

Putting the Works of Mercy into Action Opportunities at St. Rita Church

If you would like to serve our community by volunteering for any of the following opportunities - or for more information, contact Susanne Arnold at 703-683-5138 susannearnold@verizon.net or those listed below

Or sign up on poster in church vestibule

Bag Lunch Maker

You would provide 10 bag lunches each consisting of a meat & cheese sandwich, fruit, cookie, & perhaps something more. The lunches are distributed by the Salvation Army. You would make them one day every 8 weeks. Call Melissa Bartl 571-329-8695 or email bartlmelissa1@gmail.com

Carpenter's Shelter: Receptionist

Sit at the desk at entrance to Carpenter's Shelter, 930 North Henry Street, and admit Residents, announce visitors, answer the phone, and hand out detergents and toiletries - usually time to read, knit, etc. Time slots: 9 am to 1 pm; 1 to 5; 5 to 9; and 9 to 12 (Often the receptionist goes home before 11.) call Susanne Arnold 703-683-5138 or email: susannearnold@verizon.net

Carpenter's Shelter: Dinner Servers

St. Rita volunteers serve a meal of beef lasagna; canned fruit; bread, brownies & ice tea. 5:30 -7 pm, 2nd Sunday of the month, about 3/4 times a year Susanne Arnold 703-683-5138; susannearnold@verizon.net

Lasagna Providers

Provide a cooked previously frozen lasagna for Carpenter's Shelter on 2nd Sunday or for Christ House on 4th Sunday. Bring to shelter as directed. Call Jane Quinn 703-549-2561 or email Maryquinn@aol.com

Lasagna Providers Coordinator

Maintains list of providers; calls volunteers each month to bring a lasagna to Carpenter's shelter. Recruits new providers as needed. Call Jane Quinn 703-549-2561 or Maryquinn@aol.com

Brownie/Cookie Bakers

Bakers make brownies or cookies for Carpenter's shelter on the 2nd Sunday of the month and for Christ House on the 4th Sunday. You may use any recipe you choose, but make a double batch. Expect to make them 3 or 4 times a year as requested. Bring to shelter or leave at church as directed. Call Susanne Arnold 703-683-5138 or email: susannearnold@verizon.net

Christ House: Dinner Servers

St. Rita volunteers provide a meal of lasagna, salad, bread, dessert & ice tea. 4:30 to 6, 4th Sunday of the month. We have two teams who alternate monthly - we would like to have three teams. Call Susanne Arnold 703-683-5138 or email susannearnold@verizon.net

Visiting the Homebound

Volunteers visit the homebound once a month. They might also be available to do grocery shopping, transport parishioners to medical appointments, or provide a ride to Mass. Call Jane Quinn 703-549-2561 or email Maryquinn@aol.com

Funeral Receptions

The funeral committee does the setup, serving and cleanup for receptions held in the Parish Center. It is a work of service for those who are grieving. On some occasions parishioners also provide the food served. Call Kathleen Sullivan 703-370-5862 or email: ksullivan@comcast.net

Clothing Collection Coordinator

Parishioners will be asked to donate outgrown & unneeded clothing for distribution one Saturday in the Fall to our neighbors in Arlandria. A volunteer is needed to coordinate the program. susannearnold@verizon.net

ALIVE! Programs contact Susanne Arnold 703-683-5138; susannearnold@verizon.net

ALIVE! Last Saturday Food Distribution Program

Saturday 9 am to 12: unload the produce truck, hand out the food, and help people carry the bags to their transportation. Older children & teenagers OK. Cora Kelly Rec Center (3600 Commonwealth Ave); Church of the Resurrection (2280 N. Beauregard Street); or Ladrey Senior Residence (300 Wythe Street). At Cora Kelly volunteers also needed to unload the food truck on Friday 6:30 pm -7:30.

Furniture Movers

Volunteer to pick up and deliver donated furniture on Saturday morning from 8-12. St. Rita Church is assigned two Saturdays a year, but volunteers are often needed on other Saturdays.

Family Emergency Assistance Program

Answer phone, receive faxes with requests for food and financial assistance for rent, utilities, medical needs etc. Pack food bags, fill out forms - learn about the needs of our neighbors.

Food Delivery Drivers

Deliver food from ALIVE!'s Family Emergency Program once or twice a month from 12-3 on Mondays Will have to carry bags of food from pantry to car and from car to recipients' homes, maybe upstairs.

Donation Programs

Donations: Housewares & Furniture

Donate house wares to ALIVE! 703-837-9300 press 5

Donate furniture to ALIVE! for pick up on Saturday morning and delivery to those in need 703-837-9300 press 3

Donations: Cars

Donate vehicles to Catholic Charities, call Harry Burke 703-841-2531, Tuesday - Thursday 9-2

Donations: Baby Paraphernalia

Bring infant formula to MaRiH (Mary Arose in Haste) 3230 B Duke St 703-370-4774

Diapers, too - and clothes & baby- related items

Donations: Food

Non-perishable canned & packaged foods such as: meat, fish, soup, dry milk, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, fruit, juice, vegetables, sauces, pasta, rice, instant coffee, tea, crackers, cookies

On-going

Bring in canned fruit - and place in baskets at church entrances to serve at Carpenter's shelter

Bring non-perishable food to church and place in baskets for ALIVE! & Christ House pantries

Drop grocery gift cards in offertory basket or bring to Parish Office

Now

**Bring to church on March 26th & 27th for delivery to Catholic Charities
Front Royal Pantry: Loaves & Fishes**