

FAQ—Frequently Asked Questions

about the Ministry of

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

All Saints Parish, Manassas, VA—2020

1. What is the ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

A priest or deacon is the ordinary minister of Holy Communion. Others who are deputed by the Bishop to assist in this liturgical function in a specified parish are known as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC).

2. What are the requirements for a person to be an EMHC?

The person must be a practicing Catholic in good standing. The minimum age is 21 years old. If the person is married, their marriage must be recognized by the Catholic Church. The person should also have a certain level of mobility so as to navigate the sanctuary steps and the aisles.

3. How long is the term of the mandate for an EMHC?

The mandate for Extraordinary Ministers is not a permanent one. It is for a 5-year term, renewable once. The reason for this is that neither the Church nor the diocese desires to have Extraordinary Ministers see their ministry as a permanent one. Therefore, it is important that we constantly refresh the ranks of our Extraordinary Ministers so that many of the faithful can share in the benefits of this wonderful ministry.

4. At what Masses does an EMHC assist?

EMHCs assist at Sunday Mass. If you are in the English-speaking group of EMHCs, then you would assist in distributing Holy Communion at Masses in English.

Some EMHCs might also assist with

1. Weekday Mass;
2. Taking Communion to the sick, such as shut-ins in their home, on a weekday;
3. Taking Communion to the sick at Prince William Medical Center;
4. Or assisting at a Communion Service on Sunday, at Birmingham Green, a local nursing home.

5. What is required to be approved to be an EMHC?

1. Be invited to do so by your Pastor.

2. Participation in one of the diocesan-sponsored workshops.

3. Once you attend the diocesan workshop, the Pastor would request the required mandate from the Bishop.

4. Participation in a training session here at the parish.

5. How is an EMHC scheduled to assist at a Mass?

With the liturgical ministries of the parish, we use a software app (application) called *Ministry Scheduler Pro* to schedule you at Masses for which you have a preference and are available. This is accessible via a website or an app on a smartphone or tablet. Even if you do not use a smartphone or computer, we can accommodate your scheduling needs. This software scheduling attempts to keep families with members in various liturgical ministries (e.g., lector, altar server, choir) scheduled at the same Mass. It also provides an easy means of requesting substitutes.

There is a Coordinator of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who assists the Pastor with any matters pertaining to this ministry.

6. When and where would I need to take the training for the Diocesan Workshop?

Diocesan workshop information is on another page. This information will be made available to EMHC candidates once the Pastor has selected them to attend. The Diocesan office schedules the workshops.

7. What if I was an EMHC in a previous parish of the Arlington Diocese?

Please consult with the pastor if you have been an active EMHC at another parish in the Arlington Diocese and you are now transferring to All Saints Parish. If you are currently active, then we can transfer your mandate; if not, then you will need to attend the diocesan workshop

8. What if I was an EMHC in another Diocese?

If you have transferred from another diocese where you were an EMHC, you must also attend the Arlington diocesan workshop before the pastor may request a mandate for you.

ALL SAINTS PARISH

RECOMMENDATION TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please print legibly.

Name of Nominated Parishioner:

NAME

 First

 Middle Initial

 Last

 Suffix

Male

Female

ADDRESS

 Address

PHONE _____

PHONE TYPE

Home

Work

Mobile

 City

 State

 ZIP

EMAIL _____

REASON

Why would this person be a good candidate to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

If you are not the above person, and you are nominating him/her, please complete the section below.

YOUR NAME

 First

 Middle Initial

 Last

 Suffix

ADDRESS

 Address

 City

 State

 ZIP

CONNECTION

How do you know this prospective candidate?

May we use your name when we contact this person?

Yes

No

Please return the completed form no later than **Feb. 23, 2020** to:
Rev. Lee R. Roos, Attn: EMHC, 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA 20110-2566

Spring, 2020

Day	Date	Time	Church / Place
Sat.	Feb. 29	10:00 AM	Our Lady of Hope Church (Main Church) 46639 Algonkian Pkwy, Potomac Falls, VA 20165
Sat.	Mar. 14	10:00 AM	Precious Blood Church (Main Church) 114 E. Edmondson St., Culpeper, VA 22701
Sat.	Apr. 4	10:00 AM	All Saints Church (Parish Activities Center) 9300 Stonewall Rd., Manassas, VA 20110
Sat.	Apr. 25	10:00 AM	Good Shepherd Church (Fr. Gerry Creedon Hall??) 8710 Mt. Vernon Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22309

Each session is 1½ hours long.