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## St. John's Online

A Prayer during Hispanic American Heritage Month, observed 15 September to  
15 October

Querido Dios, te agradezco, por este día de vida, mi familia, mi comida. Por un techo donde descansare, otro día de trabajo y por un día más de vida junto a la gente que más amo. Bendice a mi familia, a mis amigos y los que no son, porque ellos también te necesitan. Bendice Dios, mi país con baño de tu misericordia que es grande e infinita. Calma la ansiedad de la gente. Permite Señor, que este coronavirus sea destruido de nuestro planeta, ilumina a los médicos (de todo el mundo) que combaten este virus, da fuerza a los enfermos y reine la paz.

Bendice Señor a la persona que hace esta oración. Amén (Keevyn Geraldine Gabourel Hernández, San Pedro Sula Honduras.)

*Dear God, I thank you, for this day of life, my family, my food. For a roof where I will rest, another day of work and for one more day of life with the people I love the most. Bless my family, my friends and those who are not, because they need you too. God Bless my country with a bath of your mercy that is great and infinite. Calm people's anxiety. Lord, allow this coronavirus to be destroyed from our planet, enlighten the doctors (from all over the world) who fight this virus, give strength to the sick and may peace reign. Lord bless the person who prays this prayer. Amen.*



**Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's:** Please click on the following link to sign up for the NEXT drive on **Oct. 13th, 2021 – 2pm – 7pm**

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

## Announcements

**ST. JOHN'S BIKE COLLECTION SATURDAY OCTOBER 16TH 9 - NOON IN OUR PARKING LOT.** St. John's bike and sewing machine collection will be here in no time! When the Pedals for Progress truck leaves at noon on Saturday October 16th St. John's must give \$10 for each bike and sewing machine. The average shipping cost for a bike or sewing machine is actually \$52. They do have some Sponsors who give them money, but they require \$10 with each item from us.

Sometimes donors give us \$10 or even more and sometimes they don't. In the past, 2 or 3 parishioners have filled the financial gap. If you would like to help with the shipping costs please send a check to St. John's (with 'Pedals for Progress' in the memo field) or donate online at the Pedals for Progress 'button'. We need donations by October 14th so that we know how much money the 2 or 3 parishioners will need to add. Thank you for your support of this very worthwhile cause.

Thank you too for your help publicizing this event.

Please sign up for Pedals 4 Progress Bike Collection at: <https://stjohnschurch.breezechms.com/form/3be362>



### **Handbells Come To St. John's!!**

**Handbells for St. John's!!** We are more than ½-way to our goal of purchasing a 3 octave set (36 bells) of Schulmerich handbells (in pristine condition) for our parish. **Your donation of any size will help** enable us to purchase the bells, cases, gloves, some music, tables, pads and table covers. You may give a bell in honor/memory of someone for \$115. Our new Bell Choir will be a wonderful, intergenerational group that will lend a beautiful and unique musical addition, and Ringers of all ages will enjoy working together making music for worship. Please support this new ministry by sending your donation to the office or online (Music Fund), marked "Bell Choir". Hopefully all our ears will be ringing soon!

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On the 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

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**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](mailto:lathropkathleen@gmail.com).

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**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.

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**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: stjohs      Password: upload**

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**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.

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**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 text books, 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.

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**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](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat)

Crisis Textline: Text TALK to 741741



**New Mobile App for Giving:** On September 30, our current GivePlus Mobile App for giving will no longer be supported by Vanco. You will not be able to make new donations to your church through GivePlus Mobile after this date. (All recurring gifts currently scheduled will be made.)

We encourage you to download the free Vanco Mobile app today! And it's easy for you to use:

- **Your GivePlus Mobile log-in credentials stay the same in Vanco Mobile. No need for a new user ID or password.**

If you have recurring gifts set up, they will continue to be made as scheduled.

Vanco Mobile is available in the [Google Play](#) store and the [Apple App](#) store now. Download it today.

Thank you for using GivePlus Mobile, we know you'll enjoy the Vanco Mobile app even more. **Remember, download the Vanco Mobile app before September 30, 2021.**

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](#)