

Warriors

*Upcoming Service Projects
2018-2019*

Operation Gratitude Candy Drive

On Saturday November 3rd and Sunday November 4th, the weekend after Halloween we are collecting unopened unused Halloween candy as part of Operation Gratitude's [Halloween Candy GIVE-Back](#) event. Operation Gratitude collects candy for deployed troops and first responders. They distribute, pack and ship candy along with care packages.

For more information please visit <http://www.operationgratitude.com/>

This year we're also collecting dental floss and travel size toothpaste, as well as pens and mechanical pencils for Deployed Troops to write letters to their loved ones at home for the holidays.

Coats for All Souls

This year, the Bowery Mission is amplifying their Thanksgiving Meal Program by presenting the most vulnerable and needy in our community with care packages and coats in addition to their Thanksgiving Meals. The Warriors have decided to engage our Parish in a coat drive through the month of November to contribute to this ambitious endeavor.

The 2018 Advent Gift Drive & 2nd Annual Diaper Drive

Based on the success of last year's liaison with Siena House, the Warriors are excitedly preparing for this year's Advent Gift/Diaper Drive. The Warriors will place two live Advent Trees in the foyer of our church, decorating them with beautiful, handmade ornaments that they've painstakingly inscribed with each mother's name and baby's name and size. They will welcome our parishioners to take an ornament after mass and shop for a personalized gift for each resident of Siena House. They keep track of each gift with a detailed spreadsheet to ensure no resident goes without a gift.

Additionally, the Warriors work closely with Sister Mary Doris, who provides them with "an ongoing needs" list outlining the basic supplies for these vulnerable mothers and their babies. The Warriors create more ornaments labeled with each item requested. The generosity of our Parish is overwhelming. Finally, the children sort and package all of the gifted items and hand deliver them to Siena House, located in the Bronx. The trips up and down the many stairs into the shelter is well worth the effort, as they get a chance to meet the grateful residents of the Siena House.