



St. Paul's Epistle
The Newsletter of St. Paul's & Trinity
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Episcopal Charities Sunday

Once a year, our Diocese sponsors the Episcopal Charities Sunday. This year, it will be held on Sunday, May 13th.

Money raised during this event, provides funding and support to parish-based programs serving children and adults in need on a non-sectarian basis.

Donations envelopes can be found in this week's Sunday church bulletin. Please support this worthy cause.

Learn about the need for help by reading the excerpts below from the Episcopal Charities Sunday Primer that was mailed to our parish.

Episcopal Charities Sunday 2018 Hunger Statistics Diocese of New York

- 702,720 people (12%) struggle with food insecurity in the ten counties that make up the Diocese of New York. Of those, more than 230,000 are children; 19% of children in our Diocese face food insecurity.
- Food insecurity primarily affects women, children, seniors, the working poor and people with disabilities.
- The average cost of a meal in the Diocese of New York is \$3.47* - more than twice the \$1.30 per meal allowed in the typical budget of a family receiving food assistance.

* The average meal cost ranges from \$2.77 in Sullivan County to \$5.06 in Manhattan.

Source: [*Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap 2015*](#)

Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, Ulster and Sullivan Counties

- Roughly 1 in 10 residents - and nearly 19% of children - in these counties are facing food insecurity.
 - 5.2% of Putnam County residents (12.9% of children)
 - 9.4% of Dutchess County residents (15.3% of children)
 - 10.5% of Ulster County residents (17.2% of children)
 - 11.8% of Sullivan County residents (20.6% of children)
 - 9.5% of Rockland County residents (18.9% of children)
 - 8.7% of Orange County residents (17.5% of children)
- Almost 6.5% of residents of these counties are eligible for SNAP benefits (food stamps), with an income below 200% of the poverty line.

Source: [*Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap 2015*](#)

- 39% of households receiving emergency food assistance in these counties have at least one adult working - and still can't make ends meet.

Source: [*Food Bank of the Hudson Valley*](#)

Let's Go to a Movie Night



A very good documentary , "IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL" narrated by the famous actor David Souchet will be shown in Memorial Hall on Friday, May 11th at 7 p.m. The running time of the presentation is about an hour. Afterwards we will have a discussion and enjoy some light refreshments.

Do plan on joining us for this event which hopefully will be the first of many such in the future.

Mary E. Cody

Clean Up Day(s)

This year we were “blessed” with enough winter debris to be able to have not one but two spring clean-up days. One of our real blessings is that we had a group of hardworking volunteers on hand to make it a less tedious chore.

Our stalwart team this year included:

Candace Melton,
Sue Crane, Tony and
Susan Rohrmeier, Jim
Crane, Fernando Soto,
Larry Hough, Jean
Bard, Debbie and
Melissa Gruntler, Barry
and Leigh
Knickerbocker, Jack
and Vikki Willoughby,
and Audrey Smith.

I would like to offer
many thanks to a great
crew for a job well
done.



Barry



Mission and Out Reach is sponsoring a summer seasonal clothing drive for "Taking it To The Streets" from May 6th - 20th. Items that are needed are as follows. A box for donations may be found in Memorial Hall.

Wish List!

- Clean summer clothing for men and women
- Sandals, sneakers, shoes
- Bottled Water
- Juice Boxes
- Individual pop top cans of Tuna fish
- Fruit cups
- Healthy snack bars

We continue to fight hunger locally with collecting food and monetary gifts for our local food pantries in Red Hook area. The receiving basket for food is in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to make a monetary donation, checks may be made out to St Paul's and Trinity Parish. Please note on your gift " Food Pantry". It will be forwarded to one of three of our local food pantries. All non perishable items are welcome. Please be mindful that with summer approaching many children will not be receiving a free lunch at school.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Mission and Out Reach co -chair
Leigh Knickerbocker



- Saturday, May 5 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Sacred Sites Open House at St.Paul's & Trinity
- Saturday, May 12 - Apple Blossom Day in Red Hook. Clergy Walk-about.
- Children's Community Clothes Closet at Third Lutheran Church in Rhinebeck 1st & 3rd Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WE WELCOME ARTICLES FOR OUR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS:

If you have something that might be of interest to your fellow parishioners, please send them on to Barry Knickerbocker at bknickerbocker2@hvc.rr.com. Hand delivered paper copy is welcome as well.

