



November 20, 2024

Dear Friends,

2024 has been a year of uncertainty in all areas of our lives. But it has also been a year of incredible love and support for those in need. At St. James' Episcopal Church our most important mission is to reach out to those in need. We try throughout the year to do that through St. Brigid's Food Pantry & Kitchen, St. James' Thrift Shop, and at this time of year, through our Giving Tree Toy Drive.

Each year we designate a charity to benefit from toys collected by members of our congregation. This year, we have elected to distribute toys to the children of our pantry clients. On average, we serve 100 children per month in our pantry families. Even a small toy or doll can brighten a child's Christmas which is why we are asking you to help support St. Brigid's Christmas Toy Drive.

Below is a list of suggested items. **All items must be new, factory sealed and unwrapped. Thank you for any support you might be able to provide. All items can be dropped off no later than December 15 at 300 Broadway, Long Branch, NJ 07740 for more information contact Alisha at the church office at 732-222-1411.**

List of suggested items:

Newborn - age 3

Musical/light-up toys
Stacking toys
Rattles/teething rings
Plastic electronic books
Little People Sets
Cause/effect toys
Baby dolls (for 2 and under)
Toy telephones/remote controls

Preschool ages 3-5

Board games, books
Playdoh kits
Little people sets
Baby dolls
Legos/Duplo

School Age 6-12

Legos
Action Figures
Barbie
Matchbox/Hot wheels

Teens ages 13+

Gift Cards
Video games
Books
Amazon Gift Cards
Arts & craft kits
Paint sets
Deck of cards and Uno

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity in helping "our" children feel the love. Wishing all of you a happy and very healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Nancy Francese

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