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Saint Christopher Parish
Rocky River, Ohio



Thank you for signing up to receive information from the Saint Chris Social Concerns Committee (SCC). We appreciate your continued interest in the Social Concerns Committee and looking for ways to help others.

Many churches and nonprofits are beginning to open up to volunteers again. Below you will find more volunteer opportunities than in previous issues.

Below, **prayer**, as always, comes first. Listed next are **volunteer opportunities** and **charitable actions**, followed by **advocacy and education**.

Consider keeping informed of the changing situation and social concerns issues via our Facebook page. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/stchris-scc> (St. Chris Social Concerns Committee) to join. Just click on the box: **Join Group** on the main picture. If you have a problem, let us know. We value your input regarding this newsletter. Please send ideas and comments to John Hosek: jjudehosek@gmail.com.

PRAYER FOR JUNE 2021

World Refugee Prayer

Almighty God,
Millions of our sisters and brothers are on the move around the world,
Not by choice, but by desperation.
For those forced to flee violence,
We pray they find safety.
For those seeking economic opportunity,
We pray they find secure livelihoods.
For those trying to support and protect their families,
We pray they find communities to embrace them.
For those searching for peace and hope,
We pray that we may be bearers of the Good News.
We are called to be prophetic advocates in this world.
To call out injustice and be heralds of Truth and Love.
We pray that all migrants, refugees, and displaced persons
May find safe and loving communities
And the opportunity to thrive.
And we pray that we may have the courage to stand and act
In defense of human dignity for all our sisters and brothers in need.
Amen.

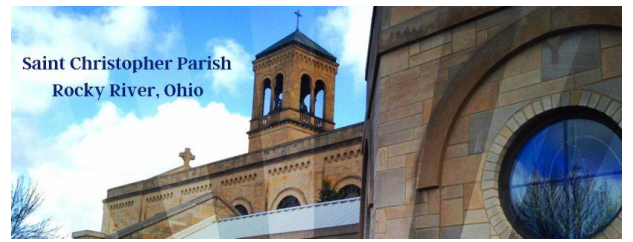
---from Catholic Relief Services



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JUNE 2021 SOCIAL JUSTICE DATES

(FROM THE CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER)



June 5th: World Environment Day

June 8th: World Oceans Day

June 19th: Juneteenth Day (oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States)

June 20th: World Refugee Day

VOLUNTEER AND CHARITABLE OPPORTUNITIES

ROCKY RIVER ASSISTANCE

Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the RRAP has limited the monthly Pack & Sort to Rocky River Women's Club members only.

However, you may drop off non-perishable items at Lake Road Market at 20267 Lake Road anytime. The needs for June are Macaroni and Cheese and canned vegetables.

The RRAP needs monetary donations to continue assisting our neighbors in need. Tax-deductible donations can be made online via Pay-

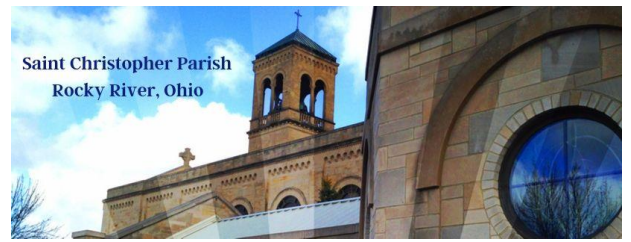
Pal: <http://www.rrwc.org/donation> or by checks made to Rocky River Assistance Program, mailed to: P. O. Box 16724, Rocky River, OH 44116. If more convenient, you can also mail grocery gift cards to RRAP. Giant Eagle, Heinen's and Target cards in \$25 increments are the most helpful.



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SAINT COLMAN PARISH



The next Neighborhood Meal will be on Saturday June 26th. For the foreseeable future, the meal will be a to-go meal. For information, please call 216-651-0550.

We thank our dedicated volunteers who have worked hard to plan for a safe re-opening of this vital program for our Parish and our neighborhood. To donate, please send checks to St. Colman Church, 2027 West 65th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 441102.

ROCKY RIVER/LAKEWOOD MEALS ON WHEELS

We're fortunate to have many dedicated volunteers – but we always need more! Most of our volunteers commit to working for an hour or more on a weekly schedule, while others work occasionally as substitutes or on special projects and events. Companies and civic groups also volunteer with us to give back to our community.

We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities through each of our kitchens:

- **Kitchen worker.** Help prepare food and pack-up meals for delivery. Most kitchen volunteers work a scheduled shift one morning per week. Cooking experience is helpful but not required.
- **Driver.** Use your own vehicle to deliver meals on a regular route one day a week at mid-day (exact hours vary by kitchen). Drivers sometimes bring along a “hopper” to take meals from the car to the door. Delivery routes usually take an hour or less to complete.
- **Substitute.** Rather than work on a weekly schedule, you can substitute occasionally when regular kitchen workers or drivers need to take time off.
- **Special events worker.** Help represent our program at bake sales, fund raisers, outreach efforts, community events, parades, and more.
- **Administrative help.** Volunteer for one of our committees or put your special skills to use in clerical, technology, publicity, photography, accounting, social services, or other support.



Additional information on volunteering can be found at: <https://www.westshoremow.org//volunteer>

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WEST SIDE CATHOLIC CENTER



VOLUNTEER OVERVIEW

For the past 44 years, our volunteers have not only been the face, but have also represented the heart and soul of the West Side Catholic Center. It is only through the tireless efforts of our over 500 volunteers that the WSCC can respond to the community's need for food, clothing, shelter, and advocacy year after year.

The West Side Catholic Center offers volunteer opportunities for young and old, individuals and groups, primarily Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm:

- Sorting, folding, and distributing clothing and household goods
- Answering phone calls, morning, and afternoon shifts
- Mentoring job-seekers
- Donor door greeter
- Cooking and serving meals
- Sharing other talents or skills

If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or offering your time, please contact Veronica Favola, Advancement Manager, by [email](#) or phone at 216-631-4741 x122. Information session required.

[You can also fill out our volunteer application here.](#)

Donations:

Thank you for your donations of new or gently used items for our Clothing and Household Distribution Program. We ask that you bring only season appropriate, practical clothing that is either new or clean and gently used. Our space is extremely limited. We can only accept TWO bags per delivery. Please note: *WE DO NOT ACCEPT FURNITURE.*

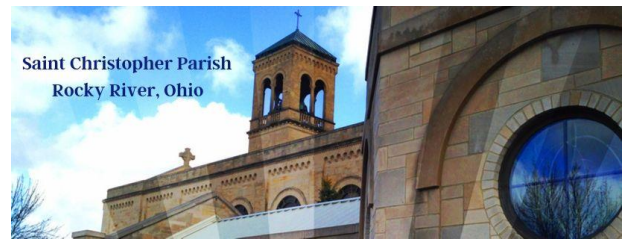
We can accept donations Monday through Friday 8:30AM to 1:00PM.



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SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



We Love our Volunteers!

Help us continue to help others. Whether it's assisting at our hunger centers, helping at our downtown Central office by answering phones, assisting with data entry, researching, and compiling lists and helping with mailings, organizing a food drive or responding to disasters, ***we have the need for your time and talents.*** To join our dedicated volunteer corps, please complete the [Volunteer Application Form](#).

THE GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK



Greater Cleveland
Food Bank

Volunteers are crucial to all operations of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, whether in traditional roles (collecting, sorting, and repacking food that comes through our warehouse every day) or using special skills to support with administrative functions or special projects.

In 2019, more than 21,000 volunteers contributed more than 92,000 hours of service to the Food Bank, a savings of more than two million dollars in salaries and benefits, allowing for additional food to be provided to our agencies and clients.

Reach Volunteer Services by phone at 216.738.2053

Get started by clicking on one of the options below:

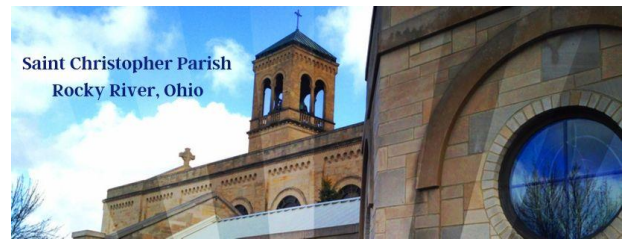
- [Learn more about our different project areas!](#)
- Interested in bringing a group out to volunteer? [Click Here](#) to fill out a volunteer group request form.
- [Learn about our Skill-Based Volunteer Program!](#)
- If you or your group is interested in having a member of our Speakers Bureau give a presentation on the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and our Advocacy efforts, [Click Here!](#)
- [View Our FAQ Page](#)



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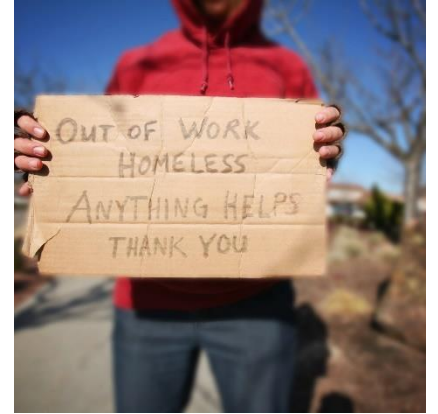
FRONT STEPS



Help us touch lives and end the cycle of homelessness for men, women, and children in Cuyahoga County. **Front Steps has relied on the generosity of volunteers since its inception.**

If you are interested in volunteering or more information about how you can get involved, **please fill out the form at:** [https://www.frontstepsser-](https://www.frontstepsservices.org/volunteer)

[vices.org/volunteer](https://www.frontstepsservices.org/volunteer)



We hold **Volunteer Orientation** meetings on the second Saturday of each month from 9 - 11 am. For more information contact Jane at jamata@frontstepsservices.org or 440-360-9010.

NORTHEAST OHIO COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS



NEOCH needs the time and skills of volunteers to help us implement programs and achieve our mission to break the cycle of homelessness.

As a note, NEOCH has many opportunities for volunteers, from clerical work to assisting with our Street Chronicle to planning meetings and events. We are happy to work with volunteers to find something engaging and meaningful for you to assist in our advocacy work.

• If you are interested in volunteering with NEOCH, fill out the volunteer form at <https://www.neoch.org/become-a-volunteer> or call us at 216.432.0540 to discuss your skills and interests.

MAY DUGAN CENTER



VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

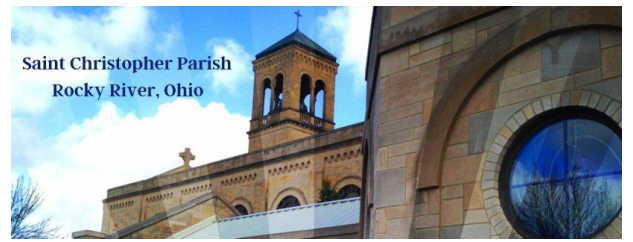
Whether by packing bags of food for a family or tutoring an adult education student, the time volunteers give to May Dugan Center is critical to providing the help, hope and promise of a better tomorrow for our clients. Their dedication is a testament of the positive impact people can make on their community especially in these challenging times!

There are many ways you can help but our greatest need at this time is for our bi-monthly Produce & Food Distribution Program (packing food bags, drive thru, pre-scheduled walk ups and delivery to vulnerable populations).

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If you would like to volunteer for the May Dugan Center, please fill out our form with your area of interest and availability by clicking below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfGPwp7mnLFR9j-jUd75YTA4m9Fb3xPsc53Z1hQWQN4adgB-w/viewform>



ST MALACHI PARISH



St. Malachi
Parish

Saint Malachi is located at 2459 Washington Avenue in Cleveland.

Backdoor Ministry

The Back Door Ministry, which provides food to anyone who comes to the window between 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM daily, 365 days a year. To learn more about this volunteer opportunity, click [here](#).

Monday Night Meal

This ministry is completely volunteer-driven and provides a hot meal on every Monday of the year (including Holidays). Volunteers are needed to work the meal and are asked to arrive between 5 & 5:30 and stay until clean-up at 7:15 pm. Volunteer activities include cooking, serving, set-up and clean-up. Volunteers are welcome from the community and the parish. [Click here](#) for more info on this ministry.



Samaritan Ministry

The Samaritan Ministry provides an annual workshop to educate and develop understanding and awareness about alcoholism and substance addiction, causes, effects, treatment, recovery, and prevention. This workshop is provided to area church ministers, social workers and others involved in the care of people. [Click here](#) for more info on this ministry.

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SOCIAL ACTION OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

The Social Action Office of the Diocese of Cleveland seeks to shape a more caring society and a more peaceful world through justice education, advocacy, community development and organizing. Our work is based on the call of the Gospel to work for the respect and dignity of all human life, the elimination of poverty, to speak out against injustice, and to promote the common good. The office is composed of County-based social action offices, and office for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services.



<https://www.ccdocle.org/service-areas/diocesan-social-action-office/advocacy/take-action-now>

ACTION ALERTS FROM THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO:

Click here for Action Alerts from the Conference:



<https://www.ohiocathconf.org/issues/category/legislative-action-alerts>

UPCOMING WEBINARS

BISHOP PETER ROSAZZA SOCIAL JUSTICE VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

June 5, 2021; 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

This conference concludes the Office's year-long **Open Wide our Hearts** webinar series in response to the US Bishops' Pastoral Letter against Racism. The conference includes a keynote address by New Orleans Auxiliary Bishop Fernand Cheri, prayer, and workshop options. It will provide a broadened understanding of racism as a life issue and our role and responsibility in developing and nurturing anti-racist attitudes to address the sin of racism. [Register Here](#)



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CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (CST) 101 VIDEOS AND MATERIALS

CST 101 is a collaborative 7-part video and discussion guide series presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic Relief Services on Catholic social teaching. The videos bring the themes of Catholic social teaching to life and inspire us to put our faith into action. Some suggested uses of the videos and discussion guides include adult faith formation settings, high school theology classes, in lay ministry formation and to prepare groups for service trips. The series also includes downloadable posters and handouts for adults and kids, in English and Spanish. The artwork featured in the posters, handouts and accompanying videos are courtesy of Br. Mickey McGrath, OSFS.

Click below for the videos and material:

https://www.crs.org/resource-center/CST-101?gclid=CjoKCQjwktKFBhCkA-RIsAJeDToh7x6Dzo73kWyA3rRk7AksCSxIKQ-5wtdXIFOc5Qn9FINgz_oAigE4aAgJaEALw_wcB

