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The Sunday Table Ministries of Saints Peter & Paul

- ♦ *St. Paul's Table*
- ♦ *The Hospitality Table*
- ♦ *St. Joe on the Go*

St. Paul's Table is an extension of the food ministry of Saints Peter and Paul Parish. It helps to bridge the weekend gap when St. Peter's Kitchen is closed. Donated baked goods are gathered nearly every day from local supermarkets by volunteers coordinated by Tony DiGiovanni using their own transportation resources. Borrowing from the Italian tradition of the Saint Joseph's Table, this parish ministry reaches out to family and neighbors in a spirit of generosity and hospitality.

This ministry distributes packaged bread, pastry and donuts at the conclusion of Sunday Mass along the southeast perimeter inside the church. It begins with a prayer circle in the large gathering space near the vestibule. It links parishioner and guest as one congregation. The Eucharistic Communion flows naturally into a common union. Guests work alongside parishioners at the long table as the baked goods are then shared in a respectful and dignified manner. .

The Hospitality Table provides an opportunity for the congregation consisting of parishioner and guest to mingle together in an open and relaxed manner. It is a welcome contrast to the rushed departure from Sunday worship service that affects many churches. The Hospitality Table occupies the opposite side of the gathering space. It gives people an opportunity to have a light continental breakfast consisting of a beverage and a donut or cookies. The Hospitality Table enriches parish life by giving people a rare opportunity to socialize and share ideas. It promotes the face-to-face exchange of ideas regarding parish life. Parish goals and objectives can be explained informally, volunteers recruited and feedback gained. The social fabric of the parish is reinforced as parishioners get an opportunity to support each other and meet neighborhood guests.

St. Paul's Table and the Hospitality Table occur simultaneously. They require teams of workers to carry them out respectively. From beginning to end, at least a half hour of socializing and sharing takes place. Both Tables serve an important leadership development role as new parishioners and guests take responsibility for sharing both bread and kind words. Family groups are especially welcome as host and guest.

St. Joe on the Go refers to the name of an informal outreach ministry made possible by the surplus of donated baked goods gathered by the volunteers coordinated by Saints Peter and Paul parish. At the completion of the St. Paul's Table bread distribution, surplus baked goods are gathered and then driven over to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality on South Avenue, hence the name "*St. Joe on the Go*". The donations are either used directly at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality for their guests or they are distributed further by the group *Food Not Bombs*.

The good stewardship of local supermarkets and the dedicated hard work of Saints Peter & Paul volunteers generate a bounty of donated baked goods which are shared. The parish's weekday ministry, St. Peter's Kitchen, is also a regular beneficiary. The Hospitality Table also sets aside a tray of donuts and cookies providing a hospitality opportunity for the congregation of Pastor Powell which shares our worship space Sunday afternoons.

Current Schedule:

MORNINGS only for each day; pickups **before 9:00 am** except Wegman's (Ridge & Culver) & Sundays.

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Gleaner:</u>	<u>Store:</u>	<u>Product Focus:</u>	<u>SSPP Destination:</u>
Mondays:	a) Vince Cimino	Wegmans (Brooks & Chili)	- primarily bread; sometimes store offers produce.	- St. Peter's Kitchen
	b) Tom Ganley	Big M (Hilton)	- baked goods	- St. Peter's Kitchen
Tuesday:	Tony DiGiovanni	Big M (Hilton)	- bakery first; produce next; then to mark-downs.	- St. Peter's Kitchen
	Tony DiGiovanni	Wegmans (Ridge & Culver)	- boxed items: back storeroom	- St. Peter's Kitchen
Wednesday: <i>(each needs access to church)</i>	a) Vince Cimino	Wegmans (Brooks & Chili)	- baked goods	- St. Peter's Kitchen and Church
	b) Tony DiGiovanni	Big M (Hilton)	- bakery; produce; mark-downs	- Kitchen (bread/prod.) & Church (pastries)
	c) Bob DiGiovanni	Wegmans (East & Winton)	- bakery carts (no produce)	- St. P Kitchen (bread) & Church (pastries)
Thursday:	Tony DiGiovanni	Big M (Hilton)	- bakery first; produce next; then to mark-downs.	- Church (<u>bread</u> /pastry) - St. P. K (donuts/prod.)
	Tony DiGiovanni	Wegmans (Ridge & Culver)	- boxed items: back storeroom	- Church
Friday:	a) Tony DiGiovanni	Big M (Hilton)	- bakery first; produce next; then to mark-downs.	- Church (<u>bread</u> /pastry) - St. P. K (donuts/prod. & possibly bread)
	b) Vince Cimino	Hostess Bakery outlet	-	- Church
Saturday:	a) Tony DiGiovanni	#1) Big M Hilton	- bakery & markdowns	- Church
		#2) Wegman's (Ridge-Culver)	- boxed items: back storeroom	- Church
	b) Bob DiGiovanni	Wegmans (East & Winton)	- bakery carts (no produce)	- Church
Sunday:	a) Tony DiGiovanni	#1) Big M Hilton	- <u>before 8:00am</u> bakery & markdowns	- Church
	b) Vince Cimino	Wegmans (Lyell)	- 10:00am pick-up	- Church

Noon: St. Joe on the Go (delivery of surplus items to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality; 420 South Ave.)
- usually done by Tony DiGiovanni.

Baked Goods and Produce Pick-ups: *the Gleaners Ministry of Saints Peter & Paul Church*

What is a gleaner? A gleaner is one who gathers wheat left behind by the reapers. The word refers to the process of collecting little by little or with patient effort. Contemporary usage often refers also to a person who gathers leftover food, produce or other usable items from farm fields, supermarkets and merchandise outlets for charitable purposes.

All of the parish outreach ministries of Saints Peter & Paul, including PriceLess Clothing, depend heavily on the dedicated volunteerism of gleaners to maintain their efforts.

Serving:

♦ *St. Peter's Kitchen:*

- weekday ministry of Saints Peter & Paul parish providing a hot and nutritious noontime meal.
- receives bread, rolls, bagels, pastries & cakes plus produce from stores.

♦ *St. Paul's Table:*

- Sunday distribution of donated baked goods following Sunday Mass.
- helps bridge weekend nutritional gap when St. Peter's Kitchen is closed.

♦ *The Hospitality Table:*

- a welcoming light continental breakfast of beverage and pastries open to all.
- channels the worship service into a communion of parishioner and guest thus forming our extended congregation.
- weekly opportunity to socialize, share ideas, explain parish goals and recruit volunteers.
- a large tray of pastries is set aside for the faith community that shares our worship space on Sunday afternoons.

♦ *Saint Joe on the Go:*

- surplus items taken to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality (hence the title) before Sunday noon.
- used on-site for food ministry or distributed at central location by the group *Food Not Bombs*.

Workforce as of January 12, 2003:

- **Active Gleaners:** Tony DiGiovanni, Bob DiGiovanni, Vince Cimino and Tom Ganley.

- NOTE: this workforce needs to be augmented immediately.

- These gleaners are not able to continue at current levels.
- a systems breakdown is likely to occur unless additional gleaners assist regularly over time.

- **Stores Involved at present:** Each requires a morning commitment near store's opening time:

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| 1) Big M in Hilton | 4) Wegmans (@ Brooks & Chili) |
| 2) Wegmans (@ Ridge & Culver) | 5) Wegman's (Lyell Avenue) |
| 3) Wegmans (@ East & Winton) | |

- **Outlet: Hostess Bakery** (@ East Henrietta Road near Marketplace)