

Christ our Light Mitzvah Day!



Lending a helping hand Saturday, October 14, 2023

THANK YOU for choosing to live generously and for participating in our parish-wide day of service! You can also register online through the parish website.

Volunteer Form

Return your completed form to the parish office or place it in the collection at any Mass **no later than October 1st.**

There are opportunities for both volunteering **and** donating. **You do not have to fill out a form if you wish to make a donation.** Contact Julie DeMareo in the parish office with any questions.

Complete the information below. (Please print.)

Family Contact: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

E-mail: _____@_____

Best Phone Number to reach you: _____ - _____ - _____
Area Code

Family members participating (**please list ages of those under 18**). If a family member is participating in a different activity from the rest of the family, please have them fill out a separate application form (e.g. high school student going with the youth group, or family members splitting up because of two different times for activities, etc.) The icon 😊 indicates that the activity is suitable for families with younger children. **Adults do not need to list their ages.**

Name	Age	Name	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

The opportunities are described on the next pages. Please indicate your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices.
You will be notified as to your placement.

Agency		Time Frame	Other notes
	Blood Drive Gym	8:00 am – 1:00 pm	We will have a blood drive in the school auditorium all morning. Pre-registration needed. Goal is 70 pints. Call Pauline Sundell to make an appointment at 856-206-3553 or email paulinesundell@gmail.com or you can register through the Red Cross website.
Outdoor Work/Construction/Clean Up/Painting/Organizing			
	Help on Mitzvah Day accepting donations, boxing items	9:00 am -noon	Meet outside parish center
	Cherry Hill Food Pantry	9:00 am -12:00 pm	Help sort and clean; restock shelves; clean refrigerators and freezers; must be at least 14 years old. There is some heavy lifting involved for some of the work which could use some serious muscle. Closed toe shoes required.
	Community Learning Campus at St. Anthony- pre-school playground	9 am - noon	Outdoor clean-up needed for the playground: raking leaves and trash; weeding
	Cherry Hill Township outdoor clean up	9 am – 12:00 noon	We will be assigned an area by the township for clean up. Signed waivers are needed. If under 18, parent must sign the waiver. In case of inclement weather, the activity will be rescheduled to a different date.
	Good Counsel Home	9 am - noon	Sort baby item donations and household items at Good Counsel Home; rake leaves outside if the weather is good. Any age
	Kid's Alley (please see note about date for this)	9:30 am- 11:00 am	Serve breakfast items to the children participating in this program in Pennsauken. Children are welcome when accompanied by an adult they know. They are not meeting on Mitzvah Day. This service will be done on Saturday, Oct. 21 or 28. The parish can help pay for the food.
	DeSales Service Works	9:30 am- 2:00 pm	Outside yard work weather permitting plus some orientation about Camden.
	Holy Name School	9 am -noon	Cleaning outside of school
			Painting half a room

	Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Center	9:00 am – 12:00 pm 	Yard work, clean up of raised beds. Families welcome to apply. If weather is bad, will help bag groceries inside.
	Clean up of memory garden in back of school	9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Volunteers will do some clean up of the memory garden in back of the school for the first phase of this restoration project.
	United Methodist Communities at Collingswood (formerly Collingswood Manor)	9:00 am – 11:00 am 	Gardening outdoors and outside clean up
		9:00 am – 11:00 am 	Morning craft project with residents
		1:00 pm- 2:30 pm	Afternoon bingo with residents
Food Preparation, Service and Distribution			
	Cathedral Kitchen	In- person service at CK 10:30 am – 1:00 pm	Volunteers will serve meals in the CK dining room. We are accepting 4 volunteers who must also register through the CK website. Must be at least 16 years old. Masks required.
	Joseph’s House of Camden Children permitted accompanied with parents	9:30 am -12:30 pm 	Prepare and serve lunch at Joseph’s House. Prepare sloppy joes for 12 at home and bring along with dozen rolls. Serve lunch.
	Sandwich Making	Make at home  Drop off on Mitzvah Day	Volunteers will make sandwiches to be given out to guests at Cathedral kitchen, Last Stop, St. Bart’s soup kitchen and Joseph’s House. Volunteers can pick up sandwich bags and gloves at the welcome desk in the church gathering space. The sandwiches should be made with either turkey breast or beef bologna, American cheese and choice of white or wheat bread. Use sealing sandwich bags (not fold over flap variety). We will also hold two in person sandwich making sessions. Drop off to parish center before 11 am on Mitzvah Day.
	In person sandwich making	9:00 am – 10:00 am 	Meet in parish center. Please bring at least one giant loaf of white bread, one pound of either beef bologna or turkey breast and a half pound of American cheese. If you can bring more supplies, that is great.
		10:00 am – 11:00 am 	
	South Jersey Food Bank	8:30 am- noon 	Help with food distribution in Burlington City; age 12 or older; need to arrive by 8:30 am
	St. Bart’s Serves Seniors	Pick up dishes and recipe suggestions; drop off on Mitzvah Day	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 on Mitzvah Day (arrangements can be made to drop off another day). Pick up supplies from parish center weekend Sept.30 (3:00- 6:00 pm) and Oct. 1 (9:30- 12:00).

	Ronald McDonald House	9:00 am- 11:00 am	Prepare breakfast for the residents of Ronald McDonald House in Camden. All food must be prepared onsite. Children 12 years old and older can help with food prep. Parish can help pay for food if needed.
	St. Bart's Lunch program	9:00 am – 1:30 pm 	Help with the Saturday meal program at St. Josephine Bakhita Church in Camden
	Delivery	11:00 am	Help deliver donations to Cathedral Kitchen and Joseph's House on Mitzvah Day
Kit Assembly and Other Projects- all activities listed here are 			
	Joseph's House Cathedral Kitchen Utensil bags	This will be done in the parish center between 9-11 am	Volunteers will bag utensils for Joseph's House and Cathedral Kitchen
	Joseph's House Cathedral Kitchen Placemats	This will be done in the parish center between 9-11 am	Decorate placemats.
	Christmas craft projects	Pick up supplies Assemble at home Drop off on Mitzvah Day	Help with craft projects that are used for the nursing homes where we minister as a parish. Pick up supplies from parish center weekend of Sept.30 (3:00- 6:00 pm) and Oct. 1 (9:30- 12:00) in the parish center. You are also welcome to just make your own creative projects.
	Scarf making NICU blankets Fidget blankets (for those suffering from memory loss)	Assemble at home Drop off on Mitzvah Day	Volunteers will make easy no-sew fleece scarves for people who are homeless or incubator covers for babies in NICU at Virtua. There will be some fleece available and directions from parish center Sept.30 (3:00- 6:00 pm) and Oct. 1 (9:30- 12:00) in the parish center. If we run out of fleece, you are welcome to pick up fleece on your own to make the incubator covers and scarves. Directions and a sample of a fidget blanket will be available in the parish center during the pick up on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. We will not be supplying any of the materials for the fidget blankets. Directions for the incubator covers will also be available.
	Clay hearts for Samaritan Hospice	Make at home Drop off on Mitzvah Day	You can pick up materials and directions. Pick up supplies from parish center weekend of Sept.30 (3:00- 6:00 pm) and Oct. 1 (9:30- 12:00) in the parish center.
	Knitted and crocheted baby blankets	Drop off anytime	These are used at Cooper Hospital for deceased infants. Blankets can be crocheted, knitted or no sew. Prefer white.

Other Donations being Accepted- bins are in the gathering space of church beginning October 1			
Items needed prior to Mitzvah Day			
Gift cards to JoAnne Fabrics, Michael’s, BJ’s, Shoprite, Acme, Target or Walmart- drop off at office or put in offertory collection Cardboard boxes; preferably the boxes that reams of paper come in			
Items being collected in bins in gathering space beginning Oct. 1			
Pillowcases or large or extra large t-shirts for SSJ Neighborhood Center (these are sewn and made into bags for food distribution) Women’s handbags filled with toiletries (suggestions: toothpaste, toothbrush, tissues, deodorant. Feminine products, lotions, lip balm Men’s boxer shorts and briefs; women’s hipster briefs, socks for men and women	Toiletries (soap, toothpaste, deodorant (men and women’s), toothbrushes (full size), hand lotion; body lotion, new wash cloths, body wipes (like baby kind, not the hand sanitizer kind, tampons (all sizes) rain ponchos (heavier kind, not the one-use disposable kind We can take both travel and full-sized toiletries Individually packaged snacks like granola bars, pretzels, nuts, trail mix, etc.	Adult backpacks; new or used luggage on wheels; warm hats and gloves, Animal Welfare Association: small Ziploc bags, medium kitchen garbage bags, towels, washcloths and non-fitted sheets (can be used, but should be clean). Prizes to be used for Bingo at Methodist home in Collingswoo- need prizes for both men and women	
Items being collected on Mitzvah Day			
Items that must come in on Mitzvah Day 9 am – 11 am Sandwiches, cases of water, fresh fruit, individually wrapped snacks like granola bars or cookies.		Items that can come in on Mitzvah Day or some other time Frozen meals, Christmas crafts, clay hearts, fleece blankets, fidget blankets, NICU covers and scarves	
If you have any questions, please contact Julie DeMareo in the parish office 856-667-2440 x. 327 or jdemareo@christourlight.net			