

Social Responsibilities and Outreach Report
to Parish Council November 19, 2013

Thanksgiving Food Drive Final Day is Sunday Nov. 24. Frozen Turkeys to be collected and request updates at all morning Masses for the total amount still needed. Canned food collection has been good; we hope to have all we need to make 350 Blessing Baskets.

Thanksgiving Day Activities: Need 35 Roasted Turkey drippings and traditional desserts for Thanksgiving Day Downtown. Drop off at TR Kitchen on Wednesday Nov. 27 between 5 and 7 PM (firm time limit). Will also take winter coats donated to distribute to needy persons during the day. Volunteers to contact Jessica Gardi, 301-983-1851.

Mother Teresa: Scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 11:00 AM and party starting at 12 noon in TR. Sign up volunteers is Very Popular but the number of volunteers is sometime larger than the number of guests. Gift this year to include; Candy bag, toiletries, 1 pr. heavy winter socks and 1 pr. crew sock, rain poncho in a bag for each guest. We will also provide Sisters with all the leftover food, larger toiletries donated and about 6 youth gifts. Departure will be at 2 PM.

Advent Giving Tree: Shorter season for collection of gifts due to lateness of Thanksgiving. Sort and pack Day is on Dec. 15th and St. Martin's DC pick up their gifts on Dec. 17th. Alternate Giving sent to beneficiaries by the New Year.

Spiritual Adoption Program to Conclude: The RFL Committee is hosting Coffee and Donuts on Dec. 15th. We have started to advertise a Baby Shower as a "birthday gift" for the spiritual adopted children that occurred back in April 2013 when the program began. We will try to gather items that are needed for Rockville and Centro Lapeyrolle Pregnancy Centers and Birthright. Hopefully, turnout will be good.

Special Needs Liturgies - We will be holding our
2nd Mass during the winter months. Sandy will be
looking at the Sunday readings to determine the
Mass which is best suited for this Mass and will
discuss with Fr. Meyers. We will incorporate the
suggestions he had for us regarding our 1st Mass
in the fall.