

OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION CHURCH

The Definition of “Active Parishioner”

Our Lady of Consolation Church maintains accurate and comprehensive records of its parishioners for the purpose of parish and Archdiocesan information. This local community of Catholic Christians is also commissioned to lead our members closer to Christ through a full and enriching church experience. The parish identifies “Active” status for its parishioners for many purposes, such as:

- Sponsorship in a baptism or confirmation
- Wedding, funeral and cemetery fees
- Catholic education tuition subsidy
- Religious education fees
- Hall and facility rentals

To be classified as an “Active Parishioner”, the following criteria must be met:

- The Catholic family is registered in the parish. Registration can be completed by contacting the rectory office. For sponsorship eligibility letters and fee and tuition subsidies, the family must be registered in the parish for at least 6 months. Exceptions may be made for families who are new to the area.
- The family actively participates in Sunday liturgy. “Active Parishioners” worship at one of our 3 worship sites on a regular basis. One way we monitor the full, active and conscious participation in Sunday Mass is through the use of the parish envelopes and/or the Electronic Giving Program. If, for some reason, you are not receiving your envelopes, please contact the rectory immediately.
- The “Active parishioner” family understands they are part of the Body of Christ and they contribute time and talent to parish activities and/or ministries. Areas of time and talent giving include, but are not limited to, religious education programs, music ministries, sacramental ministries, school volunteers and other parish volunteer activities.
- The “Active parishioner” is a cheerful giver and recognizes God owns everything. As a testament to this faith, the family uses either the envelopes provided by the church or the Electronic Giving program to make weekly contributions at the minimum contribution level of \$10 per week or \$520 annually. Families with extenuating financial circumstances may request a waiver of the contribution requirement from the Financial Needs Committee. To request a meeting with the Financial Needs Committee, please contact Joe Dagney, Financial Needs Chairperson, at 610-857-9899.

The responsibility of determining the active status of a parishioner ultimately rests with the Pastor, with consultation of the committee.