## **BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER!**

Now accepting applications and conducting interviews for September training.



Stephen Ministry
St. Mary Parish, Ridgefield, CT.
www.smcr.org/stephen-ministry

#### **Stephen Ministry Leaders**

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#### What Is Stephen Ministry?

- Stephen Ministry is a one-toone lay caring ministry that brings Christ's healing love to people suffering everything from illness and grief to family troubles and job loss.
- Working in collaboration with our Pastor and other clergy, our lay caregivers are equipped and empowered to provide highquality, confidential, Christcentered care (not advice) to people who are hurting.

#### What do Stephen Ministers do?

- Listen
- Explore feelings
- Pray
- · Share Christ's love
- · Maintain confidentiality
- Attend to the caregiving process and leave the results to God

Is God
Calling You to this
Important Ministry?



Could you be a Stephen Minister?

Yes, You Can!

- Stephen Minister training will equip you and our Parish will support you.
- Next Training Session to begin September 18th.
- Now accepting applications and conducting interviews; contact one of our Ministry Leaders.





If you are divorced, in the process of divorcing, or separated, we offer a friendly, safe, confidential and uplifting support group that focuses on spiritual and emotional healing.

While this group is Catholic in practice and nature, all faiths are welcome.

Our mission is to provide spiritual and emotional support to divorced or separated individuals who are at a difficult time in their lives, regardless of what stage of divorce they find themselves. With faith, compassion, and understanding, this group will help facilitate healing through fellowship and community.

### Starting up again September 10th

and will continue every Sunday for 12 weeks (skipping 10/8/17). 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM in the St. Mary Parish Barn (beige building next to the church)

For more information contact Jim Orkin, 914-420-7564, jamesorkin@gmail.com

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. -- Jeremiah 29:11



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# "Sell Your Old Gold" Fundraiser



Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> 12 NOON to 5 PM
Saturday September 30<sup>th</sup> 10 AM to 4 PM
Sunday October 1st 8 AM to 4 PM

60% of profits donated in your name to ST. MARY CHURCH

Mention Monsignor's name to receive an additional 15%.

St. Mary School conference room Questions? bob@libertygoldct.com