



Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Human Concerns Commission

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## Hospitality - Making Room for Christ

“It is no use to say that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late. Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. But now it is with the voice of our contemporaries that he speaks, with the eyes of store clerks, factory workers and children that he gazes; with the hands of office workers, slum dwellers and suburban housewives that he gives. It is with the feet of soldiers and tramps that he walks, and with the heart of anyone in need that he longs for shelter. And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving it to Christ.”  
Dorothy Day, “Room for Christ”, *The Catholic Worker*, Dec 1945

As we enter these months of holiday festivity, may we remember the reason for all of the preparation - making room for Christ in our hearts. This essay from Dorothy Day, reminds us on how we are called to do so - by responding to the needs presented to us by our neighbors. Thanks to the Italian Community Center’s Men’s Service Club for responding so generously by providing and serving the 15th annual Open Door Café Thanksgiving Feast today (Nov 12) - all are welcome to join us from 11:30 AM - 1 PM in the Atrium.

### Introducing, Martin Ngo - Hospitality Minister



Speaking of hospitality, we are grateful to introduce Martin Ngo, a Capuchin Postulant from Toronto, serving with us on Sunday mornings this year through May. Martin receives visitors to the Atrium with a smile and a friendly greeting on Sunday morning - ensuring that all who wish to stop in out of the cold this winter have someone to welcome them and that all who wish to gather for coffee and conversation before or after Sunday Mass have a warm, friendly experience. Hopefully, you have met Martin already, but if not, look for him in the weeks to come.

## Christmas Shopping Made Easy



Buy Cathedral Squared Enterprises gifts for those on your Christmas Lists! C<sup>2</sup>E will be selling bags, baskets, mats and household goods at the following events this season:

- **Pancakes on Parade:** November 18, 8 AM - 11 AM in the Atrium
- **Holiday Bazaar at Spirit of Peace Church** (5505 W Lloyd): Dec 3, 12 - 4 PM
- **Cathedral Christmas Market:** Dec 10, 10 AM - 5 PM in the Atrium (including an array of other local, handmade vendors selling wares - this will be an event not to be missed!)

There's still time to get your special edition Open Door Café anniversary t-shirt by donating \$15 or more to the Open Door Café! Contact [Shellyroder@stjohncathedral.org](mailto:Shellyroder@stjohncathedral.org) to reserve your size (available in Small - XXXL).

They are very comfortable and make great stocking stuffers!



**Or - give to a friend you haven't met yet:**

By **donating** to the St. Vincent de Paul/Open Door Café Annual Ippolite Family Christmas Party (Monday, December 11 from 4 - 7 PM). See the list of new items we need for giving to guests in our Gift Shop in upcoming bulletins or on the [Cathedral website](#) - or use our Amazon Wish List at <http://tinyurl.com/ODCwish17>.

Other ways to get involved this holiday season:

**East Side Senior Services:** In addition to regular opportunities to support seniors living in their homes which you can sign up for by calling 414-210-5881, you can support ESS at the holidays by wrapping presents at Boswell Books for tips. Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/essboswell2017>

**Sign up for Service Sunday in the New Year** - January 14, February 11 and March 11 are the first three Sundays in 2018 when parishioners are encouraged to serve in the Open Door Café from 11 AM - 12:30 PM. Call Rachel in the parish office at 414-276-9814 x 308 to reserve your spot!