, ushers, ministers of hospitality, sacristans, cantors, etc.;
4. To ensure the integrity of the liturgical year through assisting in the appropriate scheduling of celebrations and prayer services.

B. The Liturgical Committee's **worship** responsibilities are:

1. To discern the parish's worship/liturgical/prayer needs;
2. To assist in providing quality liturgical celebrations and prayer services through involvement in the planning and evaluation of these;
3. To plan, prepare and collaborate liturgical events and celebrations;
4. To coordinate and schedule all liturgical ministers;
5. To ensure compliance with the liturgical directives, guidelines, norms and policies of the parish, the Diocese of Norwich and the Church universal;
6. To foster an atmosphere of hospitality and harmony in all aspects of its work.

C. The Liturgical Committee's **educational** responsibilities are:

1. To update its members with the knowledge, understanding and expertise needed to function effectively;
2. To oversee the continuing education of the parish in liturgical matters;
3. To support the continuing education and formation of all liturgical ministers according to parish, diocesan and Church universal directives, guidelines, norms and policies.

Meetings:

The Liturgical Committee ordinarily meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick Parish Center.

Membership:

Membership of the Liturgical Committee includes the Pastor, the Deacon (when assigned), the Pastoral Associate, the representatives of various parish ministries, organizations and other parishioners who have an interest in fostering our mission and purpose.

Current Members:

Pastor:	Rev. Charles R. LeBlanc	267-6644
Pastoral Associate:	Sr. Dominic Joseph Valla	267-6644
Altar Servers:	Susan Lanzi	267-9984
Caregiving – Outreach	Sr. Dominic Joseph Valla	267-6644
Adult Leader & Youth Faith Formation	Dani Annino	267-6644
Music: Director	John Higgins	632-7283
Associate Director and Wedding Coordinator	Michelle Donahue	342-0435
RCIA:	Carol Dence	267-1749
Sacristan:	Bonnie Peterson	267-2617
Ushers – Ministers of Hospitality	Gary Cioe Bonnie Peterson John Robida	267-9508 267-2617 267-0329
Member at large:	Donna Daly	267-8383 (u)

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