

Saint Michael the Archangel Men's Association Thanksgiving Turkey Drive

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The annual St. Michael/St. Timothy Turkey Drive is underway. Last year we provided over 975 families with a Thanksgiving meal. It has only been possible through the generosity of parishioners and friends that less fortunate families in our surrounding Fairfield County communities have been able to enjoy a healthy Thanksgiving dinner.

Over the past decade the Turkey Drive has expanded our outreach to more and more people in need, consequently it requires the generosity of an increasing number of friends and parishioners willing to contribute to this worthy cause. Some of the parishes and organizations to whom we supply turkeys are:

- Blessed Sacrament (Bridgeport)
- Greenwich Neighbor to Neighbor
- Carver Center (Port Chester)
- Inspirica (Stamford)
- Breakthrough Options (Norwalk)

As we continue to expand our outreach we must also expand our volunteer efforts. Please consider volunteering this year. There are four ways to volunteer:

Assembling Food Boxes – This effort takes place on the Saturday and Sunday before Thanksgiving with the assistance of the St. Michael's Youth Group. If you are interested in helping, young or old, all are welcomed, please contact Loren at **(203) 869-5421 for details.**

Loading Food/Turkeys – Tuesday the 24th in the early evening, please contact Paul Huston at **(917) 359-3125** for details.

Delivery of Food/Turkeys – Departing Tuesday night **(8 PM)** from St. Michael Parish to Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport please contact Paul at **(917) 359-3125** for details.

Distribution of Food/Turkeys – Wednesday morning at Blessed Sacrament in Bridgeport.

This year the cost of a traditional Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings has increased to approximately \$40.00 per Thanksgiving meal, so please consider feeding one, five, ten, fifteen, etc. families beyond your own. Trust me, getting involved with this will make that sense of thanksgiving as you sit down to your own meal that much more gratifying!

If you find time in your schedule to volunteer and/or to financially support the cause, please email me at phuston@hudsonferry.com so that I can add your name as a volunteer, or your donation to the order. Our order to the supermarket will be made no later than **Wednesday November 18th** so we will need to provide a final count at that time.

Thanksgiving is the time of year for us all to reflect, and give thanks for the wonderful blessings we enjoy on a daily basis. Please help us spread the joy of Thanksgiving throughout our surrounding community by considering volunteering and/or a donation, the more meals the better! We hope to reach so many families and can only do so with your support. Please make checks payable to:

St. Michael Parish - Please write "2020 Food Drive" on the notes line of the check and drop off or mail to Parish office.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and best wishes for a Thanksgiving holiday filled with joy and family!

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