OUTREACH AT ST. MARTIN'S 2018



St. Martin's Outreach Mission Statement

St. Martin of Tours, a disciple of Jesus, was a diligent missionary and a staunch defender of the poor and helpless. Following Jesus' example and inspired by St. Martin, we as individuals and as a parish, reach out by sharing with those in need. Jesus said, "As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

HANDS ON OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

1. Somerset County Food Bank

St. Martin's serves at the food bank handing out food on Saturdays, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM for the months of May (May 5, 12, 19, and 26) and August (August 4, 11, 18, and 25). Call the Church Office (908-526-1350) to sign up.

2. Appalachia Service Project

Coordinated by Peter Muriello, a group of teenagers and adults go every year for a week (this year, June 10 - July 7) to Appalachia to repair homes. Call Peter (908-369-7196) to get involved.

3. Interfaith Hospitality Network

St. Martin's is in charge of helping out the homeless who are staying at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church on Monday, April 9, August 6, and December 17. One person or a team of people prepares the dinner for 2–3 families and serves the meal from 5:00 PM–7:00 PM. Another person or team is present with the families from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM for after dinner activities. Two people then are needed to sleep over from 9:00 PM-7:00 AM. This is a very rewarding hands on ministry. Call the Church Office (908-526-1350) to sign up or learn more about St. Martin's IHN Ministry.

4. SHIP's Mobile Soup Kitchen

A driver and two helpers are needed to run SHIP's Mobile Soup Kitchen at the United Reformed Church of Somerville on the third Wednesday of each month (February 21, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, August 15, Sept. 17, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20). The driver arrives at SHIP's headquarters at 5:00 PM and the two helpers should arrive at 5:30 PM at the United Reformed Church to help with serving food. Call the Church Office (908-526-1350) to sign up or learn more about SHIP's Mobile Soup Kitchen.

5. St. Martin's Outreach Team

We need 2-3 more Outreach Team members. We meet on the third Tuesday of every month from 6:30 PM-7:15 PM to plan upcoming Outreach projects, promote the ministry we feel we are called to do, and to make decisions on how we spend our Outreach budget to care for those in need in our community. Talk to Len Cacciatore (908) 781-1921 to join the team.

OTHER WAYS TO HELP THE NEEDY

The Homeless

Make ziti for the needy for S.H.I.P. See Len Cacciatore to get aluminum pans. Please call the church office (908-526-1350) to let us know that you dropped off the ziti in the kitchen freezer.

<u>In Prison</u>

Donate toiletry items (stick of deodorant, large bottles of shampoo, a bar of deodorant soap, and a large tube of toothpaste) for indigent inmates at the Somerset County Jail. St. Martin's months are May and June.

<u>The Hungry</u>

Bring tuna and peanut butter to church every week to feed the hungry at the Food Bank of Somerset County.

In Crisis

Episcopal Relief and Development. During times of emergency, St. Martin's takes special offerings for relief efforts throughout the world (i.e., hurricane and flood victims, etc.). At these times an offering basket is put in the narthex. The monies are sent to the Episcopal Diocese where the crisis is being addressed by the local community.

In Need of Clothing

A one Sunday clothing drive takes place at St. Martin's for clothing of all sizes and ages in November on St. Martin's Day (November 12, 2017). The clothes are collected by Family Resource Associates, Inc. in Shrewsbury, an agency that provides the highest quality of advanced therapies, education, support, and computer services for individuals with developmental disabilities and offers possibilities for their future. Call the church office (908-526-1350) for more information.

Christmas Gifts for Children

Christmas Angel Tree gift requests for needy children in the Somerville area may be selected in late November and early December. The Christmas gifts are dropped off at St. Martin's no later than the second week of December. Look for the display in the Undercroft after Thanksgiving or call the Church Office (908-526-1350) for details.

Christmas Gifts for Teenagers

A sweatshirt drive led by the Youth of St. Martin's takes place in December to collect new sweatshirts or money to purchase a sweatshirt for teenagers of families using the Food Bank of Somerset County. Call the church office (908-526-1350) for more information.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED BY ST. MARTIN'S IN 2017

<u>Local</u>

1. <u>Food Bank of Somerset County</u> To purchase food for the hungry during June when the cupboards are bare. **\$600.**

2. <u>Jail Chaplaincy of Somerset County</u> provides spiritual and pastoral support to the inmates of the Somerset County Jail.

\$500.

3. <u>S.H.I.P.</u> provides support to people who are homeless and needy, working families, as well as victims of drug dependency and HIV/AIDS, who are unable to obtain assistance from government or private agencies. This assistance includes emergency interim housing, continuing counseling, and other support services, all aimed at helping S.H.I.P's clients get back on their feet and regain self-sufficiency. The organization charges no fees for its services. SHIP also runs a number of anti-hunger programs which are supported by donations from churches and schools. SHIP's mobile kitchen, SHIP'S Galley at St. John's, Somerville, serves meals to the poor, SHIP offers holiday meals on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas, to help those who are struggling to make ends meet. **\$500.**

4.	Local Outreach	\$100.
5.	Interfaith Hopsitality Network	\$100.
6.	Eric Johnson House	\$200.

State of New Jersey

Trinity Cathedral, Trenton Trinity Cathedral is the cathedral church of our Diocese, The Diocese of New Jersey. The cathedral holds more than 300 diocesan events each year. It is a parish church serving members of a diverse worshipping community. The cathedral is a resource to the community, hosting school and after school programs for Trenton area children, reaches out to residents of Mercer County Geriatric Center, operates a bi-weekly food pantry, provides community health screening and education services, and hosts many other community services. **\$800.**

In the United States

<u>Appalachia Service Project</u> A group of teenagers and adults coordinated by Bob Manci go to Appalachia to repair homes. \$1,000.

International

- 1. <u>NIRAS Home for Children</u> offers an Orphanage in India for children affected by the 2004 tsunami. Local Pastor Nehemiah Thompson coordinates this ministry for girls and boys in his home province in India. **\$400.**
- 2. Episcopal Relief and Development \$600.

Total St. Martin's Outreach <u>Diocesan Mission</u> New Jersey, U.S.A., The World

<u>Diocese of New Jersey</u> Money that St. Martin's gives to our Diocesan family supports key mission churches in urban areas, congregational development, churches in transition, retired clergy, widow and orphan health insurance, youth and young adult programs, educational programs for clergy and laity. Our Fair Share also supports our Bishop in overseeing the 148 parishes in our Diocese, offering pastoral support to clergy, clergy development, leadership initiatives, property oversight and development and furthering the mission of the larger Episcopal Church.

Total Diocesan Outreach	\$23,155
Total Outreach Giving 9.9% of our Total 2017 Income	\$27,955

\$4,800.

WEEKLY OUTREACH BEING DONE IN ST. MARTIN'S BUILDING

- St. Martin's Episcopal Montessori Day School Monday – Friday, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM Undercroft and the Education Wing Classrooms
- Sunrise A.A. Group Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Room 7
- Naranon Family Group Tuesday night 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Room 7
- Narcotics Anonymous Thursday night 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM Room 7

OTHER SERVENT MINISTRIES OFFERED BY ST. MARTIN'S

- 1. **BY YOU** In your relationship to your families, neighborhood, workplaces, community, volunteer involvements.
- 2. **BY YOU** In your praying for people in need.
- 3. **BY YOU** In your charitable giving to other causes to care for those in need.
- 4. **BY YOU** In your following Christ, coming together week by week for corporate worship, working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of Christ.