

Outreach Commission Report
October 18, 2016
Ralph Parchment, Chair

Most Recent Meeting – September 14, 2016

Next Scheduled Meetings – Monday, November 7, 2016; Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Summary of Recent Mission Activities

- Bereavement –currently, 30 volunteers provide food and do the set-up and clean-up for lunch receptions for families and friends after a funeral. Two families hosted since August. Reception will be after the All Souls Day Mass on November 2 for those who have lost a loved one in the last year.
- Children in Need – there will be a gently used coat drive over the next few weeks in October, and a hats and gloves collection for CiN/Headstart during November. St Ann volunteers will start working at CiN one evening a month in November (likely the first Tues of the month will be the standard time). We are looking for middle and high school youth as well as Confirmation candidates to help.
- English and More - English and More, Inc in Hagerstown currently assists three adults preparing for their citizenship tests. Three St Ann parishioners are weekly volunteers, with a fourth ready to join in October. The center averaged 8-10 students per day over the summer, a slight decrease from the winter/spring attendance due to young children being at home. In collaboration with Fr. Juan Rubio, E&M arranged for staff from El Salvador’s DC consulate to come to Hagerstown (St Joseph) to conduct the issuance/renewal of TPS cards (temporary protected status), and approximately 40 El Salvadorans attended. The consulate returned to St Joseph in September to provide other consulate services. These events were used to communicate the E&M ministry, and as a result, student registration increased both in Hagerstown and Frederick. E&M continues to meet at the Presbyterian Church in Hagerstown, which has been renovating classrooms to improve the learning environment. These things are made possible in part by St Ann financial support (\$1200) this past year.
- Giving Tree - volunteers will be writing the gift tags for the giving tree soon. The paperwork has gone to the area agencies to get a list of the desired gifts.
- Haiti Parish Partnership - finishing plans for the Sunrise Rotary Gala on October 30th. We have more than met our commitment for raffle and ticket sales. The funds raised will be used to drill more wells for clean drinking water in the area surrounding Dessalines. Planning for next year’s Summer Camp has started. Rosary making will begin on 10/25 for the Rosary exchange between our two parishes. Fr Alexis plans to visit next February for the Littlest Angels Campaign kickoff.
- Holly Place - currently 10 volunteers providing a meal over the next three months once a week.
- Micah’s Backpack – Micah’s currently serving 15-16 children but it changes weekly. The middle schoolers in the Edge program packed over 80 bags after class a few Sundays ago. Future request planned for personal care items because Maugansville ES is teaching those children who can’t do those things at home how to do them and will supply them with necessary items.
- REACH Cold Weather Shelter - The first meeting for shelter coordinators occurred on Thursday, 10/13. Saint Anne's sponsor week at the shelter will be January 22 to 29. Bulletin announcements will begin in November.
- Shawl Shepherds - group recently knitted and crocheted scarves and hats for REACH.

- Poor Box recipients were finalized.

**Habitat will be replaced if the Apostles Build program does not launch as planned

FY17 (July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017)			
Jul	Holly Place	Amount	assisted living for low-income elderly
Aug	Parishioners' Needs	pending	assistance for parishioners w/financial difficulties
Sep	Children in Need	--	school supplies and other items for local, low-income children and MS/HS students
Oct	Hagerstown Rescue Mission	--	men dealing with substance abuse w/soup kitchen
Nov	Community Free Clinic	--	medical care for the community's uninsured
Dec	Loaves and Fishes	--	Community Food Bank at St Mark's
Jan	CASA	--	victims of domestic violence
Feb	W House	--	women dealing with substance abuse
Mar	Salvation Army	--	poor and homeless women/children w/soup kitchen
Apr	STAR Ventures	--	Community for mentally-challenged adults
May	Hagerstown Area Pregnancy Ctr	--	pregnant women facing difficult decisions
Jun	Habitat for Humanity – Apostles Build Program**	--	Affordable housing that low-income families can earn through sweat equity

Commission Goals

- Effective internal and external communication about Outreach missions
- Continuity of Commission leadership and mission teams
- Fill age gaps in Outreach mission opportunities so every parishioner has opportunity to witness with faith in action
 - Post-confirmation youth
 - Young adults
 - Retired parishioners
 - Parishioners who cannot drive, including home bound parishioners