

# *St. John Fisher Church*

**November 29,  
2020**

## *First Sunday of Advent*



**God is faithful, and by him you were called  
to fellowship with his Son**

**1 Cor. 1:9**

*Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.*

# ADMINISTRATION

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8 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday

9 am - 3 pm Saturday

8 am - 1 pm Sunday

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8:30 am - 5:00 pm - Monday - Friday

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### Music Director

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### Chair

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### Chair

Bernie Maynard, [wcouncil@sjf.org](mailto:wcouncil@sjf.org)

## LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by the Parish Office for lost items. Our shelf is filled with items such as eye glasses, umbrellas, cell phones, etc. Items not picked up will be donated to PV Resale.

## PV RESALE 310-534-1722

2321 Pacific Coast Hwy, Lomita, CA 90717

## Welcome To Saint John Fisher



We are a welcoming Parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation, your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, your self-esteem: you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected by the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher.

## Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda – December 2

Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, December 2 at 7 pm via Zoom. All parishioners are invited to attend. Please contact Gayle Plecha at [gplecha@sjf.org](mailto:gplecha@sjf.org) to receive participation information.

### Pastor

- First 15
- Parish Life
  - \* Feedback
    - ◇ Thanksgiving Mass
    - ◇ Collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development
  - \* Livestream App update
  - \* Looking ahead
    - ◇ Simbang Gabi Mass
    - ◇ Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program
    - ◇ Giving Tree
    - ◇ Christmas Eve and Day Mass plans

### Chair/Vice-Chair

- Approval of November meeting minutes
- Staff rep brief: Katie Dante
- Military Ministry Collections report
- Pastoral Council assistance at Christmas Masses
- 2020-2021 Pastoral Plan Objectives Review

## Support Needy Parishes through Together in Mission

St. John Fisher is very blessed to have generous parishioners who continue to support our parish during this time of COVID-19 restrictions. At the same time, many parishes in the Archdiocese are struggling financially. Your gifts to Together in Mission ensure that every Catholic living in the Archdiocese has a parish to celebrate their faith and access to Catholic school education. You are living your faith through your actions when you support Together in Mission. Please consider making a gift at [www.ourmissionla.org/give](http://www.ourmissionla.org/give).

Goal:	\$233,676
Pledged:	\$187,910
Paid:	\$158,217

## Face Coverings are Required

Face coverings are required when visiting the parish office, for all outdoor Masses and when coming to receive communion for everyone over the age of 2. This is crucial in preventing the spread of COVID-19. They must cover the mouth and nose at all times except when you place the Eucharist in your mouth. Please keep at least 6 feet distance from one another at all times.

## Follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram



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**Immaculate Conception - December 8**

Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Mass times are: Monday, Vigil 5:30 pm, Tuesday, 8 am (Livestream), 5:15 pm, and 7:30 pm.

**Join us every day for Mass Outdoors and Online**



St. John Fisher will continue to livestream Daily 8 am and Sunday 9 am Masses. To watch, visit our website at [www.sjf.org](http://www.sjf.org). Communion will be distributed after all livestreamed Masses. The priest will announce where they will be distributing communion. Outdoor Masses will take place Monday-Friday 5:15 pm, Saturday 5 pm, and Sunday 11 am and 5 pm outside the church on the plaza. Parishioners are required to wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet distance from one another.

**Mass Intentions - November 28 - December 6**

**NOVEMBER 28, SATURDAY**

**8:00 am** Marylou Schmidt  
**5:00 pm** All Souls Msgr. Sork

**NOVEMBER 29, SUNDAY**

**9:00 am** Robert Wall† Fr. Park  
**11:00 am** Parishioners Msgr. Sork  
**5:00 pm** All Souls Fr. Park

**NOVEMBER 30, MONDAY**

**8:00 am** All Souls  
**5:15 pm** Gilbert Shea

**DECEMBER 1, TUESDAY**

**8:00 am** Geraldine Pletzke†  
**5:15 pm** Tony Pirozzi†

**DECEMBER 2, WEDNESDAY**

**8:00 am** David† and Karen Strand†  
**5:15 pm** Craig Applehof†

**DECEMBER 3, THURSDAY**

**8:00 am** Jim Fournier†  
**5:15 pm** Levy Olivares†

**DECEMBER 4, FRIDAY**

**8:00 am** Tom Pletzke†  
**5:15 pm** Thomas Sheridan†

**DECEMBER 5, SATURDAY**

**8:00 am** Isabella Drag†  
**5:00 pm** Frank Dougherty† Fr. Kalu

**DECEMBER 6, SUNDAY**

**9:00 am** David Funada† Msgr. Sork  
**11:00 am** Josefina Alba† Fr. Park  
**5:00 pm** Parishioners Fr. Kalu

**Weekly Readings**

- Monday:** Romans 10:9-18 and Matthew 4:18-22
- Tuesday:** Isaiah 11:1-10 and Luke 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Isaiah 25:6-10a and Matthew 15:29-37
- Thursday:** Isaiah 26:1-6 and Matthew 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Isaiah 29:17-24 and Matthew 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 and Matthew 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Peter 3:8-14, and Mark 1:1-8

**SUNDAY MASSES**

Saturday Vigil  
 5:00 pm (outside church)  
 Sunday  
 9:00 am (livestream only)  
 11:00 am (outside church)  
 5:00 pm (outside church)

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday-Friday  
 8:00 am (livestream only)  
 5:15 pm (outside church)  
 Saturday  
 8:00 am (livestream only)

**HOLY DAYS**

Vigil: 5:30 pm  
 Mass: 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS) - INSIDE OF PAC - GYM**

Monday, Wednesday through Friday, 4:45-5:10 pm;  
 Tuesday, 7:00 pm; Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

**BAPTISMS**

Every 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Parish Office or visit [www.sjf.org](http://www.sjf.org) for details.

**MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made with the Priest at least six months in advance.

**PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL/HOMEBOUND**

If you would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call **310-377-5571**.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Spend an hour in honor of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Regular adorers are needed Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. For information, contact Carlyn Quinto at **310-377-5571** or [carlynquinto@earthlink.net](mailto:carlynquinto@earthlink.net)

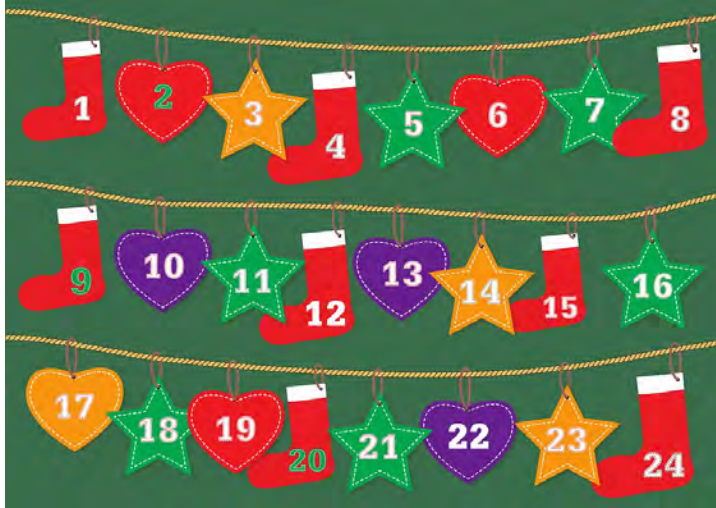
**NEED A CARING LISTENER?**

Call the Stephen Ministry Hotline at **310-541-1403**.

**PRAYER TREE**

Contact Bev Fink at **310-377-5571** or [penhimom@hotmail.com](mailto:penhimom@hotmail.com). Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.

CHILDREN



Home is Holy: Are you ready?

Whenever something exciting is coming in our lives, we wait for it with great anticipation. If it is a birthday or a holiday, there is a lot to do to prepare for it. We put all our energy into the preparations without hesitation because we know how much fun it will be when the day comes. Today's scripture reminds us to prepare ourselves with this same excitement and anticipation for Christ's coming. Since it is the season of Advent, we are preparing to celebrate Christ's birth. But we are also called to be prepared every day of our lives. Jesus wants us to be ready to meet him any day, any time, anywhere.

Advent supplies are still available!

Are you ready for Advent? Advent candles, wreaths, and calendars are available for purchase in the Religious Education Office, 8 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday.



Can your family help another family?



Would your family like to do something special this Advent? Help your children learn the blessings of giving by participating in the St. John Fisher Adopt A Family program. Needy families at *Sagrado Corazon* parish in Cudahy are hoping you can "adopt" them, to provide the Christmas they would not otherwise be able to celebrate. Call Margaret Johnson to volunteer or for more information. You will be glad you reached out to the needy in this special season.

Margaret Johnson | Director of Religious Education K-8 | (310) 377-4573 ext 136 | mjohnson@sjf.org

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

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SAINT JOHN FISHER LIFE TEEN  
SUNDAY, DEC. 06  
6:15 - 8:00 PM

Come join us for dinner on the Plaza after the 5:00pm Teen Mass. High school and college students are invited to this event.

This is a night of Praise and Adoration with a dynamic speaker's message. The theme of the night is "Living Image."

Our speaker will help the young people recognize the ways they can be living as a Disciple of Christ.

Live Music with Adoration of the Eucharist and Confessions included

SJF  
LIFE TEEN

USE THE QR CODE TO CHECK OUT OUR YOU TUBE PAGE FOR WEEKLY VIDEOS

**Bite-Sized Bible Study**  
posted every Thursday at 6:15 pm

**Virtual Life Night**  
posted every Sunday at 6:15 pm





## 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Using Green Screens in the Virtual Classroom!

5<sup>th</sup> grade students are becoming technology wizards as we move into month nine of virtual learning! As virtual learning becomes more comfortable for everyone, teachers are working hard to keep their lessons engaging and interesting!



One way Fifth Grade teacher, Mrs. Kroeger, does this is by using green screen technology and imovie editing in her lessons. She incorporates different backgrounds and filters into her morning videos to help students learn and remember concepts. Recently,

Mrs. Kroeger green screened herself as John Smith into a video and created an interview with herself as John Smith and herself the teacher.

Instead of keeping the “movie magic” to herself, the sixth year teacher taught her students how to do this too! Pictured at right fifth grader, Katelyn, created a green screen video of herself playing Pocahontas to teach the class about her influence on early colonists!



Mrs. Kroeger and her students wish they could be together during this challenging time, but the skills they are learning in virtual school will serve them well!



## Pray for Sick

David Bernstein  
Jen Bolin  
Dr. Kenneth Sax

## Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa	Margaret Majid
Paul Belfy	Dave and Joan Matson
Cheryl Benyi	Frank McCormick
Jane Bodine	Michael McCormick
Raymond Bodine	Maura McGuinness
Emma Breslin	Thadd McNamara
Leo James Bourgeois	MaryClare McQuade
Pening Chacon	Betty Mullen
Michelle Clarke	Clare Nolan
Don Duperon	Marcy Rafanelli
Alice Escandon	Schmidt Families
Eugenia Eyherabide	William H. Sheridan
Gloria Fink	Peter W. Smith
Mike Friedman	Joan Sing
Miriam Guevara	Florencia Tan
Sadru Hudani	Judy Ann Tan
Maureen Landon	Alice Valdes
Jeanne Leo	Tom Villardi
Maricela Lopez	

## Pray for Deceased

Miguel Camposano, uncle of Teresa Acampado  
Sr. Josephine Paolinelli, SP, cousin of Carol Simone  
Lorraine Weber, wife of Richard Weber

## Pray for Military Personnel and Families

Private Miranda Grosso, USA  
Sergeant Jacob Arnold, USA-Green Beret  
Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA  
Maj. Christina Shelton, USA  
Kenny Soto, AFRC  
Ben Soto, AIRF  
Sergeant First Class Teresa Perrin, USA  
Chief Warrant Office McKinderee Perrin, USA

If you have a loved one deployed overseas serving in the Military and would like his/her name on the prayer list and/or picture on the Military Board, please contact the Parish Office **310-377-5571**. Pictures should be approximately 4" x 5," and may be dropped off at the office, ATTN: Military Board. **IMPORTANT:** Please include a contact name and phone number. The Military Board is in the church narthex.

## Parish Giving Tree

The Parish Giving Tree begins today. Bring your unwrapped gifts to place under the tree in the Narthex. You may also bring your gifts to the tables in front of the PAC on Sundays: December 6th, December 13th and December 20th from 12 pm to 2 pm. Your generosity brings the joy of Christmas to hundreds of families; perhaps the only gifts under their tree will be those from St. John Fisher parishioners. Simple gifts from \$5 to \$20 are best: clothing, toys, diapers and gift cards from supermarkets and drug stores are most appreciated. The last day is Sunday, December 20. Your gifts will spread the joy of Christmas to: Casa de los Angelitos, House of Yahweh, Mahar House, Pregnancy Help Center, Presentation Learning Center, St. Athanasius Food Pantry, St. Margaret's Center, Saints Peter and Paul Poverty program, and the Elizabeth Ann Seton Residence.



## Simbang Gabi 2020



Simbang Gabi, part of Advent in the Filipino tradition, will be celebrated at St. John Fisher on Sunday, December 20 at the 9 am livestreamed Mass. Monsignor David Sork will be the celebrant. Holy Communion will be

distributed on the plaza. Please save the date and invite family and friends to join us. Due to the pandemic, there will be no reception and program. Pre-packed Filipino baked delicacies will be provided. To be of assistance and for further information, visit [www.simbanggabi@gmail.com](mailto:www.simbanggabi@gmail.com) or call 310-377-5571.

## Getting Stressed Out with Holiday Preparations?

Did you know that the holidays are on the top ten list of causes of stress? Whether it be too many relatives, too few relatives, too much to do, too little to do, whatever the issues, Stephen Ministry is here to help. We are a listening, caring Christian ministry and would be happy to meet or speak with you. Call Stephen Ministry at 310-541-1403.



## Friends in Faith for Christmas



Enjoy the fellowship of a Connect Group and get help from the Bible for your daily life. Join the Christmas discussion about how to be a generous person with your giving, your presence and your attitude toward others. We start with a topic, see what the Bible tells us about it and then we discuss how to apply it to our daily lives. Contact Martha Newton at [sjfconnectgroups@gmail.com](mailto:sjfconnectgroups@gmail.com) to find your Connect Group.

## Did you Know? The devastating effects of verbal abuse

A study by Florida State University found that children who are verbally abused are more likely to experience depression and anxiety. They are also twice as likely to suffer with mood and anxiety disorders throughout their lifetime. Children who suffer such abuse can go on to repeat the same parenting styles they experienced, thereby continuing the cycle of abuse. Pay attention to the language you and others use with your children. Breaking the chain of negative behaviors starts with positive, healthy parent-child relationships. For a copy of the VIRTUS article "The Devastating Effects of Verbal Abuse," visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Margaret Johnson, 310-377-4573 x136, [mjohnson@sjf.org](mailto:mjohnson@sjf.org).

## Thank You

Dear SJF Parishioners. A big thank you from the SJF Military Ministry for your generous donations during the recent Veteran's Day Collection. The goods and funds collected have been distributed to the following Military support groups: Bob Hope USO-LAX, Project Gratitude, Camp Pendleton Community Fund and the Archdiocese for the Military Services (Military Chaplains). Thank you!

## Celebration of Our Lady, The Virgin of Guadalupe

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles will host the 89th annual celebration of the devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Procession and Mass, virtually due to the pandemic, on Sunday, December 6. This year's theme is "Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of Healing and Hope." The celebration will begin at 10:30 am with a procession. The procession will conclude at the San Gabriel Mission at 12 pm with a Mass presided by Archbishop José H. Gomez. You are invited to join virtually via the Archdiocese social channels: @LACatholics (<https://www.facebook.com/lacatholics>) y [lacatholics.org/guadalupe/](https://lacatholics.org/guadalupe/)



## Retrouvaille



Retrouvaille will be having a weekend to help couples in crisis on December 10-13. This will be the last Weekend of the year, and it will be virtual, utilizing Zoom. The registration fee includes all materials and the crucial 12 Post Sessions, which will also be on Zoom. Unfortunately, the number of participating couples is limited. For more information, go to <https://www.helpourmarriage.org/>. Couples can register or get more information by going to the same site or calling 909-900-5465.

## This Week At St. John Fisher

<b>Sunday, 11/29</b>
<b>Giving Tree Begins</b> 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube
<b>Monday, 11/30</b>
<b>Tuesday, 12/1</b>
7 pm Great Adventure Bible Series: Prophets – via Zoom
<b>Wednesday, 12/2</b>
5:45 pm Walk with Christ – Outdoor Stations of the Cross 7 pm Pastoral Council Meeting – via Zoom
<b>Thursday, 12/3</b>
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 10 am Seekers –via Zoom 5:50 Divine Mercy Chaplet – Outside Church Plaza 6:15 pm Life Teen Bite Size Bible Study – via YouTube
<b>Friday, 12/4</b>
9 am Eucharistic Adoration – Outside Church Plaza 7:30 pm Chinese Bible Study – Skype
<b>Saturday, 12/5</b>
1 pm Christina H. Mackiewicz Funeral – Outside Church Plaza
<b>Sunday, 12/6</b>
<b>Giving Tree continues</b> <b>Food Pantry Collection</b> 9:30 am RCIA Dismissal-Catechesis 6:15 pm Virtual Life Night – via YouTube

## Save the Date!

**Giving Tree Gift Drop off** – November 29 – December 20  
**Walk with Christ** – December 2  
**RCIA Advent Retreat** – December 5  
**Food Pantry Collection** – December 5-6  
**Simbang Gabi** – December 20  
**Giving Tree Gift Distribution** – December 21  
**Growing in the Word: Mark** – January 6 (online release date)  
**SJF Lenten Retreat 2021** – March 14-16



If you'd like your meeting or event listed in the bulletin, please email to [info@sjf.org](mailto:info@sjf.org) or your group's pastoral staff liaison for approval:

- Event or group name (optional: a few words of description)
- Meeting date and time
- Meeting place
- Point of contact

Your event or meeting may run for up to 4 bulletins. Space limitations prevent permanent or standing announcements.

**Do you want to maximize participation in your SJF event?** Ministry and event leaders, you will find many great ideas for how and where to publicize your event. Visit [www.sjf.org](http://www.sjf.org)→News & Media (pull-down menu)→Publicity Protocols. Your Pastoral Staff representative is ready to help!



## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing some of your sacraments such as First Communion or Confirmation? Our RCIA program runs end of August through May with classes taking place on Sunday mornings. Adult Confirmation classes are offered in the fall. Currently because of pandemic restrictions we are offering Inquiry through the Zoom platform. Our next Zoom Inquiry session is Monday, January 11 at 7 pm. The subject is Role of Scripture in the Church. If you would be interested in joining our next Inquiry session, please email Misty at [mjesse@sjf.org](mailto:mjesse@sjf.org).

## Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

### SJF Online Bible Studies

Series: Growing in the Word

Currently Available: Revelation, Gospel of Matthew, Book of Ruth

Location: SJF Website – [www.sjf.org](http://www.sjf.org) – Faith Formation– Online Bible Studies

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

### Bible Study: The Prophets

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Time: Tuesdays, 7pm-8:30pm

Dates: September 22-December 1

### RCIA Inquiry

Location: Zoom

Topic: Books of the Church

Date: 1st Monday of the Month, January 11, 7 pm

Facilitator: RCIA Ministry Team

### Pre-Baptism Class

Location: Zoom

Facilitator: Pre-Baptism Team

Date: 2nd Monday of the Month

Time: 7-8:30 pm

Call: Parish office for registration

### Walk with Christ

Outdoors: Stations of the Cross

Date: 1st Wednesday of the Month

Time: After 5:15 pm Mass

Contact: Hanan Tanios, **310-377-5571**

## Stewardship Reflection

*“Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.” Mark 13:33*

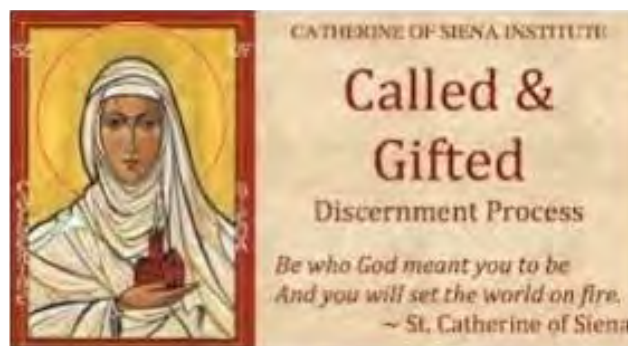
We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

## “Be Watchful! Be Alert”

We begin each liturgical year with a passage near the end of one of the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus, shortly before his passion, death, and resurrection, speaks to his closest friends regarding the moment of his return. Each gospel offers Jesus giving subtly different instructions. In Matthew, Jesus urges his followers to “stay awake,” in Luke they are to “be vigilant,” and in our gospel for today (Mark) we are told three times to “watch”. As we enter into this Advent season of preparation and waiting, we might consider how to incorporate the spiritual practice of watching into our lives. In this moment in time, how can we attune our eyes to Jesus’s presence in our world and to his eventual return in glory?

## Called & Gifted

The Called & Gifted Discernment Process helps Catholics discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God’s goodness for people. For online resources to assist you with discovering charisms, visit the Catherine of Siena Institute at [www.siena.org](http://www.siena.org). For more information about future Called & Gifted small group discernment opportunities at St. John Fisher, or general information about the process, call **323-386-2333**.





# St. John Fisher's December Food Pantry

The December collection has been modified to accommodate the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Instead of passing out

brown bags to fill with canned goods, we are requesting that you please consider sending in a monetary donation on December 5-6 in support of the Food Pantry. Funds received will go to support the three local food pantries that are busy serving the needs of the poor: St. Peter and Paul Poverty Program in Wilmington, The Sisters of Charity in Rolling Hills and Harbor Interfaith. Thank you for your contribution and support of this outreach ministry to those in need among us.

