



# Justice and Charity Commission

## The Two Feet of Love *in Action*

Our Justice and Charity Commission has planned a number of service opportunities for the 2017-2018 year to engage parishioners. *Shaping our Future* says, "As a community of faith, we reaffirm our commitment to bring about that Kingdom...We manifest that reaffirmation through acts of charity whereby we address the immediate needs of those suffering and also through seeking justice to eradicate the root causes of that suffering."

### Help One Child Presentation—Sunday, September 17, 2017 @ 11:30 am Fr. Lacey Hall

Our mission is to recruit, train and support those willing to provide a home or volunteer services to at-risk children. We are a non-profit, non-denominational, local outreach to families caring for children both in and out of the foster care system. A representative from Help One Child will make a presentation to the parish about the work that they do with children and families. <http://helponechild.org/>

### St. Anthony's Dining Room, Menlo Park—Saturday, September 30, 2017

St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room provides hot, nutritious meals fifty-two weeks a year. It charges no fees, asks no questions and turns no one away. On a similar basis, the Clothing Distribution Center provides the basic apparel needs of women, children and men two days per week. All clients being served a meal, provided with apparel or receiving health care advice are treated with dignity and respect and received in a spirit of hospitality. [www.paduadiningroom.com](http://www.paduadiningroom.com)

Meet at St. Matthias at 8:00 am. Carpool to St. Anthony's to prepare and serve food from 8:30 am-1:00 pm. Limited to 10 volunteers. RSVP by September 15th. Contact Mariano Dagang to sign up [sunnydag@gmail.com](mailto:sunnydag@gmail.com)

### Share the Warmth Coat & Blanket Drive for St. Vincent de Paul—October 14-15, 2017

Adult-sized coats, shoes, socks, and blankets will be accepted for this collection. Items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Help Center for distribution in San Mateo County. Items should be clean and in gently worn or used condition. Items can be brought to Fr. Lacey Hall the weekend of October 14-15th and left in the corner nearest the Church parking lot. Members of St. Vincent de Paul will collect and deliver the items. Contact Bob Thompson for more information [rthomp826@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rthomp826@sbcglobal.net).

### Gubbio Project Presentation—Sunday, October 22, 2017 @ 11:30 am Fr. Lacey Hall

An average of 150 unhoused neighbors seek safety and rest on the pews in the sanctuary of St. Boniface Church in San Francisco each weekday starting at 6 AM, and for an additional 75 guests at St. John's the Evangelist in the Mission District. No questions are asked when our guests walk into the churches; in an effort to remove all barriers to entry, there are no sign-in sheets or intake forms. No one is ever turned away; all are welcomed, respected and treated with dignity. The spaces are all ADA accessible. <http://www.thegubbioproject.org>

### Hat, Mitten & Scarf Drive for Street Life Ministries—November, 11-12, 2017

Street Life Ministries ("SLM") is different than many "feeding ministries." Hot, home cooked meals transported to outdoor venues are less threatening to those in need, fostering an environment for relational connections to develop between servers and friends on the streets. These connections become the groundwork for guiding friends toward healthier decisions, medical assistance, detox, rehab, housing, mentorship and counseling—all contributing to a deep sense of meaning and purpose for those willing to invest. Each week we serve over 500 meals to men, women and children.

Contact Liz Vugrinecz for more information [liz@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:liz@stmatthiasparish.org)

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**Preschool Canned Food Drive—November 13-17, 2017**

St. Matthias families are invited to contribute canned foods for this holiday drive. This opportunity can be used as a teachable moment for the youngest members of our community; that not all people are as blessed with abundance at Thanksgiving. This collection benefits St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Matthias Church. Collection points will be set up at the back of the Church and the Preschool Office. St. Matthias youth will be responsible for delivering the donations to our food pantry in the Rectory.

**Giving Tree for St. Francis Center—begins Friday, November 24, 2017**

Each year, St. Francis Center in Redwood City ask local parishes to provide gifts for their client families. St. Matthias hosts the Giving Tree, decorated with gift tags. Take a tag and return an unwrapped gift for a child or teenager. Gift suggestions will be included in the bulletin. St. Matthias youth sort and pack up the gifts for delivery to St. Francis Center. Contact Sabrina <mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org> for more information.

**Street Life Ministries—Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

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Meet at St. Matthias at 6:00 pm. Carpool to downtown RWC to serve dinner to the homeless with the crew from SLM. Limited to 10 volunteers. Appropriate for high-school aged youth and adults. RSVP by November 15th. Contact Nancy Galli [nancga@hotmail.com](mailto:nancga@hotmail.com) sign up.

**Santa’s Toy Box at the Preschool—December 4-8, 2017**

St. Matthias families contribute toys for the Toys for Tots program, coordinated through the Redwood City Fire Department. Collection point will be located in the Preschool office. Contact Kim [kim@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:kim@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

**First Step for Families (LifeMoves) - Saturday, January 27, 2018**

Join us for a community building event at First Step for Families, located at 325 Villa Terrace San Mateo, CA 94401. Join a group of volunteers from St. Matthias for dinner and a movie night at this transitional housing complex for first time homeless families. Limited to 12-14 volunteers. Families are welcome. More details to follow. Contact Sabrina Harper to sign up [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org)

**Street Life Ministries—Wednesday, February 28, 2018**

\*See description of Street Life Ministries above.

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**Maple Street Shelter Dinner—Saturday, March 3, 2018**

One of the highlights of our year at St. Matthias is being able to provide dinner for the residents at Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City. Each year, parishioners make home cooked dishes to bring, and our middle school youth set up, serve and eat the meal with the residents. Parents are asked to provide support and chaperone the event. There are many ways that you can help with this event: 1) Donate food, 2) Donate \$5 gift cards (Safeway, Jamba Juice or Target) to be used as gifts for the residents, 3) Youth volunteers, 4) Chaperones, 5) to Help deliver food from St. Matthias to Maple Street Shelter. Food donations should be dropped off to St. Matthias between 2-3:30 pm. Youth volunteers and chaperones are needed from 3:30-8:00 pm. Delivery people are needed from approximately 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

Contact Sabrina [sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org](mailto:sabrina@stmatthiasparish.org) for more information.

**St. Vincent de Paul Books4Hope Drive—June 23-24, 2018** More details to follow.