

# Hospitality

Claire McFarland 11/17/15

**Ushers:** Dave Chadwick (410-535-4140)

- Ministry running smoothly, dedicated group of ushers.
- Offertory baskets: would like to replace 3-4 damaged baskets; request 4-5 additional baskets for holiday masses. Total need: 7-8 new baskets.
- Hearing devises: not certain folks are aware of availability.
  - Currently have 2 devices but may need more once the word is out.
  - Please put a notice in the weekly bulletin identifying availability (run notice indefinitely).
  - Immediate need for cleansing wipes and possibly replacement batteries.

**Hospitality:** Linda Bednarski (410-535-5428)

- Believes parishioners view the mass hospitality as a snack committee and not a *ministry* and would like an emphasis placed on the fact that this is a great way to offer up one's time & talents. She notes that it can be an attractive ministry because of its convenience (occurring immediately after mass).
- Needs more volunteers to sign up & donate.
  - Believes parishioners think the breakfast treats are supported financially though a church fund.
  - Asks Father to announce ministry and request our need for individuals/families to sign up & donate their time & food/drink. It does not need to be extravagant, simple works really well notes and for around \$20 an economical way to give.
  - Great way to support our "all are welcome" parish theme.
  - Communicate in the bulletin.
- Some families will donate extravagantly once a year but it's more effective if they donate twice in smaller amounts.
- Does her best to recognize those that contribute and encourages the other volunteers to do the same.
- Holiday decorations and table clothes are supported through volunteer efforts. History has shown that these tend to disappear so there's inconsistency in presentation.

**Servers of Arimethea:** Ruth Mora (410-414-8483)

- Ministry 90-100 in number.
- Strong core group but additional support always available as needed (noting volunteers get upset if not called upon!) and folks are always welcome if looking for a new ministry.
- Volunteers offer assistance in many ways: shopping, cooking or baking in advance or providing service day of funeral.

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### **Newcomer Luncheon:** Pat Early (443-550-3119)

- Pat & her daughter lead the ministry and currently have enough support.
- Mike sends initial invitation with RSVP request. RSVPs are usually few and far between so Pat places follow up calls.
- Appreciates announcement at mass; ideal timing: 2-3 weeks in advance when they can react to the response; same day announcement presents too many issues with food prep, setup, etc.
- Luncheon after 11:15 Sunday mass; light lunch is provided (generally sandwiches).
- If possible would prefer more frequent luncheons
  - Suggests every 2 months when folks are truly “new” to the parish
  - Feels it loses its appeal the further it’s spread apart
  - Possibly receive better turn out
- Name tags needed.

### **First Sunday Breakfast:** Larry Donnelly (410-414-2936)

- JJ and Angie Jensen will be leading as of December 2015.
- Average 320 people monthly.
- Brings in about \$500 per breakfast.
- Feels really good about the operation, flow, menu, crew, etc.
- No needs currently noted.