

datebook

Oct. 15-20

Clothing Drive

Oct. 29-Nov. 19, weekends

Christmas Gift Sign-up

Nov. 13-15

Thanksgiving Food Collection & Sorting

Nov. 19

Thanksgiving Food Delivery

Nov. 19-20

Fair Trade Coffee Sale

Dec. 3-4 & 9-10

Christmas Gift Collections

Week of Dec. 11

Food Collection, Wrap and Sort Gifts

Dec. 17

Christmas Food & Gift Delivery

Dec. 17-18

Fair Trade Coffee Sale

January 2012

Hypothermia Shelter

Annual Clothing Drive

We have heard from over 40 organizations who have a need for clean and usable clothing. Please consider not only a donation of clothes but also your time to this rewarding activity.

Donation details:

- What: CLEAN & gently used clothing (summer & winter) for men, women & children, shoes, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, belts; towels & bedding accepted. Evening gowns, shoes and accessories also needed.
- When: Saturday, October 15th, after 5 pm, through Wednesday, October 19th
- Where: Farrell Hall

Volunteer details:

- Set-up and Take-down Team: help with set-up Saturday, Oct. 15 and Sunday, Oct. 16; help with take-down on Thursday, Oct. 20. Strong men and youth are especially needed on this team.
- Collection, Sort & Pack Team: help accept donations Oct. 15-16, sort donated clothing and pack boxes, Oct. 17-20. **Particular need for additional volunteers.**
- Delivery Team: people with trucks or vans to assist with deliveries of clothing to local agencies, Oct. 17-20.
- Meals & Snacks Team: cook, serve and clean-up of lunch, dinner & snacks for the working volunteers, Oct. 16-20.
- Supplies Team: purchase and ensure adequate supplies are on-hand for volunteers each day such as tape, pens, pencils, labels and scissors; move and assemble boxes, Oct. 16-20.

Ready to help? Please call Pilar Jones, 703-503-5745, Mary Ayre, 703-323-7597, Thelma Garry, 703-978-1163 or Carol Mayfield, 703-978-4141x19.



The Cupboards are (Almost) Bare!

Saint Mary's Food Pantry provides a wonderful opportunity for us all to reach out and provide one of the most basic requirements of life for those in need.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help with:

- Distributing brown bags: first Sunday of each month, except Nov. & Dec.
- Sorting and stocking donated items: second Sunday of each month, beginning around 1:30pm

Contact Tom or Ann Peters at 703-250-4757 to volunteer.

On October 16, 17 & 18, the students in Saint Mary's Religious Education program will be drawn into this ministry as they take part in their own special canned food collection. Their donations will be used to stock our food pantry as well as neighborhood pantries that distribute food to needy people..

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Clothing Drive

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Christmas Gift Program

Sign-up begins October 29 through November 19. Traditionally, we provide gifts for 1,000 children and youths, and 250 adults as well as food for needy families.

Below are dates to help you plan for the holidays.

- Christmas gift sign up: Oct. 29-Nov. 19, weekends
- Foster children gift collection: Dec. 3-4
- Remaining gift collection: Dec. 10
- Food collection & sorting : Dec. 10-11
- Wrap and sort of gifts: week of Dec. 11
- Delivery of food and gifts: Dec. 17

Look for more details in future bulletins.



Fair Trade Sales

Sales of coffee and chocolate are planned for Nov. 19 & 20, Dec. 17 & 18, after all Masses at the Historic Church and Worship Center, except 12:30pm.

Can you help with Fair Trade sales after one Mass Contact Deb Caskey at dcaskey@cox.net or 703-222-1087.