



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st ~ 5:00-9:00P.M.
and
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd ~ 8:00A.M. - 2:00P.M.

Our parish Fundraising Committee is excited to announce this year's parish Christmas Bazaar, **"Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree"**, which will be held on Friday, December 1st (5:00-9:00p.m.) and Saturday, December 2nd (8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.) in the Parish Hall/Family Life Center.

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER



On Friday, December 1st, a delicious dinner will be served in the Parish Hall at 6:00p.m. and will be preceded by a festive Cocktail Hour from 5:00-6:00p.m. The dinner menu includes your choice of two dinner entrees – Chicken Marsala with mashed potatoes **OR** a Pork Chop with baked potato. Each meal will also include soup, a vegetable, beverages, and dessert. Cost for the dinner is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. A kids' meal of chicken nuggets and mac & cheese will also be available, and kids aged 12 and under eat for free. Dinner tickets can be purchased online by scanning the QR code on the left or can be purchased after Masses. Only 19 dinner tickets remain and tickets will not be sold at the door, so get yours while they last. Friday night's festivities will also feature live entertainment by The Warren Project (www.cocktailsat3.com), shopping with local vendors at the "Tinsels & Treasures" Marketplace and our Silent Auction. This year, a Live Auction will also take place beginning at 7:15p.m. featuring several exciting items (see the insert in today's bulletin for a preview). **Everyone can participate in the Live Auction, not just those attending the dinner.** And, if you can't attend the bazaar on Friday evening but would like to place a bid on one of the Live Auction items, sealed bids will be accepted. Simply write the item description and your name on a piece of paper, seal it inside an envelope marked, "Live Auction Bid: Attn: Tom Lough" and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass or drop it off at the parish office.

SATURDAY FESTIVITIES

Our Silent Auction will continue on Saturday as well as shopping with many local vendors at the "Tinsels & Treasures" Marketplace and our very own Parish Market. You can take "Selfies with Santa" when he and Mrs. Claus make a stop at the event. And, of course, delicious homemade food will be available throughout the day including breakfast sandwiches and hamburgers & hot dogs for lunch. You can also pre-order quarts of delicious homemade soup (Crab, Chicken Noodle & Italian Wedding) and pick them up at the event on Saturday (see the order form below). The Knights of Columbus will also be selling a variety of delicious fresh vegetables on Saturday.



VOLUNTEERS ~ WE NEED ELVES!

We need some helpful elves to assist with set-up, clean-up and a variety of other jobs related to this event. To sign-up to volunteer and/or to see what kinds of help are needed, visit this Flocknote link: <https://beparish.flocknote.com/signup/140363>. A Volunteer Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 29th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. If you have any questions about volunteering, contact Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 or upcycle1atatime@gmail.com.

Here are the job descriptions for the various jobs:

Waiters for Friday Night Dinner - We need 3 elves (adults OR youth ages 14+) to assist with waiting tables at the dinner on Friday evening from 4-9pm. Call Tom Lough at 443-996-3024 if you can assist with serving.

Decorating Helpers - We need some elves with "a good eye for decorating" to help us make our event come to life with festive decorations in the days leading up to the event.

Set-Up Helpers - We need some elves to help us put everything into place before the decorating begins. A few elves with hearty strength would be helpful to assist with moving tables & chairs.

Silent Auction Auditor - Help bazaar patrons sign-up for bid numbers. Check bid sheets periodically to see if new sheets are needed. Smile & be welcoming.

Parish Market Assistant - Assist in selling the items being offered at our Parish Market. Greet customers. Take payments. Make change. Smile & be welcoming.

Cookie Table Assistant - Assist in preparing boxes of assorted homemade cookies for bazaar patrons. Greet customers. Take payments. Make change. Smile and be welcoming.

Clean-Up Helpers - We need a few elves with some energy to help us pick up and put away what's left behind and to move all of the furnishings back into their proper places when the event is over. Again, a few elves with hearty strength would be appreciated!

DONATIONS IN SUPPORT OF EVENT

We are also seeking a variety of donations in support of this event. With your help, we can make this a fun fundraiser! Here's what we are looking for:

Silent Auction Donations:

- New items, gift certificates, theme baskets

(NOTE: Baskets & tissue paper are also helpful if you have some you don't need.)

Parish Market:

- Homemade items (jams & jellies, relishes & pickles, candy/fudge) or Handmade items - arts & crafts, wood items, paper crafts, bows for wreaths, etc...). ~ **OR** ~ If you're not the crafty type, consider donating any of the following new items to stock the Parish Market shelves:

Festive and/or fun coffee mugs/dish towels/fleece blankets/socks of any size, Christmas/Holiday liquid Hand Soaps, Scented Candles, Ornaments, etc...



Kid's Activities Donations:

- Christmas Tree cookie cutters - any style or shape (approx. 2"-3" inches in size no jumbo cutters ☺)
- 8-count boxes of crayons

You may place donations in the bins at the entrance of either church or drop them off at the parish office during office hours.

COOKIE DONATIONS

Help us offer visitors to the Cookie Booth a large array of cookie choices to fill the boxes that they purchase. Cookies of all shapes, sizes and flavors are welcome. Do you have a family favorite or specialty? Plan to make several dozen and donate them to the Cookie Booth. Donated cookies can be delivered to the parish office/parish hall on Thursday, November 30th or Friday, December 1st and can be packaged in large Ziploc bags or a plastic container/box.



SOUP ORDER FORM



Thinking about picking up some delicious, homemade soup "to go" at the Parish Bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd? Simply fill out the form below and place it, along with your payment, in an envelope marked "Soup Pre-Order" and drop it in the collection basket at any weekend Mass. You may also drop off or mail completed forms to the Parish Office (SB Church, PO Box 459, Ridgely MD 21660). **All orders must be received by Sunday, November 19th.** Pre-ordered soups will be available for pickup between 10am-2pm on Saturday, December 2nd at the kitchen window in the Parish Hall.

(NOTE: Quarts of soup will only be available for those who pre-order them.)

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HOMEMADE SOUPS ORDER FORM

PICKUP TIME: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 BETWEEN 10:00AM-2:00PM

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Chicken Noodle Soup (Quart)	\$ 10.00		
Italian Wedding Soup (Quart)	\$ 10.00		
Vegetable Crab Soup (Quart)	\$ 15.00		

(NOTE: Checks should be made payable to St. Benedict Church.)