

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Let us carry our firstfruits to the one who died and rose again for us. Do you think perhaps that I am talking of gold, silver, or precious stones? Insubstantial earthly goods, transitory, tied to earth, of which the greater part always belongs to the wicked, the slaves of materialism and of the prince of this world? No, let us offer ourselves, the possession most precious to God and closest to him. Let us give back to the Image that which resembles it most, recognizing our greatness, honoring our Archetype, knowing the power of the mystery and for whom Christ died.”

— St Gregory the Theologian

We are made in the image of God, and, as such, we are God’s most precious possession. He has breathed life into us and has established us within his kingdom. He has sent us into the world as he sent his Son, our Archetype, into the world. And he has empowered us with his Spirit to do his work in the world: reaching out to the poor and the stranger, forming the people of God into a spiritual temple, offering up a sacrifice of praise.

As we prepare for this coming year, I urge you to ask yourself: “How can I best offer back to God the image that I bear? What possessions—what time, what talent, what treasure—can I offer back to God? What work is his Spirit yearning to do through me?” As you examine your heart, I pray that the peace of Christ will reign there and that we, as the people of God, will abide

In the joy of the Lord,

Fr. Joshua



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time
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treasure
Fiscal Year 2020

TIME & TALENT

Please use this list of ministries to indicate your current level and/or interest in participating in our ministries.

MINISTRIES	ROLES	COORDINATOR	SIGN ME UP
WORSHIP	Baking Prospora & Artos	Roxann Ashworth	
	Serving in the Altar (boys 9+)	Sdn Michael	
	Lector (Reading the Epistle)	Roxann Ashworth	
	Byzantine Chanting (adult & teen)	Emily Lowe	
	Singing in the Choir	Colleen Oren	
	Decorating for the Feasts	Missy Mykyta	
	Deep Cleaning the Nave	Dn Peter	
FORMATION	Teaching Sunday School	Irina Sleeper	
	Assisting Sunday School Teachers	Kim Shaw	
	VCS volunteer	Kim Shaw	
	Youth Group event chaperone	Kristen Ng	
	Middle School event chaperone	Laura Hulsey	
	Organizing the Sunday School Supplies	Irina Sleeper	
FELLOWSHIP	Paschal Meal Event Worker	Chrissy Dorr	
	Parish Picnic Event Worker	Chrissy Dorr	
	Baby and Bridal Shower Team	Elaine Papp	
	Homebound Visitation Team	Aster Tsegaye	
	Meal Ministry for Parishioners	Kelly La Fleur	
	Sunday Lunch (bring food)	Roxann Ashworth	
	Sunday Lunch (clean-up)	Roxann Ashworth	
	Fall Fun Fest Volunteer	Roxann Ashworth	
	PLC Event Volunteer	Deborah Thomas	
	Organizing Kitchen	Chrissy Dorr	
OUTREACH	Greeter	Ken Shermock	
	Landscape Work Days	Rob Lowe	
	Linthicum Fair Worker	Ken Hines	
	Guild of Blessed Olga (knit, crochet, sew)	Lola Beno	
	Homeless Ministries	Sdn. John David	
ADMINISTRATION	IT Team	Sdn Daniel	
	Counting the Collections	David Marcum	
	Building Repair Team	Cal Oren	

TREASURE

“Treasure” — your tithes and offerings — are utilized for the ongoing operations and ministries of the Parish, including:

- Mortgage (\$2,360/month)
- Administrative Costs
- Required Clergy Conferences
- Archdiocesan Giving
- Facility Maintenance and Utilities
- Parish Life Activities
- Pastoral Subsistence Package
- Sunday School Activities
- Worship Related Expenses
- Youth Group Expenses

These are managed through the Operating Fund. The balance in the operating fund as of August 31, 2019 is **\$93,249**.

DESIGNATED GIFTS & FUNDS

The Capital Fund covers Capital Expenses such as major repairs and water mitigation, as well as furniture for the St Raphael House and courtyard grading, landscaping and playground upgrades. The balance in the Capital Fund as of August 31, 2019 is **-\$6,128**.

The Jay Moore Benevolent Fund provides support for parishioners with discreet financial needs. The balance in the Jay Moore Benevolent Fund as of August 31, 2019 is \$3,861.

My Annual Pledge for 2020 is given below:

Tithe (Operating Fund): \$ _____

Other Giving: \$ _____ for _____

Please indicate designation, e.g. “Benevolent Fund”

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You will be contacted by those who facilitate the ministries you selected within 6 weeks of returning your form.