

# Guide to Parish Life at Curé of Ars

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## CONSULTATIVE GROUPS

**Regional School Board, Finance Committee, Pastoral Council, & Parish Trustees**  
*Parishioners invited by the Pastor, in consultation with the Pastoral Team,  
provide input for the life of the parish.*

## FAMILY / CHILDREN

### Curé Family Ministry (CFM)

*Brings together all members of the parish in a spiritual  
and social atmosphere.*

**Lee Hlavacek,                      623-1400, Ext. 109**  
**Moderator**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Children from grades  
K thru 6 have the opportunity to appreciate the Sunday  
Scriptures on an age appropriate level during the 9:30am  
Mass (September - June) each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**Lee Hlavacek                      623-1400, Ext. 109**

**Family Liturgy** - On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at the  
9:30am Mass, a different grade level of C.A.R.E. and St.  
Elizabeth Ann Seton students take active roles in the liturgy.  
Following Mass, CFM hosts a time for fellowship with our  
parish family.

**Lee Hlavacek                      623-1400, Ext. 109**

### C.Y.O.

*Team sports & clinics for boys and girls grades K-12 in  
soccer, softball, baseball, basketball & volleyball. CYO  
provides children the opportunity to learn team sports,  
sportsmanship, cooperation and make new friends.*

**Don Murphy                      223-4075**

### Scouting

*Troops and packs for boys and girls.      Boy Scouts #23*

**John Kennedy                      771-1377**

## Youth Choir

Boys and girls 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up sing at the 9:30am Sunday Liturgy and special events.

Sean Cotty, 623-1400, Ext. 118  
Director

## Youth Ministry - see listing on last page.

Program for teens (9-12 Gr.) providing continued faith formation, social events, & community service every Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Youth Center.

Mary Dennis, 623-1400, Ext. 114  
Youth Minister

# FORMATION / EDUCATION

## Adult

### Adult Faith Formation

Provides people the opportunity for growth in the life of Christ through experience, reflection, prayer and study.

Fr. Augustine 623-1400, Ext. 106

### Baptism Preparation

The initial interview for parents is with a member of the Pastoral Team. The required class offers education in the theology and the challenges of Baptism.

Rectory 623-1400, Ext. 100

### Marriage Preparation

The initial interview for engaged couples is with a Pastoral Team member. The FOCCUS program (Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding & Study) and Pre-Cana sessions are hosted by teams of married couples. (Marriage Enrichment – see Family Life Ministry)

Cathy Zubrovich 623-1400, Ext. 171

### R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The process through which adults interested in becoming Catholics or baptized Catholics who have had no religious training enter into full communion with the Church.

Leslie Monsen 623-1400, Ext. 172

### SEAS Parent Action Team

Current and former St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SEAS) Regional school parents who work to heighten the awareness of our parish family that we have a Catholic regional school.

Elissa Roach 292-3021  
Mary Lou Simeone 868-4761

## Children

### C.A.R.E. (Curé of Ars Religious Education)

Process of on-going faith formation for Grades 1 thru 8 that includes sacrament preparation. Communion - Spring of 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, Confirmation - Spring of 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Lee Hlavacek, 623-1400, Ext. 109  
Director

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Regional School (S.E.A.S.)

Our Nursery, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade school is located at St. Barnabas Parish, Bellmore.

Leeann Graziose, 785-5709  
Principal

## Stewardship Committee

Enlightening one to their baptismal call to share their Time, Talent, and Treasure with God's people.

Lisa Hudson 623-1400, Ext. 108

## FUNDRAISERS

<b><u>Catholic Ministries Appeal</u></b> <i>Telephone committee.</i>	Marilyn Blauert	378-8168
<b><u>Vianney Sunshine Club</u></b> <i>Booster-type fund raiser with monthly drawings.</i>	Dominick Raneri	223-2264
<b><u>Summer Splash Raffle</u></b> <i>A way to win thousands of dollars while supporting our various ministries.</i>	Anne Marie Vista	868-8475

## LITURGICAL

<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b> <i>Youth and Adults who assist at the altar for liturgical celebrations and services.</i>	Filomena Guttilla (youth) John Tyler (adults)	546-0994 223-6717
<b><u>Altar Society</u></b> <i>Volunteers who clean the sacristy, sanctuary, and linens weekly.</i>	Mary O'Brien	785-5262
<b><u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u></b> <i>Parishioners 18 years or older, who wish to assist in distributing Holy Communion at liturgical celebrations. (Diocesan training required).</i>	Paul J. Sadej, Jr.	409-4101
<b><u>Ministry of Consolation</u></b> <i>Volunteers who support the bereaved by expressing sympathy and concern for mourning families at wakes and funeral services.</i>	Kathy Eckstein Marilyn Blauert	546-2681 378-8168
<b><u>Music Ministries</u></b> <b><u>Adult Choir</u></b> - enhances our 11:15am Sunday Liturgy and other celebrations with their gift of music. <b><u>Youth Choir</u></b> - see Family/Children section above. <b><u>Cantors</u></b> - lead the congregation in song at our liturgies and other services.	Sean Cotty, Director	623-1400, Ext. 118
<b><u>Lectors</u></b> <i>Proclaim the Scripture readings at liturgical celebrations and other services.</i>	Frank Teevan	868-5010
<b><u>Ushers</u></b> <i>Welcome people entering the Church and assist in seating, taking up the collection, and other practical matters.</i>	Marty Abrams	378-6011
<b><u>Wedding Rehearsals</u></b> <i>Comprehensive walk through of the Mass/Ceremony with the bride, groom, and bridal party.</i>	Mary Re	623-5378

# **PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRIES (PSM) – OUTREACH**

*A program offering food, clothing, shelter, and other critical forms of support to families in need in the Merrick area.*

**Lisa Hudson,                    623-1400, Ext. 108**  
**Coordinator**

## **Bereavement Group**

*Provides a confidential and caring environment to work through issues of grief.*

**Anne Marie Vista                    868-8475**  
**Eleanor Arnost                    868-2585**

## **Budget Counseling Services**

*Professionals offer advice and assistance to those having problems managing their household finances.*

**Nancy Brown                    623-1400, Ext. 102**

## **Committee for Advocacy of the Disabled**

**Mary Ulrich                    623-1400, Ext. 102**  
**Dr. James McBrien   623-1400, Ext. 102**

## **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Homebound)**

*Parishioners 18 years or older bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound (Diocesan training required).*

**Carole Montano                    377-0346**

## **Food Pantry**

*Groceries and food, donated by parishioners, are given to families in need.*

**Lisa Hudson                    623-1400, Ext. 108**

## **Friendly Visitors**

*Parishioners visit the homebound and those in local nursing homes offering them companionship.*

**Lisa Hudson                    623-1400, Ext. 108**

## **Hospitality**

*Welcomes new parishioners at their homes, at Mass, and sets up refreshments at various parish functions.*

**Mary Santi                    623-1793**

## **Light of Hope Cancer Ministry**

*A ministry that offers hope and inspiration for those affected by cancer on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 12:30pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Center.*

**Lisa Hudson                    623-1400, Ext. 108**

## **Mothers' Group**

*Weekly meetings (September - June) of mothers and their pre-schoolers; support group for moms, playgroup for tots.*

**Angela Favuzza                    623-1088**

## **Peace and Justice**

*Members organize and/or educate the community regarding Catholic Social Teaching.*

**Lisa Hudson                    623-1400, Ext. 108**

## **Respect Life**

*Promotes, supports, and raises awareness for a greater respect for the sanctity of all human life.*

**Hildegard Oppel                    868-6994**

## **Social Security Benefits**

**Leslie Monsen                    623-1400, Ext. 102**

## **Transportation**

*Volunteers available to transport parishioners to and from Church and assist in other transportation needs.*

**Lisa Hudson                    623-1400, Ext. 108**

## **Welcome Committee**

*Preparation and delivery of welcome packages to new parishioners at their homes.*

**Lisa Hudson                    623-1400, Ext. 108**

## SELF-HELP / SUPPORT GROUPS

*“Anonymous” groups that serve to strengthen individuals in their process of Recovery.  
Alcoholics Anonymous (Sobriety with Hope, Stepping Stones), Alzheimers Support Group, Debtors  
Anonymous (independent from the parish, but invited to use our facilities)  
For more information, call the Rectory 623-1400.*

## SOCIAL / COMMUNITY

### Archive / History Committee

*Members catalog and maintain memorabilia characterizing  
characterizing the living history of the parish.*

Louise Mercogliano 546-6641  
Bob Kinpoitner, 379-6805  
Historian

### Appreciation Party

*Celebration for all those involved in ministry in the  
parish.*

Rectory 623-1400

### Curé Family BBQ

*Committee that plans the parish summer get-together.*

Peter & Lisa Venezia 379-0757

### Family New Year's Eve Party

*An opportunity for us to gather as a parish family,  
both young and old, as together we bring in the New Year.*

RoseAnn Ramsden 623-3866

### Fifty-Plus Club

*Social get-togethers, religious events, and trips for  
parishioners 50 years and older.*

Joe Caruso 868-6825

### Garden Club - Volunteers plant and maintain shrubs and plants.

Ellen Woodbury 623-2039

### Knights of Columbus - Fr. Jeremiah J. Reilly Council #6561

*Men's organization dedicated to serving the Family,  
Community, and Church.*

Michael Beil, 385-4472  
Grand Knight

### Mardi Gras

*An opportunity to gather as a parish family as we  
prepare for the Lenten season.*

Mary Dennis, 623-1400, Ext. 114  
Youth Minister

### Parish Dinner Dance

*Annual Spring Dinner Dance featuring music  
from the 50's & 60's*

Janet Innamorata 623-1663

### Vianney Ball - Annual Fall Parish Dinner Dance.

Peter & Lisa Venezia 379-0757

# SPIRITUALITY

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

(in the Divine Mercy Chapel)

Monday 10:00am - Wednesday 4:00pm  
Thursday 10:00am - Friday 10:00am

(in the Church)

Tuesday 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
First Fridays 9:30am - 1:00pm & 8:00pm - 9:00pm  
Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:45pm

## Courage

*Support group for those with SSA who want to live life according to the teaching of the Catholic Church on homosexuality.*

**Rectory 623-1400, Ext. 190**

## Cry for Life

*Our prayer cenacle meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month to pray for various intentions. Prayers will include the Rosary and the Litany of the Precious Blood.*

**Deborah Johnson 868-0963**

## Divorced & Separated

*Provides a safe God-centered environment to share concerns, seek guidance, find support and the peace of Our Lord with the knowledge that you are not alone during this difficult time.*

**Rich Cirillo 537-2748**

## Healing - Prayer Teams

*Available the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays each month following the Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:30 & 11:15am Masses in the St. John Vianney Chapel.*

**Joann Dempsey 428-0049**

## Legion of Mary

*Auxiliary spiritual organization dedicated to prayer and service.*

**Jill Cardillo 623-6470  
Joann McDermott 223-6653**

## Magnificat Cenacle

*Charismatic prayer group with live music meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for praise, worship and intercessory rosary.*

**Cathy Federici 972-8102  
Yvonne Morrissey 413-1212**

## Men's Ministry - (Men of the Curé of Ars)

*You have what it takes to be the man God created you to be. An opportunity for men 18 and older to gather at 7:30pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in Msgr. Leonard Hall to support and encourage one another as we face issues that affect us today.*

**Anthony Gentile 826-8943  
Joseph Villafane 917-685-0986**

## New Evangelization Committee

*Initiates various ways to welcome back members of our parish.*

**Charles McGlone 868-8895  
Dr. James McBrien 221-3485**

## Nocturnal Adoration Society

*Monthly hour of prayer/meditation on First Fridays after 7:30pm Mass.*

**Bob Kinpoitner 379-6805**

## Our Lady's Rosary Makers

*Women & men who make Rosaries and send them to the missions (India, Africa, etc.).*

**Jane Novello 771-8469**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

*Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry which creates shawls to reach out to those in need of comfort, solace, inclusion and prayer.*

**Joan Ryan**

**316-7648**

**St. John Vianney Pilgrim Statue**

*Host the St. John Vianney Pilgrim Statue in your home for one week.*

**Rectory**

**623-1400, Ext. 100**

**St. John Marie Vianney Society for Women**

*Group of Catholic women who pray for priests and priestly vocations in the Divine Mercy Chapel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 6:30pm followed by fellowship in the Rectory Lower Level.*

**Meaghan Baldwin**

**660-0949**

**St. Michael's Prayer Group**

*Community committed to contemplative formation and intercessory prayer.*

**Joanne Dempsey**

**867-1034**

**St. Monica's Parent Intercessory Group**

*This group is for all parents, dads, moms, grandparents, etc. The focus is praying for children. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month in the Rectory Lower Level.*

**Don Hansen**

**852-8500**

**Third Order Franciscans**

*Secular Franciscan Fraternity of men and women dedicated to following the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi.*

**Jim Abercromby**

**771-2730**

**Robert Messa**

**458-5243**

**Youth Ministry**

*Program for teens (9-12 Gr.) providing continued faith formation, social events, & community service every Sunday from 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Youth Center.*

**Mary Dennis,  
Youth Minister**

**623-1400, Ext. 114**

**WE HAVE SPACE TO LEASE**

Our Msgr. Leonard Hall, located in our Parish Center, can hold approximately 250 people and is available to lease. If you are interested in the possibility of leasing this space for parties, anniversaries, etc., please call (516) 623-1400, Ext. 160.

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In addition, we are also looking to lease the Second Floor of the Parish Center to a non-profit organization(s) from 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday thru Friday.

We have many classrooms that are available for lease.

If you are interested in leasing space on the Second Floor of the Parish Center or even our Parking Lot, please call our Facilities Manager, Marty Kenny, at (516) 623-1400, Ext. 116.