

SHIP'S LOG

SHIP's - 35th Annual Holiday Meal Program 2025

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The Samaritan Homeless Interim Program (SHIP) will be hosting our annual Easter Holiday Meal for those in need of a meal in the Somerset County region. The meals are provided at no cost to our guests.

The Easter Holiday Meal is served at Immaculata High School, 240 Mountain Avenue, Somerville NJ 08876. Immaculate Conception Church has a long history of partnership with SHIP and has graciously served as our partner for the "Holiday Meals Program" since Christmas Day 2021.

The Meal is served starting at 12:00 PM on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

SHIP is seeking volunteers for the Easter Holiday Meal. Volunteers must call and register in advance. Those not calling and registering in advance may not be able to participate due to the large number of volunteers normally pre-registering. If you're interested in volunteering, please call 908-393-9545.



Editor: Himself

If you have any comments, suggestions, or contributions to this newsletter, please call SHIP, 908-393-9545.

- We have openings for Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.
- Donations of food and supplies are also welcome. What a great way for you or your church, synagogue, place of worship, company, organization, school, or club to help the less fortunate.

Who's Invited? Anyone in need of a meal in Somerset County is invited to join us for a delicious dinner and fellowship. Among those invited are the poor, hungry, lonely, homeless, the down and out and those suffering or recovering from diseases like alcoholism, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and others.

- Thanks to your generosity the meals are provided at no cost to our guests. God bless you all!!!

SHIP's HOLIDAY MEAL EASTER SUNDAY 2025

Volunteer time: 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM (Early Birds: 9:00 AM)
Serving time starts at 12:00 PM



Last seating time for guests is 1:00 PM

Please call SHIP and let us know what you intend to donate:
908-393-9545

- The Church of the Immaculate Conception, located on Mountain Avenue in Somerville has graciously served as our partner since December 25, 2021.
- SHIP's Holiday Meals are held on every Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & Easter Sunday.
- VOLUNTEER ARRIVAL TIME: 11:00AM and SERVING TIME: 12:00 PM
- Financial donations are needed and may be sent to:

SHIP
87 East High Street
Somerville, NJ 08876

- To donate food and/or supplies, or to register to volunteer call:
John at SHIP
908 393-9545

We are also looking for people to roast and carve a turkey(s) for SHIP'S Easter Meal. If interested, please call SHIP at 908-393-9545

	FOOD AND ITEMS NEEDED:
Frozen turkeys	10 lbs. butter
Spiral cut hams	Soda large bottles
Stove Top stuffing mix	Regular coffee
	Fresh fruit
Canned corn and peas	Pies, cakes
100 lbs. fresh white potatoes	Cookies
Canned sweet potatoes large	Cupcakes
2 2 lb. boxes of Brown sugar	Potato chips, pretzels
Instant mashed potatoes	Salad dressing
Canned Cranberry sauce	Paper Towels
Pickles,	Paper plates 6" & 9"
Black and green stuffed olives	Salad Bowels 6"
Any seasonal holiday foods—feel free to be creative!	

**These
people
don't
need
canned
food, they
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NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER FOR OUR EASTER SUNDAY 2025 HOLIDAY MEAL PLEASE CALL SHIP AT 908-393-9545 TO REGISTER

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE ADMIRAL

The cry of the poor and the working poor for assistance is increasing and the number of people coming to SHIP for food, meals, clothing, emergency housing and other emergency subsistence needs is on the rise. There are many other agencies providing services to those in need, but they are not able to give them a meal, clothing, or provide them with emergency housing. The phone rings constantly with people wanting to know if we will be providing a free lunch today or is SHIP's Galley, our soup kitchen open today. Others want to know if the Mobile Soup Kitchen is going out this evening to their town. It is heart wrenching to hear these requests of such basic needs as a meal.

For many, SHIP is a port of entry for exposure to community resources and referrals. For others who have been sanctioned or deemed ineligible for services by others, for them SHIP is their only Port of Refuge.

I want to thank each, and every one of you in the faith communities, organizations, schools, local businesses and the individuals that have enabled us to be here to answer some of the requests for help. I want to let you know that when we see the smile come on an adult's or child's face as we are helping them - that it is YOU who put it there. Without God's and your assistance, we would not be able to do what we do for so many.

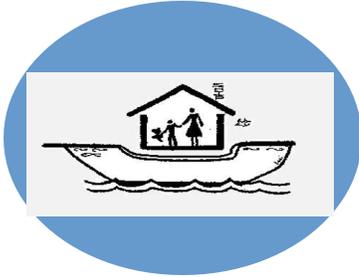
Please accept our heartfelt appreciation for all you do to assist the needy among us.

God Bless you all, Tom O'Leary for SHIP



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Somerville, NJ 08876
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At ship908.com

For more information on anything mentioned in this newsletter, please visit our website or call SHIP at 908-393-9545.

Our e-mail address:

safeharbor@shio908.com

SHIP'S WISH LIST

Please post a copy of our needs list in your organization's bulletin, as the overwhelming majority of our program's needs are provided through donations. For additional items and ways to donate, please visit our website at SHIP908.com.

PERSONAL ITEMS:

Deodorant, shampoo, hand soap
Shaving cream, razors
Toothpaste, toothbrushes
Combs, toilet tissue
Feminine hygiene products

GIFT CERTIFICATES:

Shop Rite, Skechers, Target, Wal- Mart

LINENS:

New Winter Blankets, towels

PAPER TOWELS

FOOD ITEMS: (pop-top cans & ready to use are best!)

Coffee and iced tea mix
Instant cup of soup, saltine crackers, granola/fruit bars
Peanut butter, jelly
Tuna, canned spam, deviled ham, Vienna sausages
Canned fruit
Canned macaroni in pop top cans (ravioli, spaghetti-o's)
Juice drinks, water
Microwaveable meals
Cereal

CLEANING SUPPLIES:

Pine Sol, liquid bleach, Lysol, liquid dish detergent, air fresheners, garbage bags, sandwich bags, paper towels, laundry detergent

Please drop by or call 908-393-9545 to donate.