

# **HOLIDAY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**2016** (rev. Nov. 9, 2016)

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and Monroe County  
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**WHERE TO GO FOR FREE  
THANKSGIVING DINNERS**

**WHERE TO APPLY FOR  
THANKSGIVING/  
CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS**

**WHERE TO DONATE/VOLUNTEER  
DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

**PLEASE CALL AGENCY TO CONFIRM  
DATES AND TIMES OF PROGRAMS**

## THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS DINNERS

### **Blessed Sacrament Church**

259 Rutgers St. Rochester, NY 14607  
Thanksgiving Dinner: November 22, 2016 at 6:30  
Holiday Dinner: December 19, 2016 at 6:30  
Supper Program open on Christmas Day  
Open to the public  
Call Mary Jo Lightholder for more info: 442-5279  
mjlightholder@frontiernet.net

### **Cameron Community Ministries (585) 254-2697**

48 Cameron Street  
Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
Christmas dinner, December 25, 2016, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM  
Anyone in need is welcome  
No carry-out  
Cost: none

### **Community Lutheran Ministries, Inc. (585) 338-2420**

942 Joseph Avenue  
Thanksgiving dinner, Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 19, 2016  
Anyone is welcome, no pre-registration.

### **Community Place of Greater Rochester (585) 288-0021**

Thanksgiving dinner  
145 Parsells Avenue  
Thursday November 17, 5:30-7:30 PM  
Area served 14609, parts of 14605, 14607, 14610, and parts of 14621  
Cost: none

### **Open Door Mission (585) 454-6696**

Thanksgiving dinner  
Open Door Mission, 210 West Main Street  
Thanksgiving Day November 24, 2016, 4:00 – 7:00 PM  
Religious service during dinner service  
Anyone in need is welcome  
Cost: none

### **St. Martin's Place (585) 325-6500**

Thanksgiving dinner  
St. Martin's Place, 55 Ontario Street  
Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
Christmas Dinner December 23, 2016, 11:30-12:30  
Anyone in need is welcome  
Come to the above address; reservations not necessary  
Cost: none

**St. Peter's Kitchen** (585) 235-6511 (WAITING FOR UPDATE)

Thanksgiving dinner  
Behind church at 681 Brown Street  
Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015, 12:00 -1:00 PM  
Christmas Day 12:00 – 1:00 PM  
Anyone in need is welcome  
Come to the above address; reservations not necessary  
No carry-out  
Cost: none

**Salvation Army** (585) 987-9500

Thanksgiving dinner  
100 West Avenue  
70 Liberty Pole Way  
915 North Clinton Ave  
Sunday November 20, service at 12:30 – 2:30 PM, with meal following  
Anyone in need is welcome  
Reservations not necessary  
No Food Baskets for Thanksgiving  
Cost: none

## THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

The following agencies are accepting applications for Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families. An interview may be required and clients may be asked to present the following documentation for proof of eligibility: proof of income; identification for each family member, including social security number; and photo identification for the head of household. Please note that services are limited to areas listed. Call the agency for additional information.

**Cameron Community Ministries** (585) 254-2697

48 Cameron Street  
Thanksgiving food basket  
Starting November 1, 2016 at 9:00 am in person with ID to sign-up.

**Dimitri House** (585) 325-1796

Food baskets  
102 North Union Street  
Serves 14604, 14605, 14607, and 14609  
Call the above number beginning October 3, 2016  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Thursday  
Must have at least 1 child under 17 living in the household; proof of address and number of members of household required.  
Baskets given on a first come, first served basis to qualified applicants. Cost: none

**Irondequoit Community Cupboard** (585) 336-9107

Food baskets

4275 Culver Road

Area served: Irondequoit. Sign up in person only.

**Memorial AME Zion Church** (585) 546-5997

549 Clarissa Street

Thanksgiving food basket sign-up:

October 24, 2016 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

November 7, 2016 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

At least 2 people in the household to be eligible; must bring ID for everyone in household.

Call for more information

**Mission Share** (585) 368-0746 (WAITING FOR UPDATE)

Food Baskets

10 Cedarfield Commons

By appointment only please call

Area served: 14612, 14615, 14616, 14626

**Rochester Family Mission** (585) 436-7523

Food Baskets

388 Tremont Street

2016 Holiday Basket Sign-up

One time sign-up for both Thanksgiving and Christmas

Tuesday October 11, 2016, 9:00 – 12:00, Zip codes: 14606, 14608, 14611, 14619

Wednesday October 12 and Thursday October 13, 2016, 9:00 – 12:00 (all Zip codes)

What to bring: 1. I.D., 2. Proof of residency, 3. Proof of income

Cost: none, first come, first serve

Volunteers Needed: Training Oct. 6 at 10:00 a.m.

## **CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS AND TOYS**

The following agencies are accepting applications for Christmas food baskets and/or toys for needy families.

All agencies require an interview and clients must present the following documentation for proof of eligibility: proof of income; identification for each family member, including social security number; and photo identification, proof of current address for the head of household.

Not all agencies cover every area of the city; be sure to check each listing for Zip Codes covered. For additional information, contact the appropriate agency at the number given.

**Baden Street Settlement** (585) 325-4910

Christmas food baskets and gift

152 Baden Street

Serves E. Ridge Road (north), Inner Loop (south), St Paul Street (west), Portland Avenue/Carter Street (east); portions of 14605, 14604 and 14621

Apply at the above address between November 1, 2016 and November 22, 2016, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday

Cost: none

**Cameron Community Ministries** (585) 254-2697

48 Cameron Street

Christmas Food Basket: starting December 1, 2016 9:00am in person with ID to sign-up.

Holiday Party December 21<sup>st</sup> 4-6 pm. Kids under 18 and meet Santa and receive a gift.

Cost: none

**Community Place of Greater Rochester** (585) 288-0021 and 327-7200 **(WAITING FOR UPDATE)**

Christmas food baskets: sign-up begins 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

Donations can be brought to 145 Parsells Avenue, Rochester, NY 14609

Checks can be mailed to 57 Central Park, Rochester, NY 14605

Serves 14609, parts of 14605, 14607, 14610, and 14621

Cost: none.

**Irondequoit Community Cupboard** (585) 336-9107

Food baskets

4275 Culver Road

Area served: Irondequoit. Sign up in person only.

**Maplewood Edgerton (MEEK)** (585) 458-4682

Christmas food baskets

121 Driving Park Avenue

Serves 14613, 14615 and portions of 14608

Registration for Christmas food baskets is Monday, November 28, 2016 at 9:00am.

Cost: none

**Rochester Family Mission** (585) 436-7523

388 Tremont Street

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One time sign-up for both Thanksgiving and Christmas

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Wednesday October 12 and Thursday October 13, 2016, 9:00 – 12:00 (all Zip codes)

What to bring: 1. I.D., 2. Proof of residency, 3. Proof of income

Cost: none, first come first serve

**Salvation Army** (585) 987-9500

Christmas Assistance

100 West Avenue

Serves all of Monroe County

Apply at the above address between November 7 and 11, 2016. Monday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM,

Tuesday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, Wednesday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM,

Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Head of household must bring photo ID, proof of address, proof of income and proof of ID for each additional household member.

Christmas distribution: Toy Shop: December 20-21, 2016 @ 9:00

Food Bag distribution December 22, 2016

Cost: none

**St. Peter's Kitchen** (585) 235-6511 **(WAITING FOR UPDATE)**

Children's Toy Store

Areas served: 14604, 14608, 14611, 14619, 14606 (Mt. Read area)

November 16-20, 2015 during lunch hour 12:00-1:00.

**SWEM Community Services** (585) 235-4494

Christmas food baskets

350 Chili Avenue (clients must call, no messages please)

Serves 14428, 14514, 14546, 14559, 14606, 14608, 14611, 14614, 14619, parts of 14623 (west of Genesee River), 14624

Call the above number between November 1 – 23, 2016

10:30 AM – 1:00 PM, Monday – Friday (No holidays or weekends)

Cost: none

**Togetherness in Love** (585) 794-0111

1443 East Main Street

Food/Monetary donations welcome.

Christmas Party December 21, 2016 at 6pm.

Hot dinner and games.

Apply in person, please bring proof of address and number of members in household.

Cost: none

## **DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, AND GIFTS**

Those who wish may donate money, food, or toys to the following:

**Baden Street Settlement**

Accepts donations of new unwrapped presents, toys, clothing and food baskets. Monetary donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Baden Street Holiday Fund and mail to 152 Baden Street, Rochester, NY 14605, Attn: Gladys Holloman or Dolores Rodriguez. Items can be dropped off Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM through December 15. For further information, call (585) 325-4910, ext. 1132 or 1137.

**Cameron Community Ministries**

Accepts unwrapped gifts for infants to teens. Monetary donations also welcome.

**Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester Annual Christmas Appeal**

Make checks out to Annual Christmas Appeal and mail to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester, Christmas Appeal, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624. (585) 328-3210.

**Catholic Family Center**

Beginning November 2016 go to [www.cfcrochester.org](http://www.cfcrochester.org) or contact Claudia Gill at 262-7044 or [gill@cfcrochester.org](mailto:gill@cfcrochester.org) for information on how to donate items for the “Adopt a Family” Program and other wish lists.

**Central Library Mitten Tree**

The Mitten Tree will be going up on November 9, 2015 and will run through December 21, 2015. Please consider donating mittens, gloves, hats, socks, scarves and hoodies in sizes child to adult. These items will be given to the 300+ homeless children in the Rochester City School District. This year, two mitten trees will be put up, one near the Reynolds Media Center and the other in the Children's Center.

**Community Place of Greater Rochester**

Accepts donations of clothing, games, toys, food or money. Checks can be made out to Community Place of Greater Rochester and sent to 57 Central Park, Rochester, NY 14605. Items can be dropped off at 145 Parsells Ave, Rochester, NY 14609 or call (585) 288-0021, for more information

**DePaul**

Seeking Holiday Helpers to purchase gifts for clients in DePaul's mental health residential and treatment programs. Contact Amy Cavalier at (585) 719-3102 or at [acavalier@depaul.org](mailto:acavalier@depaul.org) to be matched with a holiday wish that includes an individual's gender, age and size. Monetary donations are always welcome. Gifts should be dropped off by December 5, 2016, at 1931 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624

**Rochester Family Mission**

Accepts donations of non-perishable food items and children's gifts. Financial donations are also accepted. Checks should be made payable to Rochester Family Mission and mailed to 388 Tremont Street, Rochester, NY 14608. For more information, call (585) 436-7523.

**Dimitri House**

Accepts donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, household items, clothing, office supplies, or money. Make checks payable to Dimitri House and mail to 102 North Union Street, Rochester, NY 14605. Items can be dropped off Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Also looking for volunteers to participate in the "Adopt a family" program. For further information, call (585) 325-1796.

**Hillside Family of Agencies**

Seeking "Special Santas" to purchase gifts for youth and their families enrolled in one of the many programs or services offered by Hillside Family of agencies. To learn more about the Hillside Special Santas program and the gift wishes of our youth, please visit [www.hillside.com/ways-to-help](http://www.hillside.com/ways-to-help) or call Amy Gallaher at 256-7509. Our deadline for gift donations is December 16<sup>th</sup> this season. If shopping isn't for you, checks can be made payable to "Hillside Special Santas" and sent to Hillside Childrens Foundation, P.O. Box 1901, Albany, NY 12201-01901. Thank you for your support of our youth and families during this time of year!

**SWEM Community Services (585) 235-4494**

350 Chili Ave

Call to receive list of food items needed to make a Christmas basket and information about delivery of donation.

**Third Presbyterian Church**

Accepts donations of non-perishable food items. Items can be dropped off at the church office, Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Money donations also accepted. Make checks payable to Third Presbyterian Church and mail to 4 Meigs Street, Rochester, NY 14607. For further information call Rev. Lynette Sparks at (585) 271-6537, ext. 106

**Salvation Army**

Project Bundle Up: Saturday October 29, 2016. Volunteers will be paired up with a child to shop at JC Penney for a new winter coat. Volunteer sign up runs until Oct. 14, 2016 8:00 am – 3:30 pm. Contact Tracy Dalykas at 987-9500 ext. 2312.

Bell Ringers needed. Please apply in person at 70 Liberty Pole Way. Please bring ID and Social Security card.

Volunteers needed for Angel Trees Program, provides gifts to children. Call Tracy Dalykas at 987-9500, ext 2312

**Villa of Hope Holiday Wishes Program**

Accepts donations such as new generic gifts for children (infants to 20 yrs), new clothes, winter apparel, board games. Monetary donations also accepted. Items can be dropped off all year long at Villa of Hope 3300 Dewey Avenue or participating Starbucks and Summit Federal Credit Union locations. For further information, call Gerianne Puskas at (585) 865-1550, ext. 287

**IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED, PLEASE CALL THE AGENCY DIRECTLY.**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE PHOTOCOPIES OF THIS BULLETIN**

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