

Mitzvah Day 2025 Service Project Descriptions

In-Person Projects on 10/18/25				
Service Activity	Partner Agency/Site Location	Project Time	Site Capacity	Project Notes
Donate blood	American Red Cross Blood Drive in the Parish Center Gym	8:00 am-1:00 pm	57 available appointments	Register for a donation appointment through the Red Cross website or QR code in the bulletin.
Assist with receiving and boxing donations	Church Gathering Space	9:00 am-11 am	2	Volunteers should be comfortable lifting heavy boxes.
Sorting food items, restocking shelves, cleaning refrigerators and freezers	Cherry Hill Food Pantry 910 Beechwood Ave Cherry Hill, NJ 08002	9:00 am-12:00 pm	30	Ages 14+ welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Some tasks include heavy lifting. Closed toed shoes are required.
Beach Sweep (beach clean-up)	NJ Clean Ocean Action Meet at Palmyra Cove Nature Park 1335 NJ-73 Palmyra, NJ 08065	10:00 am-1:00 pm Rain or shine!	Unlimited	All ages are welcome. Children 12 and under must have an adult present. Participants do not need to stay for all 3 hours if they are not able to. After signing up, please register online . Suggested items to bring: a bucket to collect debris, gloves, sturdy shoes, dress in layers, sunscreen, bug spray, a water bottle.
Yard work, sorting and organizing donations	Good Counsel Homes 116 Heulings Ave Riverside, NJ 08075	9:00 am-12:00 pm	4	Ages 13+ welcome.
Outdoor gardening Crafts with nursing home residents Facilitate BINGO	United Methodist Communities at Collingswood	9:00-11:00 am: gardening 10:00-11:30 am: crafts	10 for yardwork 5 for crafts	All ages welcome. Materials will be provided. For gardening, feel free to bring gardening gloves and small shovels/gardening tools if you have them.

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	460 Haddon Ave, Collingswood, NJ 08108	1:30-3:00 pm: BINGO	5 for BINGO	
Prepare food (at home) and serve lunch	Joseph's House 555 Atlantic Ave, Camden, NJ 08104	9:30 am-12:30 pm	4-5	Prepare food at home and serve lunch to the shelter guests. Children permitted when accompanied by parents. The parish can help pay for food ingredients if needed. Volunteers will gather at COL at 9:30 am and arrive at JH around 10:00. Lunch will be served around 11:30, followed by tour of JH.
Purchase breakfast items in advance and serve the children participating in this program.	Kids Alley 4100 Terrace Ave Pennsauken, NJ	9:30 am- 10:30 am: food prep 10:30am - 11:00 am: serve breakfast 11:00 am - 1:00 pm: Assist with program & clean up	6-8	Ages 12+ welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The parish can help with purchasing breakfast food.
Prepare dinner for the residents and coordinate a game/craft	Ronald McDonald House 550 Mickle Blvd Camden, NJ 08103	Dinner: 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm Craft/activity: 6:00- 7:30 pm	8	Ages 13+ welcome. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. The parish can help pay for food if needed.
Decorate placemats	Parish Center- St. Francis Room Placemats will be donated to Cathedral Kitchen and Joseph's House.	9:00 am-11:00 am	15	For families with children under 8 only. Placemats and art supplies will be provided in the room.
Create utensil packages	Parish Center- St. John Room	9:00 am-11:00 am	15	For families with children under 8 only. Supplies will be provided in the room.

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Rectory painting project	Christ Our Light Rectory	9:00 am-1:00 pm	4	Ages 18+. All supplies provided.
Painting an outdoor porch	UrbanPromise 3700 Rudderow St, Pennsauken, NJ 08110	9:00 am until project is finished	10-20	Ages 14+

At-Home Projects

Service Activity	Partner Agency	Project Notes
Prepare food for Joseph's House guests	Joseph's House	The parish can help pay for food ingredients if needed. We will provide you with the recipe. Prepared food must be dropped off at COL by 9:30 am on 10/18.
Prepare frozen meals at home for seniors	St. Bart's Serves Seniors	St. Bart's has an outreach program providing nutritious meals to seniors in Camden. The parish will provide dishes to use which have compartments as well as meal suggestions. These meals will be made at home, frozen at home (preferably) and returned. After you register, Julie will contact you to schedule a time to pick up supplies and to drop off the meals.
Create clay heats for hospice patients and families	Samaritan Hospice	Supplies and instructions will be provided.

Donation Collections for 10/1-10/18

Items Requested	Partner Agency	Date Needed
Gift cards to JoAnne Fabrics, Michael's, BJ's, ShopRite, ACME, Target or Walmart.	Used to purchase craft and sandwich-making supplies for the Parish Center service projects.	Drop off at the Parish Office or put in offertory collection before 10/18.

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Pillowcases L and XL sized t-shirts	Donated to SSJ Neighborhood Center to create bags for their food distribution.	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/18.
Toiletries (both full sized and travel sized): soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, deodorant, menstrual hygiene products, hand and lotions, lip balm, heavy rain ponchos, body wipes, etc.	Donated to Cathedral Kitchen and Joseph's House	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/18.
New Men's boxer shorts and briefs New women's hipster briefs New socks for men and women	Donated to Joseph's House and Last Stop	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/18.
Individually packaged snacks like granola bars, pretzels, nuts, trail mix, etc.	Donated to Cathedral Kitchen	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/18.
Men's and women's winter hats and gloves	Donated to Joseph's House	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/18.
Small Ziploc bags Medium kitchen garbage bags Towels, washcloths and non-fitted sheets (can be used but must be clean)	Donated to Animal Welfare Association	Collection bin in the Church Gathering Space from 10/-1 through 10/18.

If you are not free to serve on Saturday, 10/18, please consider participating in **our monthly sandwich making project on Sunday, 10/19 from 8:00-10:30 am:**

- You may drop off premade sandwiches from home or make sandwiches in person. To serve in person, please bring 1 giant/king sized loaf of white or wheat bread, 1 lb of turkey breast or beef bologna, and 1/2 lb of American cheese.
- You may also make sandwiches at home. We ask that these sandwiches be made of beef bologna or turkey breast and American cheese. Please use one slice of cheese and two slices of meat on either white or wheat bread. After assembling the sandwich, place it in a Ziplock bag and seal it (we avoid using the flap-type sandwich bags since they are not as hygienic for food distribution). You can place the completed sandwiches in the bread sleeve and seal it. Please drop off between 8:00-10:30 am at the Parish Center.