

## **CONFIRMATION COMMUNITY SERVICE GUIDELINES**

- It is the **candidate's** responsibility to arrange for service.
- A **minimum** of 25 service hours (total) is required, this includes the 5 hour Mercy Project
- All candidates are to participate in a **MERCY PROJECT**. Aside from the **MERCY PROJECT**, three different types of service must also be performed:
  - **family-based** performing service with a family member
  - **parish-based** performing service at St. Anne Parish
  - **community-based** performing service in the greater community

Examples of each type of service are listed in this packet.

- **School service hours may not be used for Confirmation service hours.**
- **If you are involved/participate in a Church of St. Anne ministry on a regular basis, (choir, altar server or attend TNL on a regular basis), you only have to complete the Work of Mercy Project.**
- Every service must be signed for by a supervisor **or** include an official signed letter stating date, number of hours, and service performed. The letter can be inserted in this service folder.
- If the candidate wishes to perform services not listed in this packet, contact the Faith Formation office first to have it approved.

### ***FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES***

**Harrison House Feeding Program** Prepare (in your home) a meal for seven people who have AIDS. Meals are to be delivered directly to Harrison House, located on the grounds of Bergen Regional Medical Center. 4th Sat. of each month—call 2-3 months in advance.  
Contact: 201-791-1616

**Town-wide Spring Clean up Day** Date determined by each town.  
*Contact the Borough Hall in your town:* Fair Lawn: 201-794-5366; Elmwood Park: 201-703-2207;  
Saddle Brook: 201-587-2900

**CUMAC/ECHO** [cumacecho.org](http://cumacecho.org) Several family service opportunities through this program, including a Walk-In Dinner held on the last Wed of every month at the United Methodist Church in Dumont, where over 100 developmentally disabled people are fed.  
Contact: [volunteer@cumacecho.org](mailto:volunteer@cumacecho.org) or call 973-742-5518

**Center for Food Action** – [cfanj.org](http://cfanj.org) – help feed the hungry. Click the volunteer link on the web page, it gives details on various ways to volunteer.

***There are many organizations that fundraise throughout the year. Here are just a few:***

- **ALS Association** [www.alsa.org](http://www.alsa.org) Walks are held throughout the year; Saddle Brook County Park Walk is usually held in early June
- **Multiple Sclerosis Society** [www.nationalmssociety.org/njm](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/njm)  
To volunteer, go to <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/chapters/njm/volunteer/index.aspx>  
Events include walks, bike rides, & challenge walks.
- **American Diabetes Association** [www.diabetes.org](http://www.diabetes.org)  
To learn about volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-DIABETES (800-342-2383)
- **American Cancer Society** To learn about volunteer opportunities, check out the website [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) Local office: 20 Mercer Street, Hackensack, 201-343-2222

**COMMUNITY BASED SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Fair Lawn Senior Center** Senior Olympics (held in October) Assist with mailing and promo prior to event or help that day. Help entertain the seniors assisting with games, etc. 4-5 hour commitment on a Saturday or Sunday. Other service opportunities available each week. Contact: 201-796-1191 or e-mail [srcenter@fairlawn.org](mailto:srcenter@fairlawn.org)

**Americans with Disabilities Act Committee of Fair Lawn**

[http://fairlawnada.com/Donate\\_Volunteer.html](http://fairlawnada.com/Donate_Volunteer.html)

Committed to making Fair Lawn more accessible for the disabled and the seniors, as well as bringing awareness to the community. Possible services include shoveling snow or raking leaves for those in need, and computer work @ library. Contact: [adacommittee@fairlawn.org](mailto:adacommittee@fairlawn.org)

**Fair Lawn All-Sports "STARS" program** – for children with special needs ages 5-16. Program will include soccer, basketball, t-ball, track & field. Contact Ken Dobler [kdobler@gmail.com](mailto:kdobler@gmail.com) or Jeff Mazzola at [fmail.com](mailto:fmail.com)

**BCC Child Development Center @ Ender Hall, Paramus Campus** Afternoon hours to work with 3-5yr old child care. Assist in activity programs and playground area. Some training provided  
Call: 201-447-7165

**Bergen County YMCA/YWCA** [ridgewoodymca.org](http://ridgewoodymca.org) Opportunity to give back to the community, develop leadership skills and assist in leading & planning programs. Hours are arranged by mutual agreement with a minimum of 2 month volunteer time required.  
201-444-5600

**Garfield YMCA, Garfield** [garfieldymca.org](http://garfieldymca.org) Various events are held throughout the year, help is always needed. For more info, call 973-772-7450

**HOSPITAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS (minimum # of hours may be required)**

- Valley Hospital Ridgewood must be 15 years old Contact 201-447-8138
- Holy Name Hospital, Teaneck Junior program: ages 15-18. Must volunteer a minimum of 75 hours and 6 months. Contact 201-833-3051
- Bergen Regional Medical Center must be 15 years old Volunteer receives a tour of the different floors in the hospital. When approved, set up flexible hour schedule to volunteer. Contact: 201-967-4615

**Pet Therapy Program:** Dog must have vaccination papers & be certified as a pet therapy dog. Contact info is same as above.

**LOCAL RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES**

*Call each facility for more information*

- Van Dyke Nursing Home in Ridgewood 201-445-8200, ask for Director of Recreation
- Ridgewood Nursing Home in Ridgewood 201-447-1900, ask for Director of Recreation

*Most organization/events are NOT chaperoned by St. Anne Church or the Archdiocese of Newark and have not be vetted in accordance with the Protecting God's Children guidelines. Parents are responsible for obtaining the organization safety procedures.*

## **ST. ANNE PARISH SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

**Carnival/Food Fest** 2 days in mid-September \* **Great family service!!!** \*  
Help with set up before the faire, work food booth during the faire, clean up at the end  
Contact: F.F. Office 201-791-1616, x218 or x224; email [stannefaith@gmail.com](mailto:stannefaith@gmail.com)

**St. Anne Basketball Program** Season runs from late November through March

- Help needed in concession stand during games (boys & girls teams)
- Help needed @ Pasta Dinner (date TBD)
- Help needed with various fundraisers Contact Diane @ [dianedep@optonline.net](mailto:dianedep@optonline.net)

**St. Anne Faith Formation Programs**

- Class aide: Sundays 10:45a-12p in school; Special Needs class on Tuesdays 4-5p in Church Hall
- Summer Faith: 7 days in late June/early July, Serve as a class aide, babysitter, craft helper etc.
- Help with Home Study sessions, clean up, set up and help lock up
- First Reconciliation: Help with retreat day in December, set up, clean up and help with activities
- First Eucharist: Assist with First Reconciliation retreat date in Eucharist Retreat Day in the spring. Help with retreat day in December, set up, clean up and help with activities

Contact: For further details and appropriate calendars call the F.F. Office 201-791-1616, x218 or x224;  
email [stannefaith@gmail.com](mailto:stannefaith@gmail.com)

**St. Anne's School:** Extended Care Program Mon-Fri, 3pm-4pm

Contact Ms Lacivita @ [melacivita@stannenj.com](mailto:melacivita@stannenj.com)

***WHENEVER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES BECOME AVAILABLE, YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL.  
CHECK YOUR EMAIL OFTEN!***

