

Ministry Coordination

Report 01/09/17

1. After attending the last parish council meeting, we discussed updating job descriptions for the various ministries at St. Timothy's. This will help to clarify what the expectations are for each ministry. Additionally, my hope is I will be able to hand this to new parishioners or current parishioners looking to fulfill God's work through their gifts, talents and interest.
2. As the role of this Ministries Coordination evolves to better fit its current function within the Parish Council framework I have joined the Invite, Welcome, Connect Team since I feel there are many areas which overlap. I feel my time and talents fit better into the invite, welcome, connect committee since my vision is to focus on newcomers, spiritual gifts, and holy listening. Previously many of the roles that fell under Members and Ministry (M & M) focus on communication via newsletter, calendar, and the website.

- 3 . At our January council meeting we discussed the importance of delegating these roles to a central parishioner that is available weekly to update these resources or to the church secretary that has access to update these on a regular basis to ensure fidelity.
 - 1) our monthly newsletter
 - 2) the email blast *This Week at St. Timothy's*
 - 3) our parish directory
 - 4) The Ministry Guide

4. I took this vision/job description from Molly Carnes, Connections Missioner, "I work to connect people to Christ, to ministry and to each other. I am inspired by transformation – individually and in organizations. It is my joy to help others gain clarity of their mission and put it into action." I feel through active seeking and active listening we find our true God and are better equipped to serve as faithful witnesses.

5. My goal this spring is to work with the Invite, Welcome, Connect committee to "gain clarity" on how to best fill this role to meet the needs at St. Timothy's. Current ideas I am brainstorming:
 - a. email and or call newcomers after their 2-3 visit.
 - b. connect them with someone in the church that may have commonalities/interest.
 - c. provide a spiritual discernment survey if they decide to join a newcomer's class.
 - d. provide spiritual discernment surveys and opportunities to current parishioners that are looking for ways to get involved with the church.
 - e. provide newcomer's forum via facebook.
 - f. change name to Connections Missioner from Ministry Coordinator since I am not "coordinating ministries". My goal is to connect people to ministries in our church that match their interests, gifts and talents.

Faithfully,
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