

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH—MORNING OF SERVICE—  
NOVEMBER 3, 2018**

**ON-SITE ACTIVITIES**

*“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matt. 19:13-14): [Albany Med NICU](#)*

**Activity: Memory books**

**Volunteers: 15/session, minimum age 15**

**About the site:** The Bernard & Millie Duker Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center is the only state-of-the-art facility that provides comprehensive care for children in northeastern New York and western New England. It is staffed by more than 110 physicians in 34 subspecialties of pediatric medicine. The unit has 125 beds and includes emergency services, Pediatric Intensive Care, Neonatal Intensive Care and a Perinatal Center for critically ill newborns and premature infants. The Massry Family Children’s Emergency Center opened this year.

See [https://www.amc.edu/Patient/services/childrens\\_hospital/pediatric\\_neonatology/index.cfm](https://www.amc.edu/Patient/services/childrens_hospital/pediatric_neonatology/index.cfm)

*Shelter the homeless: [Bethesda House](#)*

**Activity: No-sew fleece scarves**

**Volunteers: 15/session, no minimum age**

**About the site:** Bethesda House is an interfaith ministry to the homeless, disabled and economically disadvantaged citizens of Schenectady County, affirming the dignity and addressing the needs of each guest entering this “House of Mercy.” It serves the community as a Code Blue overnight shelter and offers guests a daily communal meal, showers and laundry services, mailboxes, clothing, household goods and support groups.

See <http://www.bethesdahouseschenectady.org/>

*Feed the hungry: [Booth Home, Salvation Army](#)*

**Activity: Food preparation**

**Volunteers: 8, no minimum age**

**About the site:** The Salvation Army strives to meet human needs in the name of Jesus without discrimination. The Evangeline Booth Miracle Home is a 21-bed shelter for women and their children in crisis. Rooms and meals are provided on a temporary basis, until those who are experiencing homelessness due to family crisis, abuse or financial difficulty can get back into a more permanent and secure housing situation.

See <http://empire.salvationarmy.org/empireny/schenectady>

***Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God: Christmas Cards for the Military***

**Activity:** Craft

**Volunteers:** 15/session, no minimum age

**About the site:** The cards will be delivered to the Stratton VA Hospital and will be sent to our Glenville contingent on duty in the South Pole.

***Feed the hungry: Habitat for Humanity***

**Activity:** Food preparation

**Volunteers:** 5, no minimum age

**About the site:** Established in 1993, Habitat for Humanity of Schenectady County is a non-profit organization affiliated with Habitat for Humanity International the mission of which is "seeking to put God's love into action." It works through the county to bring donors, volunteers, and qualified working families together to build safe, decent, affordable housing. These quality houses are sold to home buyers through no-profit loans. Home buyers complete 400 sweat-equity hours and other requirements, pay for their homes and all upkeep, and maintain current payments.

**See:** <http://schenectadyhabitat.org>

***Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy: Jack's Place***

**Activity:** Craft-Christmas decorations

**Volunteers:** 3, minimum age 12

**About the site:** Kate and Jack Falvo Jr. started the Jack Falvo III Foundation, in honor of their 21-year-old son who died in a personal watercraft accident in 2005. The goal of Jack's Place is to provide a "home" for the families of out of town patients of Ellis Medicine and Sunnyview Rehabilitation Hospital while their loved ones are rehabilitating. Eight families can be accommodated in Jack's Place which opened in June, 2017.

**See:** <http://www.jackfalvoiiiifoundation.com>

***“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matt. 19:13-14): Northern Rivers Early Childhood Learning Center***

**Activity: Fleece blankets**

**Volunteers: 15/session, no minimum age**

**About the site:** Early Head Start located at Parsons Early Learning Center is a federally funded program offering a home visiting component and a day care component. Staff guides parents to learn ways to help their children meet all milestones, including helping the family ensure the child is healthy, developmentally on target, and ready for the world. School readiness, including literacy, is a major component of the Early Head Start program. 128 children, between the ages of 6 months and 3 years old are in the program.

**See:** <https://www.neparentchild.org>

***“Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matt. 19:13-14): Ronald McDonald House***

**Activity: Welcome cards**

**Volunteers: 5/session, no minimum age**

**About the site:** Ronald McDonald House helps families to stay close to their child being cared for at the Children’s Hospital at Albany Med. In the House, families find a place to rest and refresh, a place that feels like home. Families from around the world are welcomed for varying lengths of time. Lodging, meals, computer access, laundry facilities, play spaces, and much more, are offered all in an environment where families can connect with others who understand what they’re going through.

**See:** <https://www.rmhcofalbany.org>

***Shelter the homeless: Salvation Army***

**Activity: Plarn from plastic bags**

**Volunteers 15/session, minimum age 12**

**About the site:** The Salvation Army strives to meet human needs in the name of Jesus without discrimination. Throughout the division, emergency, family, women’s and transitional housing as well as help with rent and utilities is offered. The Salvation Army Thrift stores fund drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs. The Salvation Army offers a variety of free, temporary shelters to people of all ages and last year, provided lodging for an average of 325 people a night in Upstate New York.

**See** <http://empire.salvationarmy.org/empireny/schenectady>

*All things of creation are children of the Father and thus brothers of man. ... God wants us to help animals, if they need help. Every creature in distress has the same right to be protected. (St. Francis of Assisi): [Saratoga County Animal Shelter](#)*

**Activity:** Pet toys

**Volunteers** 15/session, no minimum age

**About the site:** The mission of the shelter is "To protect and promote public safety and animal care through sheltering, pet adoption, education, and supporting law enforcement creating a more desirable community for the citizens and animals of Saratoga County." It offers various services to the public, including animal redemption, owner surrender, and free rabies clinics.

**See:** <http://saratogacountyny.gov/shelter/>