

Saint Theresa's Ministry of Hospitality

“Church Greeter”



Greeters are called to be Ministers of Hospitality and are essential in creating a welcoming atmosphere to prayerfully worship at Mass.

They are entrusted with promoting a sense of welcoming and belonging to all the faithful assembled for worship. They should take steps in being living representatives of the Parish Mission Statement. The following attributes will assist the ministers of seeking Jesus' face in the face of each and every person who comes into the church: patience, reverence, sensitivity, compassion, understanding, gentleness, and embracing a sense of the family gathered as the Body of Christ.

These volunteers open the doors for weekend Masses, greet the incoming worshipers and invite them into our House of the Lord.

Their friendly faces are the first impression people will get of our church.

This invaluable ministry serves on a volunteer basis and rotates weekends to serve.

The Ministers of Hospitality serve in the following ways:

- Being friendly and welcoming to those entering the church prior to Mass
- Giving full attention to the gathering assembly by offering a *Good Morning*
- Provide assistance to the elderly, disabled as they enter the church, if necessary
- Offer the parish bulletin to those entering the church
- Wear Hospitality cross so that it is visible to all those coming to worship
- Once the Mass procession has begun, be seated in the church in order to attend to your own worship
- If passing in front of the altar before, during, or after Mass, Ministers of Hospitality must bow to the altar

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- Greeters should arrive 20 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
- Before Mass starts, determine who will be serving at which entrance of the church.
- Please pay close attention to the people as they arrive into the church to see if they need assistance.
- Before reporting to your assigned entrance, pick up your Hospitality cross from the Sacristy.
- return your cross after Mass so it is available for the following Mass' Greeter.
- Be sure the Fr. Lamothe Center doors are closed prior to the start of Mass.
- Whenever possible, attend *Coffee and ...* after Mass to introduce new people to our parish community.
- If you cannot make the assigned Mass, please make an attempt to find a substitute from others in the ministry.
- Like our other parish ministries, a rotating schedule will be updated every 3 months.

Contact Toni Harvey with any questions or concerns regarding this Ministry @ 508-254-3440.

“I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.”

-Matthew 25:35