

CARE Ministries Registration
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Mission Statement

The mission of Church of the Nativity's CARE Ministries is to provide all parishioners the opportunity to "get a hand" and "lend a hand" with the aid of an organized program. The CARE Ministries Program offers parishioners dual participation; sharing our talents while receiving assistance when needed.

Vision Statement

The vision of Nativity's CARE Ministries is parishioners providing assistance and parishioners accepting assistance to and from each other. This program strives to welcome parishioners to accept some assistance to make their lives easier. With short-term and periodic commitment opportunities, and basic, quality-of-life assistance, the CARE Ministries program provides us all a place to participate.



The great lesson is that the sacred is found in the ordinary. The sacred is found in one's daily life, in one's neighbors, friends, family and in one's own backyard.



*What you can do I cannot,
 what I can do you cannot
 but together we can do
 something beautiful for God.*
 Mother Theresa

Church of the Nativity



CARE Ministries Information Brochure

CARE Ministries

CARE (Concern And Regard for Everyone) Ministries is a new offering from Church of the Nativity. It is an umbrella program, encompassing many giving and receiving opportunities for members of the parish and beyond, reaching out into the community. It is set up to allow some members to volunteer for a ministry while receiving the benefits of another ministry. The following is a description of the opportunities available for all of us.

CARE-Callers

A CARE-Caller will receive some names and phone numbers of parishioners who would benefit from a phone call once a week. Just a friendly voice and some chitchat could brighten someone's day.

CARE-Writers

A CARE-Writer will receive a CARE-Writer packet which includes: Nativity note cards and a pen, CareNotes, stamps and some names and addresses of parishioners who would benefit from a friendly note and a periodic CareNote offering support and guidance once a month.

CARE-Home Visitors

A CARE-Home Visitor will receive some names, phone numbers and addresses of parishioners who would benefit from a short visit periodically. Just friendly face-to-face conversation and some chitchat could brighten someone's day.

CARE-Seminars

CARE-Seminars are designed to provide parishioners with vital "life" information. Topics will pertain to parishioners in different stages of life.

CARE-Drivers

A CARE-Driver will be part of a pool of volunteers willing to periodically assist parishioners who occasionally need local rides to appointments and errands. It may also include picking up some items at the supermarket and dropping them off at a parishioner's home. Being able to get to an appointment or getting some needed grocery items can make a world of difference to a parishioner who no longer drives.

CARE-Chefs

A CARE-Chef will be part of a pool of volunteers willing to prepare a meal for a fellow parishioner in need. As a CARE-Chef you will be infrequently called upon to make dinner for someone who is recovering from an illness at home, is taking care of a family member who is recovering from an illness at home, has brought home a new baby or has suffered the loss of a loved one. If the CARE-Chef is not able to cook when called...no problem, the next person on the list will be called.

CARE-Odd Jobbers

A CARE-Odd Jobber will be part of a pool of volunteers willing to do some odd jobs for a fellow parishioner needing some occasional assistance. No major home projects, just every-day odd jobs that may be overwhelming to some people.

CARE-Hospital Visitors

A CARE-Hospital Visitor goes to see Nativity parishioners at The Valley Hospital. They volunteer on a weekly rotation. They invite the patient to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful at parish Masses, offer the services of the Parish Prayer Chain and establish the future needs of the patient.

CARE-Eucharistic Home Ministers

A CARE-Eucharistic Home Minister is a member of the parish Eucharistic Ministry. These Eucharistic Ministers distribute the Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to Mass.

CARE-Outreach

Christmas Giving Tree

During Advent, tags with children's and mothers' names are placed on the Christmas Giving Tree in the lobby of the church. They are for the Nurturing Place in Jersey City, Oasis and Eva's Village in Paterson. Parishioners voluntarily choose tags and purchase the gifts indicated. The gifts are returned to the church lobby; and before Christmas, members of the committee sort and deliver gifts to their destinations.

Food Pantry

Food donated by parishioners is brought to the Nurturing Place in Jersey City for mothers and children (up to the age of five) in need. The members of this ministry communicate the needs to the parish, take the food to its destination and make special plans for holidays.

Youth-CARES

Youth-CARES provides a myriad of opportunities for the youth of the parish to volunteer. Services such as hosting Hospitality Sundays, babysitting, raking leaves for parishioners, visiting nursing homes, serving at soup kitchens and other worthwhile activities will be available for the young people to participate.

