



## Community Outreach at All Saints' Memorial Church



Outreach to the community has become increasingly more important at All Saints' over the years, and has become part and parcel of our life as a parish. No longer does the work of outreach belong only to a dedicated committee but now is firmly imbedded into all aspects of parish life. Caring for our neighbors in need means that the central mission of the church involves helping others--whether our neighbors live down the street, or in deplorable conditions in a third world country. Our job is to offer our love, support and our assistance. Currently, the outreach efforts at All Saints' include the following programs:



**Family and Children Services:** All parishioners contribute small change--pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters-- starting in July through September of each year to purchase backpacks and educational materials for young students who are not able to afford them. For the past two years, the committee, with the able help of the youth group, has provided over 30 backpacks filled with every possible item a young scholar needs to succeed in their academic lives.



**Area Association of Community Churches (AACC):** This Food Pantry is housed in the United Methodist Church basement in Atlantic Highlands and is our most local food pantry. It is an unaligned food pantry and relies on churches and other agencies to fill its shelves with food and paper products for its clients who come from the entire Bayshore Region. Weekly requests for specific food items are made to the parish, and are transported to the pantry weekly.



**St. Mark's Kitchen & Pantry:** The kitchen at St. Mark's provides a full hot meal to its guests daily and All Saints' has become a contributor to the meals program since January, 2013. Volunteers provide a healthy and wholesome meal for approximately 120 folks, and our youth group supplies delicious finger desserts each visit. The work of St. Mark's after Hurricane Sandy continues to be extremely important as many residents of Keansburg, NJ and the surrounding area continue to experience housing shortages, or sadly, no home at all.



**Assistance to Community Agencies:** Through the generosity of the Auction and Finance Committees at All Saints' the Outreach Committee is enabled to funnel monetary grants to various community agencies who devote their efforts to ease the lives of the neediest families in our communities. These agencies include: Family Promise, The FoodBank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties and Love, Inc. The committee is grateful to these vital agencies for the professional and caring work with the disadvantaged who live on our own doorsteps. Other outreach programs at All Saints' include Crop Walk, Saint Jude's, and the Advent Giving Tree.

*Thank you for your interest in the Outreach Program at All Saints'. We are grateful to our caring community partners who support our work. For any further information, or if you wish to volunteer, kindly call Barbara Drakulich, Outreach Committee Chair, at 732-872-0158.*