

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

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Pastoral actions defined for The Parish Task Force according to the conclusions of the last Diocesan Synod for the next two years

A- Implementation the Sunday Breakfast in the parish

Goals.

- To give an opportunity to the parishioners to socialize after Sunday Mass in a comfortable space;
- To improve the sense of community who shares and serves;
- To serve a morning meal to the children and their families that didn't had the opportunity to do it in their home before the CCD program.
- To give a comfortable space to the parents as they wait for their children's return from the CCD program;
- To engage the different groups of the parish to serve as volunteers;

- To support the family Life;
- To create an attitude of welcoming for the parishioners and Catholics who aren't so close to the church;
- To serve a morning meal to those who pass by our parish;

B- Creating a Children Choir for the 11: 30AM Mass; as also prepare the children to serve as Altar Server and Readers

Goals.

- To engage more and more the children and their families in the liturgy;
- To increase the participation in the Mass;
- To connect the CCD Program with the Sunday Mass;
- To revitalized the Ministries connected with the Sunday Mass;
- To glorify God and to promote sanctification of men;

C – Renovation of Youth Gallery

Goals.

- **To create a new room in the Parish that be able to receive different activities;**
- **To have a room for the Sunday Breakfast;**
- **To renovate the area and to create new rooms for Storage;**

Present Pastoral Organization Chart of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Danbury

**Liturgy/
Sacraments**

Baptism (one preparation meeting; No days defined: according to wishes of the families and possibilities of the celebrant)

Reconciliation (every day of the week : 6:00– 7:00pm; Saturdays: 9:00am to 10:00am)

Confirmation (Bi-annual)

Eucharist (daily Mass; 5 Sunday Mass)

Unction of the sick (in residence or Hospital; a annual celebration for those o have chronic hills)

Matrimony

Holy Hour– every Fridays 6:00—700pm and every Saturdays 6:30-9:00

Rosary—Every day Before Mass

3 annual Processions on the streets o Danbury

Holy Cross Way— Fridays (Lent)

**Ministries and
Parish Councils**

Task Force

Pastoral Council

Financial Council

Social Events Council

Catechists

Concierge for mass

Lectors

Altar Servants

Collectors/Counters

Kitchen Force/waitresses

Eucharistic Ministers

Cantors/Musicians

Teachers of Portuguese Language

Volunteers for the Social and Carnival Events

One Deacon (Retired)

One Priest

Rectory Office/ Services

**Evangelization/
Formation**

CCD Program

Extraordinary Confirmation program for Adults

Parents meetings

Biblical Programs (October to June)

- English (Thursdays)
- Portuguese (Wednesdays)

Emmaus Retreats

Cursilho Retreat / Inter-parish formation school

Saturday morning retreat

Music Training and formation

Portuguese School

Radio Program– Saturdays 1:00pm to 1:30pm

Lent And Advent Preparation

Associations of Lay People

Our Lady of Fatima (to prepare the procession of 13 of May and of 13 October on the streets of Danbury; and the other months between May and October the celebration of “Fatima in Danbury, every Sunday after the 13 in the 6:00pm mass with a little procession on property)

Legion of Marry (meting every Monday; visit the sick and the older people that can’t come to the parish; every Monday mass)

Holy Family; (one statue of the holy family is running among families every day, during a month, Wednesday mass)

(A.O.) Apostleship of Prayer (as designed by the international lay movement; Fridays one hour of adoration + mass)

Brotherhood of Jesus “Ecce Homo” Prepare the religious celebrations on memorial weekend and the popular carnival

Brotherhood of The Holy Spirit. (Easter Sundays; the rosary of the holy Spirit on Saturdays at families homes and coronation on Sundays mass)

Brotherhood Souls of Purgatory (Thursdays mass)

Cursilho: Annual retreat; Group meeting and Ultraia every month. Inter-Parish formation school (once a month)

Emmaus: Annual retreat; 2 meeting every month (Wednesdays) .

Social and Cultural

Community Lunches
- Traditional sausage lunch (January)
- Volunteers Lunch (February)
- Founders Lunch (March)
- Confirmation/1st Communion Lunch (May)
- Grandpa and Grandma Lunch (August)
Anniversary Lunch (3rd Sunday of September)
Portuguese School Anniversary (October)

Annual Bazaar (3rd week-end of November)

Traditional Portuguese Music and Folk dance
- Infant Dance Group (training on Fridays)
- Youth Dance Group (training, on Mondays)
- Adult Dance Group (training on Tuesdays)

Ecce Homo Carnival (memorial weekend)

The Portuguese Day; 1st Sunday of June; 9:00am Mass + Parade.