

♪ The Hand Bell Choir

The Hand Bell Choir is a fun way to participate in the Music Ministry! You can even ring and sing. We have members who do both! Hand Bells are a group instrument ensemble where your part contributes to the overall whole. There is no required practice outside of our weekly rehearsals. We welcome young and old, middle school and up. Prior experience is always welcome, but not necessary. We will teach you all you need to participate. This is an exciting ministry to receive Community Service hours!

The commitment:

- ♪ Weekly Rehearsal September through Pentecost, Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM
Parish Center lower level**
- ♪ Play at one 10AM Mass monthly**
- ♪ Additional opportunities to play include the Annual Interfaith Service, CT Spring Ring, biennial Area Bell Festival/Conference, and biennial AGO Choir Festival with some extra rehearsals for special occasions.**

**Contact Kristen Russo, Director of the Hand Bell Choir, at musicministry@stjosephbristol.org,
Subject line, Attn. Kristen**

History of the Hand Bells: St. Joseph Parish is the proud owner of a three-octave set of Schulmerich Handbells and a three-octave set of Marlmark Hand Chimes. They were purchased in 1991 and the hand chimes were donated several years later.

Our St Joseph Parish Musical Groups

♪ *The Spanish Choir — El Coro Español*

Si alguien está interesado en participar en el ministerio de música hispano, animate a participar y venga a cantar con nosotros. Existe la oportunidad de ser cantor, si tienes las habilidades y estás interesado. ¿Toca la guitarra, el tambor, u otro instrumento? Agradecemos sus contribuciones también. Todas las edades son bienvenidas

El Compromiso:

- ♪ Los ensayos son los domingos a las 11:00am en el Guild Hall
- ♪ La misa dominical en español es a las 12:00pm
- ♪ Cantamos también para Navidad, Semana Santa, Pascuas



Puede contactar a Kayla Rubio, la Directora del Coro, a Musicministry@stjosephristol.org , escriba Attn: Kayla en la línea de asunto, o habla con ella después de la Misa los domingos al mediodía

♪ *The Chancel Choir -- El Coro del Presbiterio*

Welcoming singers young and old in all voice parts, Grade 8 on up. Se habla español.

Preach and teach the Word with us on Sundays at the 10AM Mass with special programs for Christmas, Holy Week and Easter. Training in vocal technique and basic music theory are included at rehearsal. Any interested member with leadership skills in singing can seek an opportunity to become a Cantor. School age singers, you will receive Community Service hours as well. Did we mention that we have a lot of fun? If you play an instrument, please get in touch share your talents with us!

The Commitment:

- ♪ Weekly Rehearsal September through Pentecost, Tuesdays 7:15 - 8:45PM in the Parish Center, lower level
- ♪ Sing at the 10AM Sunday Mass with a 9:15 warm up, weekly from September through Pentecost
- ♪ Sing for Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, Mass of Remembrance, Yearly Interfaith Service, Biennial AGO Choir Festival, with some extra rehearsals for the special occasions

Contact Roberta De Fiore, Director of Music Ministry, at Roberta9700@gmail.com, Musicministry@stjosephristol.org, or come say hello after a Mass.



♪ Cantors

♪ Membership in the Chancel Choir is required.

All Confirmed in the Catholic Faith or Confirmation students who have leadership skills in singing are encouraged to be part of this awesome group of volunteer cantors. Students will receive community service hours. The cantors are scheduled for the three English Masses on a rotation that fits their schedules. Usually, a cantor will be scheduled for 2-3 Masses per month and are also needed for Christmas, Holy Week, Mass of Remembrance, and bilingual Holy Days. Cantors are needed and compensated for singing at weddings and funerals.

Cantors also help the cantors in training. All cantors will receive music plans for Mass and any assistance needed to prepare properly. No music reading skills are required, but are helpful. You will receive all the training needed.

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♪ The Children's Choir

Calling all children! Children's choir is a great way for the children of the congregation to be involved in the Church and become active participants in the community. Not only do we sing and talk about God, but we have a fun time doing it! Children's Choir is for children grades K-8. Please note, this is separate from the school choir.

The Commitment:

- ♪ Rehearsals are at St. Joseph's School and are either Wednesday 6:45 pm-7:15 pm OR Sunday 9:20 am-9:50 am. You may choose whatever time that aligns with religious education for your family.
- ♪ Children will generally rehearse every week from October-May and will sing at the 10am mass once a month with the addition of some Holidays and extra rehearsals.

Contact Lauren Santiago, Director of the Children's Choir, at santiagolauren13@gmail.com to sign up or if you have any additional questions.

♪ St Joseph School Music Program

Consider enrolling your child for a quality Catholic, academic, and arts education in our K-8 school. We are pleased and proud to also offer **Vocal and Hand Bell ensembles** as part of the school Music curriculum under the direction of Amy Kelley. There is also a theater club! Please note that this music program is separate from the church Children's Choir