



# South Hills Catholics

## Parish Grouping 218

*Four parishes joined in faith, hope & love.*

### Ministries Details - Liturgical

*Contacts can be reached via their associated rectory phone numbers shown.*

#### **Altar Servers**

The two main duties of an altar server are to assist the priest and deacon during the celebration of Mass and to help the people pray by your example. Please contact the parish office for more information or to become part of this ministry.

**Contact:** ? Name - Nativity (412-655-3000)  
Fr. Mike Suslowicz or Harry Nieman - St. Gabriel (412-881-8115)  
? Name - St. Germaine (412-833-0661)  
Deacon Tom Mills - St. Valentine (412-835-4415)

#### **Bereavement Ministry**

Three of our parishes have a Bereavement Ministry that serves parish families who have suffered a recent of a loved one to death.

**Contact:** ? Name - Nativity (412-655-3000)

The Bereavement Ministry at St. Germaine sponsors several activities, including lunch and fellowship for widows of the parish. Widowers normally meet individually. A special Mass is offered in the fall to remember all those who have died during the past year. Learn more at [stgermaine/ministries](http://stgermaine/ministries)

**Contact:** Mary Beth Green - St. Germaine (412-833-0661)

At St. Valentine, members of the ministry are trained to offer comfort and support to the grieving families of the St. Valentine community by giving them our time, listening to their thoughts and sharing their tears. Additional information can be found at [stvals.org/be](http://stvals.org/be)

**Contact:** Pat Babyak - St. Valentine (412-835-4415)

#### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

The extraordinary minister's function is to distribute Holy Communion, either within Mass or by taking the Eucharist to the sick at home or in a care facilities.

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#### **Funeral Service Ministry**

Adult volunteers manage operations for funerals: coordinating parking arrangements, singing for funeral liturgies throughout the year and being altar servers for the funeral Mass.

**Contacts:** Harry Nieman (Servers & Parkers), Sue Switala (Choir) - St. Gabriel (412-881-8115)

#### **Hospitality**

People's impression of a parish is significantly shaped by the presence or absence of a welcoming atmosphere when they come to the doors of our church for worship. The very act of welcoming someone often enables that person to be more hospitable to others as well. *The hand of welcome that the usher/greeter gives is passed on, like the ripples created by a stone tossed in a pond.*

Additional information can be found at [stvals.org/hos](http://stvals.org/hos)

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#### **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim Sacred Scripture for Mass during Sunday and Daily Mass. Lectors are not just "readers" of the readings, but they use the Scriptures to communicate their own faith through the Word of God.

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#### **Music Ministries**

Three of our parishes have various choirs and other music ministries, summarized below by parish.

##### **St. Gabriel**

- **Adult Choir** consists of young adult and adult volunteers who rehearse weekly and sing for the 11:00 am Sunday Mass and special occasions throughout the church year.
- **Funeral Choir** consists of adult volunteers who sing for funerals throughout the week.
- **Contemporary Choir** consists of young adult and adult volunteers who sing and/or play guitar and other instruments for Mass on the first and third Sunday of the month.
- **Children's Choir:** students in 2nd - 8th grade who rehearse and sing for Christmas and Easter Mass.
- **Cantors** are adult volunteers who lead the congregation in song during the weekend Masses.

**Contact:** Carol Froehlich - St. Gabriel (412-881-8115)

##### **St. Germaine**

- **Youth Choir Grades 2-5**, (sings one Sunday each month and Holy Days)
- **Teen Choir Grades 6 - College**, (sings at 11:30 A.M. Sunday Mass)
- **Contemporary Choir**, (sings at the Saturday Vigil Mass)
- **Traditional Choir**, (sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass)

**Contact:** Melanie Spagnolo - St. Gabriel (412-833-0661)

##### **St. Valentine** ( More details are at [stvals.org/en](http://stvals.org/en) )

- **Voices of the Spirit** includes members of various ages ( high school, college and adult) who sing at several Liturgies throughout the year including Holy Days, special events and concerts.
- **St. Valentine Schola** is a small group of singers dedicated to preserving the choral arts of the Roman Catholic tradition from Gregorian Chant to modern compositions from moderate to difficult level literature. A formal audition is required for acceptance when spots are available.
- **Rejoice Ringers Handbell Ensemble** may be seen throughout the year playing special Liturgies. Reading music is not a necessity. All you need to know is how to keep a steady beat.
- **Resurrection Choir** normally sings at all parish funerals during weekdays. No special rehearsals; just come 30 minutes before each funeral to become familiar with the music.
- **Instrumentalists:** If you play an instrument or sing, please consider offering your gift of talent during an occasional liturgy. We will work around what works best for you.
- **Cantors** sing certain specified parts of the liturgy (solo) and assist the assembly's singing as needed. Ideally, the singing should sound like part of a continuing prayer offered by everyone.

**Contact:** Kyles Davies - St. Valentine (412-835-4415)