

Foyer Group Sign-up Form

Name(s): _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Do you have pets: yes _____ no _____

If yes, what kind? How many? _____

Age group (adults)

20-35 ____; 36-50 ____; 51-65 ____; 65+ ____

_____ I/We are signing up for Foyer Groups

Seasonal members: when do you return? _____

_____ We prefer Foyers for Families (list names and ages of children at bottom.

_____ We prefer a restaurant Foyer group

_____ I prefer a women's foyer group

Comments: (Allergies of any kinds, including animals; food restrictions, physical restrictions, etc.)

Foyer Groups 2011-2012

Sign-up time:
Now till October 14



WHERE CHRIST'S LIGHT SHINES

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foyer *n*: a large entrance or reception room or area; a French word meaning “hearthside” implying the warmth of a close, small group of friends sharing a common love and concern for each other.

History

After the World War II bombing of Coventry Cathedral in England, small groups of people began meeting to rebuild their community: a short litany, a modest meal, conversation.

In time, **Foyer Groups** began springing up in parishes all over Britain and in America. Many Episcopal churches have foyer groups. St. Monica’s began foyer groups several years ago and our desire is to continue & expand them.

Foyer Groups are informal opportunities for parishioners to get to know one another. Intended as intimate gatherings of 8-12 people, foyer groups typically share fellowship and a meal once a month. Groups are randomly assigned each fall based on the forms submitted by interested parishioners. Each group decides when and where to meet, including pot luck dinners, informal gatherings with carry-out cuisine, family picnics, even restaurant meals.

New friends are made. Long-time members who worship at different services, newcomers and everyone in between are incorporated into our parish community. The groups are not intended to do anything but be what Christians are – groups of people who “love one another.” There are no programs or projects. Optional conversation starters will be available to each month’s host.

Special Foyers

We would like to offer 3 special foyer groups: foyers for families, foyers for women, and restaurant foyers. If you would prefer one of these foyer groups, please choose the appropriate option on the sign-up form. Indicate the number of adults and the names and ages of children for families.

Details

Foyer groups form in October. Our seasonal members will be added to groups as they return to Naples. Groups meet through April or May. An “All-Foyer” dinner is held during the holidays and again in April to celebrate our community.

Foyer groups are designed to be anything you want them to be. The success of foyer groups depends upon the commitment of each member to attend. Dates are decided in advance and most groups rotate host duties among the group. On your turn, if you can’t accommodate your group, you may use the church, a restaurant, or work out another solution within your group.

Foyer groups invite conversation around our life journeys; foyers support community building, deepening relations in our parish family. Foyers add to the bonds that link us.

Foyers – a proven way to make our parish feel smaller and warmer. For longtime parishioners, newcomers, inquirers, couples, singles, families, seasonal, permanent, whoever you are – foyer groups are for you! **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Please complete the form on the back and bring or mail it to church. You could also send the information in an email to info@stmonicasnaples.org.