

# OUTREACH MINISTRY

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to offer parishioners an opportunity to join together in faith to perform the Corporal Works of Mercy. We strive to model Christ's concern for people, both individually and collectively in our community. Outreach ministries are called to deal with the needs and concerns of persons beyond the congregation, relating the ministry of the local church to the needs of the world through compassion, justice, and advocacy.

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

- John 13:12

## WHY WE EXIST

We exist because there is a need in our community and the Diocese to serve those in need and to share our bounty.

## WHEN WE MEET

Look for announcements in the bulletin about upcoming events. All are welcome and you can participate in as little or as much as you would like.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Send questions and suggestions to:

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*Chairperson*  
508.845.9674

*Visit the parish website for more information about this ministry.*



*Outreach Ministry members at The Mustard Seed along with Michael Boover (far left) co-founder of The Mustard Seed.*

## TYPICAL ACTIVITIES

### GIVING TREE

Parishioners brighten the Christmas of needy children and adults by taking a tag from the Giving Tree and purchasing a gift. For Easter and Thanksgiving parishioners purchase supermarket gift certificates to be distributed through St. Anne's Human Services. We also work to support outreach for gift cards for school supplies.

### REFUGEE APOSTOLATE

Every Tuesday and Friday, Ministry members go to Price Chopper supermarket in Shrewsbury to collect leftover bread, muffins, and pastries and deliver them to the Refugee Apostolate in Worcester. The Apostolate is an inner-city resource for the urban poor. Open to the public Monday through Saturday, those in need can purchase bread products for a small donation commensurate with the ability to pay.

### THE CROP WALK

The CROP Walk, which takes place in the Fall, is an arm of the Church World Services whose mission is to address worldwide hunger. Ministry members participate and encourage Parish participation and sponsorship in a 6 mile walk. Of the total monies raised 25% stays in Shrewsbury and given to the Worcester County Food Bank to be distributed through St. Anne's Food Pantry.

### THE MUSTARD SEED

The Mustard Seed on Piedmont Street in Worcester is a soup kitchen open nightly for evening meals. Ministry members collect money, food, and paper goods and deliver and serve pizza along with salad, fruit and desserts 9 times a year. There are 80 to 160 people served nightly. A drive is also conducted annually to collect items needed by the clients of the Mustard Seed.

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