

17 November 2020

Dear Parishioners

As we approach Thanksgiving, it is also that time of year where we traditionally put up our Giving Tree.

The organizations that you had so willingly supported last year were extremely thankful for your generosity. The gift cards were put to good use and they were able to purchase gifts for the children and their families. As you can imagine, these charities are the one who have been most impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, we will be supporting the following organizations:-

- 1. Catholic Charities
- 2. Several Sources Shelter
- 3. Saint Mary's Church, Newark
- 4. Saint Michael's Church, Newark
- 5. Saint Joseph Social Service Center, Elizabeth
- 6. Appalachia

I am happy to share with you that the Youth Group of our parish will be involved with this year's collection. They will be making gift tags which will be hung on the Giving Tree that will be located in the vestibule of the church. Each tag will indicate the requested merchant (ShopRite, Walmart, Target and CVS). Kindly support them by taking a tag/tags off the tree. Affix each tag onto the gift card and place them in the donation box that will be located in the vestibule. Alternatively, you can also drop off the gift cards at the Rectory during the week. **Kindly return all gift cards by Friday, December 11, 2020.**

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Sister Niky or Stephanie Lynum.

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As always, thank you for your generosity and kindness and for making St. Philomena Church a special place.

May God bless you and your family with a beautiful Advent and Christmas.