

St. Eleanor Parish

Here is the **list of projects that our ministry runs** based on the school year:

- September – School Supply Collection (We have run this sporadically....depending on the year) – Items are donated to Daily Bread Community Food Pantry in Collegeville.
- October – Operation: Help the Homeless – A Collection of Travel-sized Toiletries – Items are donated to the. Norristown Hospitality Center
- November – St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive – we partner with GreenDrop...Although this is called a clothing drive, we collect household items too. We do a drive-through system on a Saturday and Sunday...teens take items out of the cars...load the truck. We also collect shoes for In Ian's' Boots.
- December – Giving Tree – The Giving Tree at St. Eleanor is run by our St. Vincent DePaul Society, but on distribution day, our teens help out.
- January – Hearts for Life – This is run in partnership with our Respect Life Group. The teens make posters with paper hearts...each heart has a baby item listed, parishioners take a heart and then bring the item back the following week. The items are divided and delivered to Moms House in Phoenixville, A Baby's Breath in Collegeville, and Birthright in Pottstown.
- February – Food Drive – We run this a little bit differently than most. We get 1000 brown paper bags from Giant and the teens staple a bright orange flyer to the bags. The teens stand at the exits of the church after all Masses and hand out the bags one week. The next week we have a drive through to drop off of the donations. From there the teens check all of the items for expiration (people donate a lot of expired food), and then sort the food into 30+ categories. The food is donated to the St. Eleanor Food Pantry, The St. Mary's Schwenksville Food Pantry, the Daily Bread Food Pantry, and Project Outreach in Royersford.
- March – Rise Against Hunger – this is an international meal packing program. The parish raises money, gets volunteers and thousands of meals are packed and sent to a developing country. We have not done this in 2 years due to COVID...hopefully it will come back in 2022.
- April – Bins with Lids for Hospitalized Kids – a collection of small toys, games, and art supplies for the patients on the pediatrics floor of Bryn Mawr Hospital.
- May – Birthday Bundles – a collection of cake mix, frosting, candles, and birthday supplies. Items are donated to the local food pantries.
- June – This year we are doing a second Clothing Drive. Same details as November.
- August – This year we are doing a second Food Drive too. Food pantries are hurting for donations in the summer....kids are home eating more creating a higher demand. Same details as February.