

Giving Back to our Community

Giving to Local Hospitals

All medical facilities in our local area need help, either through monetary donations or donations of supplies. Here are links to provide donations, monetary or supplies, to local hospitals:

- **Adventist Health Care:** [Financial donations](#) / [supplies](#)
- **Holy Cross:** [Financial donations](#) / [supplies](#)
- **Johns Hopkins Medicine/Suburban Hospital:** [Financial donations](#) / [supplies](#)
Suburban Hospital is also collecting donations for non-medical-grade masks, and even includes instructions for how to make them. [Click here for complete information](#). If one of the blessings God gave you is sewing, please consider this opportunity for helping. You can drop off the finished products at the McKinley Street delivery entrance.
- **Montgomery General Hospital:** [Financial donations](#) / [supplies](#) (all kinds of donations – including a way to [share a message of gratitude with health care workers](#))
- **NIH, a public institution,** during COVID-19 is asking for support by [donating blood](#). The website indicates current shortages for O-, O+ and A- blood types. All donations are by appointment in order to keep personnel and those donating safe.
- **Donating Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):** Of course, as you hear on the news every day, the supply of PPE is quite limited now, but the need will not go away any time soon. Even if items are not available now, you may get lucky by checking websites frequently and may be able to place an order (or pre-order) as the company allows. These seem to be the most requested items on the medical websites:
 - Unopened containers of hand sanitizer
 - Unopened containers of bleach wipes
 - Unopened boxes of procedure masks
 - Unopened boxes of N95 masks
 - Unopened boxes of exam gloves
 - Unopened boxes of isolation or procedure gowns

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Addressing Hunger in the County

- [Manna Food Center](#)
 - **Food Donations** – Please leave food donations on the bench under the church portico (the covered circular drive on your left as you approach the church back parking lot) before 11:00 a.m. Fridays. Please protect your donations from wind and rain with plastic bags. Parish volunteers will take them to Manna.
 - **Monetary Donations:** [donate to Manna online here.](#)
- [BethesdaCares](#)
- [NourishNow](#)

Face Mask Ministry at St. James'

Need a Cloth Face Mask? Know Someone Who Does? Kara Smigel has offered to make masks for anyone who needs one. Please send your request with quantity needed to office@stjamespotomac.org.

Diocesan COVID-19 Emergency Relief Appeal

The Diocese of Washington is suspending the annual Bishop's Appeal for the diocesan budget and replacing it with a [COVID-19 Emergency Relief Appeal](#). Anonymous donors have contributed \$80,500 to establish the fund and invite others to join them. Every dollar raised will go to congregational leaders to provide direct emergency assistance for their members in need and for those in their surrounding communities. [Donate online](#) or make a text gift to **50155** with the keyword **edowcovid19** in the message.