

## **SERVICE:**

Rev 12/2020

Jesus lived his earthly life in service to others. Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the third Sacrament of Initiation, and becoming fully initiated into the Church, fundamentally transforms our personal relationship with Jesus so that we are imitators of Christ in all aspects of our lives.

Both **Year 1** and **Year 2** have a service piece as part of preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, as well as reinforcing the way we are to live our lives as followers of Christ. Service is out of love and also duty as Christians.

This year, 2020, our “typical” means of providing service to others are paused due to the deadly aspects of the COVID-19 virus. However, *there is much our students can do right at home, to be of service as Jesus served. Starting with being aware of others in the family. Say thank you and please to one another. Do something for Mom or Dad without being asked. Look around. See how you can meet a need for someone in your family, extended family, friends, school mates, or neighbors. Write a note to someone you haven’t seen in a while due to the virus – grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins etc. Elderly shut-ins would love a note from you! Make something, gather food - Be creative! See a need and help!*

Once it is safe and we are allowed to volunteer in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, homeless shelters as well as other places, these are acceptable as service experiences.

### **Every student is to keep a “Gratitude Grid”.**

Each day, for a minimum of 30 days, write at least one nice thing you have done for someone else. Add a note of what you are especially grateful for on each day.

**Year 1** will write a Reflection Paper based on the Gratitude Grid. Be sure to keep a journal of your experiences and thoughts. It makes writing your Reflection Paper easier.

*Reflection – serious thought or consideration* (Oxford Dictionary)

Guidelines for writing the paper are online, as well as a sample Grid. Parent to sign off on finished grid(s). Reflection Paper with Gratitude Grid due on or before April 12, 2021.

**Year 2** shall complete at least 30 days of the Gratitude Grid.

Finished grid needs parent signature, and is due on or before March 4, 2021.

### **Suggestions to consider -**

Collect needed food items for St. Peter’s Food Pantry or other food banks or soup kitchens such as Manna Food Bank, Rockville 301-424-1130 or [info@mannafood.org](mailto:info@mannafood.org)  
Capital Area Community Food Bank, Washington, DC 202-526-5344

Help organize/sort donated food items for St. Peter’s Food Pantry

Contact Mrs. Prangle Stone 301-774-0162

S.O.M.E needs donations of peanut butter, grape jelly, and bread. The plastic jars of peanut butter and jelly must be the same size. Please bring to the Parish Hall on Tues, Jan 5, 2021 between 8am and 8:30am – SOME volunteers will be outside to pick up your donations. No chili accepted and may not drop off in PH kitchen. Please check the church bulletin for any changes in need and times.

Commit to a weekly hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Keep a journal of your prayer intentions and times. Invite others to join you!

First Saturday Devotions – attend 3 (or more) at Saint Peter's.

Includes morning prayer, Mass, and the Rosary (may involve leading the Rosary).  
8:15am – 9:30am. Call the Rectory for current contact person, 301-924-3774

The Gabriel Project – assists women in crisis pregnancies in Montgomery County.

Need new and gently used clothing throughout the year to provide wardrobes, baby items, small toys, and books for newborns through teen size 14/16. They especially need girls' size 5 clothing (fall), newborn (0–3 months) girls' and boys' clothing, newborn socks, boys' size 2 and 3 clothing, and boys' size 12-month winter clothing. Also need receiving blankets, newborn caps, diaper bags, baby soap, baby lotion, and diaper cream. You may purchase essential items like baby gear, diapers, and clothing through the Gabriel Project's Amazon Charity List: GP Amazon List.

Contact [www.gpmoco.org](http://www.gpmoco.org) or e-mail Diane at [Isabelle49@aol.com](mailto:Isabelle49@aol.com)

Project Linus, Montgomery County, Susan (301) 762-1160

<http://www.projectlinus.org/volunteer/volunteer.php?StateKey=MD>

The Heart Pillow Project, Sibley Memorial Hospital, Marianne Monek, director

[http://www.sibley.org/community/heart\\_pillow\\_project.aspx](http://www.sibley.org/community/heart_pillow_project.aspx)

Clean the garden around the Youth Center

A couple Saturday mornings in the summer or early fall

A group of students may team together!

Clean the garden in front of the Chapel entrance to the church.

Weed around the trees and bushes in the back

Clean out the beds and plant bulbs

A group of students may team together!

Clean out the weeds from the rock beds around the church

A group of students may team together!

Contact Mr. Stone 301-924-3774

Design a project of your own – a collection drive for a special cause or other service

Information and forms for Confirmation Year 1 are under the parish website:

<https://www.stpetersolney.org/sacramental-preparation>

*Do not wait until the last moment to ask for suggestions for your service.*

**\*\*Year 1 Students who have not completed Service Experiences and have not turned in their Reflection Paper and Gratitude Grid by April 12, 2021 may be required to repeat Year 1. Year 2 students who have not completed Gratitude Grid by March 4, 2021 may have to wait to be confirmed.**

#### **WORKS OF MERCY -**

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs". They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to "help our neighbor in their spiritual needs"