

Parish Hall

General principles

The parish hall will be a gathering space for parishioners engaged in a wide range of spiritual, educational, and social activities that further the mission of the parish and that enable parishioners to come together to realize that mission. The parish hall will provide meeting space for groups of many different sizes, ranging from 5 to 25 to as many as 200. Its design should be light filled and inviting, adaptable to its many purposes, and foster a sense of community. The parish hall should also include traditional design elements that connect it with the Church and with the long history of the parish.

Activities that will take place in the parish hall

- Funeral and visitation dinners.
- Private meetings of families during visitations and funerals.
- Retirements, wedding anniversaries, open houses, birthday parties, bridal and baby showers.
- Music rehearsals of choir (25-30 people).
- Youth group meetings.
- Meetings of office staff, Parish Council, other groups to accommodate 15-20 people.
- Knights of Columbus meetings (20-25 people; could be held in conference room).
- RCIA meetings.
- Welcome team, Bible study meetings.
- Rosary, prayer shawl gatherings.
- Coffee after Mass.

Space requirements to support activities

- Open space (no dividers) with seating capacity for 180 to 200 people with round tables and chairs and serving tables.
- Dedicated conference room (separate from open space).
- Fireside room—home like (and adjacent to the narthex).
- Rehearsal space for cantors and choirs (25-30 people); possibly combined with conference room.
- Bridal changing rooms (separate for men and women).
- Space for luncheons for a bridal party.

These space requirements might be met by three areas:

1. An open area for large gatherings (funeral dinners, receptions, etc.) .
2. A family room (fireside, for bride/groom, family during funeral or wake) in close proximity to the narthex.
3. Multi-purpose rooms for small meetings, music practice, KC meetings, Bible study, etc.