

JUST NEIGHBORS

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI // SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

What is Just Neighbors?

Just Neighbors is a free-to-attend program based around the idea of small-scale change: what you can do to be a just and good neighbor to those in your community. We've expanded on that base, and woven in Catholic Social Teachings to talk about how we, as people of faith, can react to and connect with those at risk.

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Being taught as a series of workshops, Just Neighbors is open to you and your whole family! We're inviting parishioners, families, and community members to come and engage with a variety of Social Justice topics. Discussion and workshop activities will be appropriate for all ages.

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Originally taught in the school, we're changing the style from a lecture course to a series of interactive workshops! Ranging from the original program, focused only on poverty, to other issues such as women's rights, mental health, and climate change, there is something here for every family.

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You don't need to attend every session to participate, either! Come to as many or as few sessions as you find interesting, or valuable to your family, and feel free to bring a friend. The more work we all do to help one another, the better a community we are!

First Workshop!

October 7, 6:30-8pm, Burke Hall

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Our first session is focused on Poverty in Baltimore and the United States. Participants will learn about poverty and its many faces, both in our own city and far from home.

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In this workshop, we'll be thinking about the differences between charity and justice, what it means to be below the poverty line, and why/how the government does or doesn't play a role. This session will also connect the issue of poverty to the Gospel, and start to address how we, as a school and as a faith-community, can help alleviate some of the strain on our neighbors living below the poverty line.

OCT. 7 // 6:30 - 8 PM // BURKE HALL