



“SPREAD THE JOY” OF THE RISEN LORD 2018

Become part of Saint Peter’s plan to “Spread the Joy” of the Risen Lord this Easter season. For most of the year, our parish focuses on assisting needy individuals directly. Our Easter season program, “Spread the Joy,” helps organizations that provide for the needs of persons in Montgomery County, in neighboring communities, and beyond our borders.

Beginning on Easter Sunday, two large wooden crosses will be displayed in the colonnade aisles of Main Church. Each cross will be draped with a white piece of material representing the Resurrection. The crosses will be adorned with multi-colored butterfly tags. The tags are labeled with the name of the organization and the item needed. You can participate in this program by choosing a butterfly (or more than one), purchasing the specified item(s), attaching the tag(s) to the item(s), and returning the item(s) to the Main Church.

***** Please return all donations the weekend of April 14–15, 2018.**

Descriptions of the ministries we are serving are on reverse side of this page. We are helping the following organizations in 2018:

- ▶ Birthright of Montgomery County (pink butterflies)
- ▶ John S. Mulholland Foundation, serving inner-city poor (yellow butterflies)
- ▶ Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan House (purple butterflies)
- ▶ Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless: household (orange butterflies)
- ▶ Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless: kitchen (blue butterflies)
- ▶ Saint Paul Honduran Medical Clinic (green butterflies)

***For more information,
please contact the Office of Social Concerns at 301–774–0162.***

*“Amen, I say, to you, whatever you do for the least of my brothers,
you do for me.”*

—Matthew 25:40

DESCRIPTIONS OF THE 2018 “SPREAD THE JOY” PROGRAMS

Birthright of Montgomery County (pink butterflies)

Located directly across the street from Saint Peter’s Parish is Birthright of Montgomery County. The mission of Birthright is to reach out to individuals and families in our community who are in crisis pregnancies and, through counseling and education, encourage them to make decisions that embrace life. The counseling and assistance it provides is free-of-charge to their clients and all its counselors are well-trained. Birthright upholds the principle that every pregnant woman has the right to whatever emotional and material help is needed to bring her child to birth, including love and support in a non-judgmental setting.

John S. Mulholland Foundation (yellow butterflies)

The John S. Mulholland Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) founded to aid in feeding the working poor of Washington, D.C. The Foundation is completely staffed by volunteers, with no paid staff or directors, relying solely on the generosity of donors and supporters. It collects and delivers food donations to several food pantries in Catholic parishes in the District of Columbia. Monetary contributions are used to purchase and deliver fresh produce, milk and eggs, poultry, and meat to these pantries as well.

Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan House (purple butterflies)

The Little Sisters of the Poor have a facility in Northeast Washington where they care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service modeled by their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan. They operate 37 residential/boarder rooms, 40 nursing facility rooms, and 34 independent living units at their property opposite The Catholic University of America.

Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless (orange and blue butterflies)

Since 1990, MCCH has provided solutions to end homelessness in Montgomery County. It serves approximately 1,600 men, women, and children each year. MCCH provides four solutions to help ensure that homelessness is a rare, brief, and nonrecurring experience:

1. Emergency shelter.
2. Permanent supportive housing.
3. Advocating for systemic change.
4. Expanding the supply of affordable housing.

This year we are helping MCCH prepare a “whole move-in kit” for homeless singles or families who will be transitioning into permanent housing. Items requested will be from the kitchen wish list or the household supplies wish list.

Saint Paul Honduran Medical Mission (green butterflies)

Established as a response to the devastating mudslides caused by Hurricane Mitch in 1998, the Saint Paul Honduran Medical Mission serves the city of Il Rosario and its outlying areas. Initially begun as an emergency response center, it now focuses on preventive care. Saint Paul’s Catholic Church in Damascus runs two mission trips a year to the clinic and invites Saint Peter’s parishioners to participate, especially those with medical backgrounds.

