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St. John's Online

On the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

God the compassionate one, whose loving care extends to all the world, we remember this day your children of many nations and many faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Console those who continue to suffer and grieve and give them comfort and hope as they look to the future. Out of what we have endured, give us the grace to examine our relationships with those who perceive us as the enemy, and show our leaders the way to use our power to serve the good of all for the healing of the nations.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord who, in reconciling love, was lifted up from the earth that he might draw all things to himself.

The Most Rev. Frank T. Grisworld, former Presiding Bishop

Prayer for the Human Family, Book of Common Prayer, p. 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus Christ your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our lord. Amen.



Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's: Please click on the following link to sign up

for the NEXT drive on **Sept 15th, 2021 – 2pm – 7pm**

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Ramsey>

Announcements

Pedals 4 Progress: St. John's bike and sewing machine collection will be here in no time! Most people in the community won't have a bike or sewing machine to give us so the message needs to be spread as much and as far as possible in order to reach people who do have something for us. The Outreach Group cannot do this alone. We ask you to tell as many people as you can using your Social Media and any other way you can think of. Please tell any groups you belong to, classes you attend, your condo association etc. Christine (christinepotts@optonline.net) would love to hear of any ideas you have to get more publicity. EVERYTHING depends on the publicity. Thank you.



On the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Ida slammed into Louisiana and the Gulf Coast as a category 4 storm. Please give today to ERD's **Hurricane Relief Fund** and help our partners and dioceses reach vulnerable communities devastated by Hurricane Ida and other catastrophic storms. As they continue to assess ongoing needs in impacted areas, your urgent gift will enable ERD to respond now — and in the long run to aid in recovery. To assist in these efforts make a donation to St. John's by check with ERD-Hurricane in the memo, or the [Donate to ERD](#) tab on our website, or visit episcopalrelief.org.



Matching Grants for St. John's. Many employers offer matching grants. Does yours? If you don't know, please look into it. If there is a matching grant program, your pledge to St. John's might be matched by your company. St. John's is now registered with [Benevity](#) and has received one matching grant this year. Please contact the Wardens, the Treasurer or the Priest if you have questions.

The Community Chefs is a grassroots program that provides cooked family meals to those in need every Friday. Here are the guidelines:

- Choose a one-dish recipe that provides a dinner for at least six people. Recipes that include vegetables are preferred since we are striving to provide as much nutrition as possible.
- Dinners can be either frozen, cooked or uncooked, but they should be cold at the time of pick-up.
- Meals will be picked up on Friday mornings for distribution at the Martin Luther King Center in the afternoon.

There are currently about 35 volunteer chefs and/or drivers. No one is expected to provide a meal every week, although many of the chefs do so regularly. Participating groups include St. John's ECW, Germonds Presbyterian Church, the Council of Jewish Women, and the original cooks – Sophie's yoga students.

If you are interested in becoming a "community chef," please contact Kathy Lathrop at lathropkathleen@gmail.com.

The Martin Luther King Center has a large food pantry, but it also offers many other programs for families, seniors and students.

The link below gives a good introduction:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=836982223811463>.

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Helping Hands: As the weather turns cooler, our need for summer clothing has gone for this season, and we now look for warmer stuff; sweat pants and shirts, light sweaters, light jackets, warm socks etc. Hygiene supplies in small sizes, are always welcome, and the need for fresh underwear is a constant - primarily men's, large size. Plastic bags are also a constant need; our breakfast and lunch program, which provides take-away meals, uses 1,000 such bags each month.

Helping Hands now has the mobile equipment to provide showers and toilets at various sites around the county; a great step forward in that part of our mission to restore human dignity to those without a roof over their heads. We are able to provide these services because of the generosity of folk just like you, and we thank you most sincerely.

For more information on how you can support Helping Hands, please call James Fraser at 201 887 0994.

You are invited to submit your photos to add a personal parish family touch during our online liturgies. **We have set up a secure website for you to upload your photos:**

<https://photos.mikelpeters.com/>

Username: stjohns Password: upload

Local Food Collection Points: John Chapter six tells us about the feeding of the 5,000. While we can't accomplish this on our own, we can contribute. Here's how we can help locally.

Ramsey Responds has requested all types of food. Donations may be dropped off on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00PM behind St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church on Wyckoff Ave.

Center for Food Action has an ongoing need for **personal grooming and hygiene items**. Deodorant, shampoo, face and body lotion, shaving cream, lip balm, disposable razors and feminine products are items requested by clients.

Also needed are **cleaning items** such as laundry detergent, dish detergent and general purpose cleaning products.

Non-perishable food items are again being collected. With school now in session items that can be included in a lunch bag such as shelf-stable milk and 100% juice boxes are appreciated. Always welcome are gift cards to supermarkets and monetary donations as CFA does need to purchase fresh produce, infant formula or items for clients with special needs. Donations may be mailed or dropped off to CFA, 90 Ridge Rd. in Mahwah. In person donations may be dropped off M-F from 10-2. CFA is very grateful for the support of St. John's.

The Community Thrift Shop: Fall and winter clothing, clean and in relatively good condition, is now being accepted so please do not donate more summer items. As the weather changes coats for both children and adults are especially needed. Winter shoes and boots along with scarves, gloves and mittens are also in high demand.

Clothing items not accepted are men's suits, sport coats and dress pants along with shirts with company logos as these do not sell. If you have these items and are looking for places to donate them Value Village in Hawthorne or Goodwill in Fair Lawn will take them.

Also accepted are small appliances, household items, jewelry, games and puzzles (with all the pieces) and a small number of books. No textbooks, magazines or outdated travel guides, please.

Donations are accepted on Mondays from 10-2. Please label your bags with #21 which is our account number. The shop will be closed on Labor Day.

There is no shame in asking for help!

There can be a point when dealing with this pandemic, where not only does our spiritual health need help but our emotional and mental health need help. Bishop Hughes reminds us there is no shame in asking for that. Contact our priest or another parishioner and talk.

If you are experiencing a crisis, or suspect someone you know is, the resources below are available to help now:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/>

NJ Mental Healthcares: 866-202-CARES (4357)

NJ Hope Line: 855-654-6735

Domestic Violence: 800-572-SAFE (7233)

Disaster Distress Helpline: 1-800-985-5990

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

or suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat

Crisis Textline: Text TALK to 741741

As we continue to actively be St. John's Church and Community in this time, please remember that there are multiple ways that you can continue to support the church electronically by Pledge or Weekly/Monthly donation.

You can:

Go to our website: <http://www.stjohnsramsey.org/> and click on the Online Giving email address

or
click the "**Donate Now**" button below.

[Donate Now](#)

Use our secure GivePlus+ application
Text to Donate to St. John's Ministries

Text number: 844-202-6980

To donate:

- Enter text number
- In the message, enter dollar amount,
followed by a space and then the fund code
(i.e. 25 fund)
- General Fund – fund
- Outreach – out
- Annual pledge – pledge
- Altar Guild – flower

GivePlus+ also offers an easy to use app (downloadable from the Apple Store or Google Play Store) for one time donations

AND

to set up recurring donations.

Sign up with your email and search for St Johns by zip code (07446).

[Learn More](#)