

2020 Annual Loaves and Fishes Event
October 31, 2020



Although it is only September, it's not too early for the parishioners of Cohort 9 to begin thinking about our commitment to our annual Loaves and Fishes Event, which takes place every year in the fall. This year, our serving date is **Saturday, October 31st** and due to Covid-19, we cannot serve our traditional hot meatloaf meal. Instead of asking everyone to make a meatloaf, or brownies, or purchase cookies, or juice or milk, etc., we are asking for and relying on your financial support to fulfill our commitment to our friends in need in the Trenton area.

The Loaves and Fishes Committee had their preliminary meeting on August 3, 2020 and began to outline what avenues we plan to pursue in order to prepare for our next organizational meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020.

Basically, all meals are curbside service. We are still working out the details of what to serve – possibly something similar to last year's event – a hoagie, some sides and a drink. In addition, we have been asked to continue to provide a take home lunch – peanut butter and jelly sandwich with fruit or a fruit cup. Again we are still working out the details.

In addition, the Parishes are not responsible for supplying a host of volunteers. What is needed this year is financial support, so that the Committee members can begin to get the ball rolling and purchase what is needed for this event. The average number of people that are fed on the 3rd and 4th weekends of every month is 400, so we need to provide a minimum of 400 main meals and 400 take home lunches.

With the guidelines of COVID-19, we cannot provide an envelope marked "Loaves and Fishes," but rather, we are asking you to please consider putting a **personal envelope in the collection basket marked "Loaves and Fishes."** We will continue to accept donations through the week of October 25th. You can also stop by the rectory to drop off your donation.

At this time, there is a real need to feed the needy in the Trenton area and we are looking forward to keeping our tradition of assistance going strong as we do God's work within our Cohort.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.
Peter Brennan, Chairperson – Cohort 9

