

THROUGH SAINT MARY'S SAMARITAN FUND WE REACH OUT AND CARE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Who are our neighbors? Jesus tells us that anyone who is hungry, homeless, in need of medical care or basic sustenance is our neighbor. Through the Samaritan Fund we are able to help men, women and children in need, regardless of their race, creed or national origin.

"...But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn and cared for him.

Through the Samaritan Fund we help break the cycle of poverty, homelessness, illness and lack of education. The money you donate is used throughout the year to help hundreds of people who are referred to us from Fairfax County social services and other local agencies. We also have assisted when extreme needs or emergencies arise among our fellow parishioners.

"... The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, "Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back."

We respond to our neighbors' needs as they present themselves, drawing from whatever funds are available from your donations. Due to increasing calls for assistance, our Samaritan Fund has run short.

"Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

What can you do? First, pray for those in need and for those who are dedicated to helping. Then, make a monetary donation to St. Mary's Samaritan Fund, so that we'll be able to continue responding as we have done, with prayer and financial assistance.

ASSISTANCE GIVEN FROM THE SAMARITAN FUND IN 2011

Transportation	\$10,383.95
Housing	68,311.45
Legal fees	220,48
Medical Expenses	5,951.27
Tuition Assistance	3930.00
Utilities	20,694.46
Other	<u>8,544.77</u>
Total Donations	\$118,036.38
Total Requests	464