

**HOLIDAY
INFORMATION
BULLETIN**

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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 24, 2015 at 6:30

Holiday Dinner: December 21, 2015 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

Thanksgiving lunch

48 Cameron Street

Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2015, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Christmas dinner, December 25, 2015, 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 21, 2015

Anyone is welcome, no pre-registration.

Community Place of Greater Rochester (585) 288-0021 WAITING FOR UPDATE

Thanksgiving dinner

145 Parsells Avenue

Thursday November 20, 4:00 – 6:00 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 26, 2015, 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 26, 2015, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Anyone in need is welcome

Come to the above address; reservations not necessary

Cost: none

St. Peter's Kitchen (585) 235-6511
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 22, 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 2, 2015 call or come in person 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 5, 2015
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday – Thursday
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 28, 2015 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

November 4, 2015 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Call for more information

Mission Share (585) 368-0746

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

2015 Holiday Basket Sign-up

One time sign-up for both Thanksgiving and Christmas

Tuesday October 13, 2015, 9:00 – 12:00, Zip codes: 14606, 14608, 14611, 14619

Wednesday October 14 and Thursday October 15, 2015, 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

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 ext. 131 or 132 **AWAITING FOR UPDATE**

Christmas food baskets and toys

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 October 29 and December 1, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM and 2:00 – 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday

Cost: none

Cameron Community Ministries (585) 254-2697

48 Cameron Street

Christmas Food Basket: starting November 30, 2015 call or come in to sign-up.

Santa Party December 22, 2015 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Children under 18 can come with parent and receive 1 wrapped gift from Santa.

No pre-registration

Everyone is welcome

Cost: none

Community Place of Greater Rochester (585) 288-0021 and 327-7200

UPDATE

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Christmas food baskets: sign-up begins 2nd 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

WAITING FOR UPDATE

Christmas food baskets

121 Driving Park Avenue

Serves 14613, 14615 and portions of 14608

Registration for Christmas food baskets is full for 2014.

Cost: none

Rochester Family Mission (585) 436-7523

Christmas food baskets and toys

388 Tremont Street

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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 9 and 13, 2015. 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 set-up: December 16-17, 2015 @ 9:00

Food Bag distribution December 18, 2015

Cost: none

St. Peter's Kitchen (585) 235-6511
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 2 – 25, 2015
10:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Monday – Friday
Cost: none

Togetherness in Love (585) 482-9222
1443 East Main Street
Food/Monetary donations welcome.
Christmas Party December 18th, 2015 at 5pm.
Hot dinner and games. Call ahead to make reservation.
Cost: none

DONATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, AND GIFTS

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

Baden Street Settlement **(WAITING FOR UPDATE)**
Accepts donations of new unwrapped presents, toys, clothing and food baskets. Money donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to Baden Street Holiday Fund and mail to 152 Baden Street, Rochester, NY 14605, Attn: Anne E. Miller. Items can be dropped off Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM through December 15. For further information, call (585) 325-4910, ext. 131 or 132.

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 2015 go to www.cfcrochester.org or contact Claudia Gill at 262-7044 or cgill@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 ~~AWAITING FOR UPDATE~~

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 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 4, 2015, 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. 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 or call Amy Gallaher at 256-7509. Our deadline for gift donations is December 18th 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 24, 2015. Volunteers will be paired up with a child to shop at JC Penney for a new winter coat. 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 before December 4, 2015 at Villa of Hope 3300 Dewey Avenue or participating Starbucks 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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