



ANNOUNCING 2017 AS THE HOLY FAMILY PARISH YEAR OF SERVICE

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry

- Donate food for distribution at [Lazarus House](#) (leave in the entry of the Church) or offer to serve lunch at Lazarus House on the 5th Wednesday of the Month. A team of four people leave the church office at 10am and return by 2pm. (Carole Cushing: c.a.cushing@comcast.net)
- Volunteer for the [Service and Justice Commission](#). It meets 2nd Monday each month at 7pm at the Church office for one hour. It offers outreach to poor and struggling people with giving trees, mitten/hat collections, school supply collections, food collection, and plants/cards for homebound. (Kathy Moriarty: kmoriarty@earthlink.net)
- Volunteer to assist with the annual [Turkey Truck](#). The week of Thanksgiving, volunteers collect frozen turkeys to distribute to people who otherwise might not have a turkey. (Chris Webber: ccwebber@comcast.net)
- Volunteer to make snack bags for children with [Open Table](#). Meetings occur as needed. Food items are collected and, periodically, bags are decorated and filled with snacks a child in need can take. A great activity for the whole family. (Chris Webber: ccwebber@comcast.net)

Give Drink to the Thirsty

- Engage with important environmental issues and be a good steward for God's creation, which is thirsty for restoration and protection, by joining the [Helping Hands Green Team](#). Informed by Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, it is working to implement parish recycling, energy efficiency, and fair trade programs, in addition to its original work packing meals for the poorest of the poor in Burkino Faso, West Africa. (Mike Eagan: mikeagan@gmail.com)
- Volunteer as part of the [Youth Ministry Adult Leadership Team](#). This group will discuss and plan opportunities for entire families to engage in spiritual, service, and social opportunities ranging from raking and cleaning to enjoying bowling, pizza, and drinks together. Meeting times are yet to be scheduled but will include a once-per-month meeting plus the events planned. (Rick Chasse: youthministry@holyfamilyconcord.org).

Shelter the Homeless

- Make a donation to - or volunteer to join - the [St. Vincent de Paul Society](#) conference of Holy Family. This HFP ministry is dedicated to helping families of Concord in financial emergency. Trained volunteers make a few visits each month to the homes of families to assess their housing and transportation needs, to partially pay overdue bills, and to connect them with community resources. Three times a year – Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter – members distribute baskets of holiday meals to more than 50 of these families. Regular commitment consists of one meeting a month when we review cases and assess our treasury. Our motto: “No one in Concord should be without clothing, food, or shelter.” (Barbara Finan: bfinanp@aol.com)
- Consider taking part in a [Service Trip](#). The Summer service trip is scheduled this year for August 17-20. Open to high school students. (Rick Chasse: youthministry@holyfamilyconcord.org)

Clothe the Naked

- [Donate clothes](#) at the Goodwill truck in Crosby Plaza or St. Vincent de Paul bin, E&S Motors/Citgo Station, W. Concord

Visit the Sick

- Take part in the [Eucharistic Home Ministry](#) by volunteering to bring communion one Sunday a month to those unable to get to Mass (Barb Ewen: beconcord@aol.com)
- Join a team of 3 people to host a [Weekly Communion Service Care One Concord](#) at 10:30 on a Wednesday. The team leads a service & distributes communion. Substitutes needed. (Kelli Dunn: kelloudunn@comcast.net)
- Become involved with the [Hospital Ministry](#) (Deacon Tim Duff: 978-287-3015)

Visit the Imprisoned

- Volunteer to participate in the [Prison Ministry](#). Time commitment varies depending on your schedule for those interested in visiting those in the MA Correctional Institution in Concord. (Deacon Tom Anthony: razorsedge1970@aol.com, 978- 405-6100)

Bury the Dead

- Volunteer for the [Altar Society](#) during the week for funerals. Sacristans set out the Eucharistic vessels, light candles, and otherwise set up for the liturgy, as well as clean up afterward. (Pat Tobin: pattobin@mac.com)

On behalf of the staff and Parish Pastoral Council, who have observed in the life of the parish a passion for serving others, Holy Family declares 2017 as the year of service. We challenge each person to serve others in some way for 1 hour per month. If each person in the parish commits to 12 hours this year (1 per month), that will add up to over 75,000 hours of service. Imagine the impact! Please take some time to think about how you might serve. We've given you some suggestions here. In a couple of weeks, pew cards will give you an opportunity to report the ways parishioners are making the world a better place one hour at a time. Thank you for your offering of service, and we encourage you to utilize your talents and resources in whatever way the Spirit moves you.



The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the Ignorant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer as a catechist or peer minister in the religious ed program. Classes are 1 hour per week, meeting twice per month. Times vary. A catechist works with children to pass on the Catholic faith. Training included. (Andrew Genovese K-8: agenovesere@aol.com; Rick Chasse confirmation: youthministry@holyfamilyconcord.org) Become an RCIA team member. 1-hour weekly commitment (Tuesdays 7-pm, church office). Catholics & those interested in Catholicism study/discuss the faith. (Elizabeth Smith: pastoralassociate@holyfamilyconcord.org) Join the Adult Faith Formation Working Group. It brainstorms and discusses matters pertaining to adult faith formation and education. (Elizabeth Smith: pastoralassociate@holyfamilyconcord.org) Volunteer at this Summer's August 21-25 Vacation Bible School. From 9-noon Monday-Friday of the week, volunteers of all ages are needed to help sing, play, make crafts, and otherwise teach children about God's love in a day camp setting. (Elizabeth Smith: pastoralassociate@holyfamilyconcord.org) Join a Children's Liturgy of the Word team. One Sunday per month, help present God's Word to youth in the lower level of the church during the 10:30 Mass. (Elizabeth Smith: pastoralassociate@holyfamilyconcord.org) Donate to the Scholarship Committee, helping graduating seniors receive college scholarships. (Julissica Rona: office@holyfamilyconcord.org)
Counsel the Doubtful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring a friend to Church or talk about your faith with friends
Admonish the Sinners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Become involved with the "Safe Environment" Child Abuse Prevention Team. Meetings occur on an as needed basis. Ensuring that Holy Family Religious education provides a safe environment for our children, Save Environment programs are designed to ensure optimal faith environments for leaning. In that light, Safe Environment programs are more than 'risk management.'" From a faith perspective, Safe Environment activities are a response to our calling to look out for the needs of others and to respect the life and dignity of every human person. (Pat Gomez: ptcgomez@yahoo.com)
Forgive Offenses Willingly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a new Circle of Friends weekly after the Tuesday 9am mass (Joanne Mente; contact the church office at office@holyfamilyconcord.org) Practice having a servant's heart by joining the Hospitality Committee and/or Special Events Committee. These committees are responsible for obtaining and setting up coffee and donuts after mass as well as planning for other special events as needed. (Joanne Cormier: joannecormier@comcast.net) If you are in your 20s-30s, join the Young Adult Group for social events, faith activities, and service opportunities (Elizabeth Smith: pastoralassociate@holyfamilyconcord.org)
Comfort the Afflicted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteer to assist with bereavement support. The bereavement support group meets every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 in the parish office building as a safe place for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one to speak about their experiences and seek the conversation and fellowship of others going through a loss. People with a heart for supporting people during a difficult time and people with skills in this area are invited to be a part of this important resource. (Elizabeth Smith: pastoralassociate@holyfamilyconcord.org)
Bear Wrongs Patiently	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn about God's endless forgiveness by participating in or helping with Women's Scripture Study, Monument Hall room 1, Mondays, 10am. It is a guided study on a particular theme or book of the Bible. (Diane Hannon: diane.hc@verizon.net) Engage in community learning to live as Christ in the Men's Group. (Fr. Austin Fleming: pastor@holyfamilyconcord.org)
Pray for the Living & the Dead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help prepare for Mass as a Sacristan by joining the Altar Society. (Pat Tobin: pattobin@mac.com) Become an altar server, lector, or Eucharistic minister (Tom Valle: tfxvalle@gmail.com) Contribute to a prayerful liturgy by joining the Flower Committee (Erin Logan: erinschnelllogan@gmail.com) Join the Parish Choir. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30-9 in the sanctuary, and the choir sings weekly at the Sunday 5:00 Mass. (Jim Barkovic: kapellmeisterjrb@aol.com, 978-486-4377) Join the Handbell Choir. Rehearsals are Thursdays 6:30-7:30 in the music room, lower level of the church building. The bell choir rings at the Sunday 5:00 Mass on the 2nd Sunday of the month. (Jim Barkovic) If you are in grades 3-8, join the Children's Choir, which rehearses and sings at the 10:30 mass (with rehearsal immediately beforehand at 9:15 in the lower level of the Church (Lauren Sprague: scott-lauren@comcast.net) Grades 9-12 or college, join VOCHAS, (Voices of College and High School). Rehearsal times will be announced during the new year; please weigh in on rehearsal times if you are interested by visiting https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H8QFQP6. (Elizabeth Smith: pastoralassociate@holyfamilyconcord.org)