

HOLIDAY(S) ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – OCEAN COUNTY

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST OCEAN COUNTY RESIDENTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

CHURCH OF EPIPHANY: (732) 458-0220 / 615 Thiele Road, Brick

A free Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner is served once per year, local delivery to elderly, disabled, or homebound.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: (732) 363-5322 / 200 Monmouth Ave, Lakewood

Struggling families can get help at the holidays. (Thanksgiving, free Christmas presents for single parent run homes, immigrants, & the elderly in Ocean County NJ, among others.

SALVATION ARMY: (732) 270-8393 / 1738 Route 37 East, Toms River

Several programs are offered (Adopt a Family/free toys for Christmas, Hearty Helpings/Thanksgiving meals, Angel Tree, & More Holiday programs. Check Out- **Salvation Army Ocean County Assistance Programs.**

ST. GREGORY'S PANTRY: (732) 892-8105 / 804 Bay Ave, Point Pleasant Beach

Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church at St. Mary's by the Sea. Assistance includes toy distribution as well as holiday meals. Referrals are needed from churches or Ocean County DSS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH TR: (732) 349-8155 / 129 Chestnut St, Toms River

Call for Holiday meal programs

SAINT FRANCIS COMMUNITY CENTER: (609) 494-8861 / 4700 Long Beach Blvd, Long Beach Twp

Partnering with groups such as the United Way, the Gift of Warmth program provides presents, such as shoes, bedding, to children under the age of 19.

ST. MARTHA CHURCH: (732) 295-3630 / 3800 Herbertsville Road, Point Pleasant

A box of free groceries for the Holidays, also small toys, blankets, clothes for the holidays.

LACEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: (609) 693-5222 / 203 Lacey Rd, Forked River

A Thanksgiving dinner with a turkey and toppings are served by staff.

OCEAN COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS: Northern / Southern Ocean County Offices

Application process depends on family living in northern/southern part of the county- kids from age 0 to 15

Southern Ocean County registrations is here. <https://atlanticnj.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx>

Low-income families who need Toys for Tots in the northern part of the county can apply here. <https://red-bank-nj.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=100&nPreviewInd=200&nRedirectInd=3>

WARETOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: (609) 693-3134 / 27 Bryant Avenue, Waretown

The charity, using volunteers, may have a free Thanksgiving food basket or voucher in Ocean County. Call either (609) 693-3134 or (732) 773-4914.

SAINT JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH: (732) 349-0018 / 685 Hooper Ave, Toms River

Members of the church can apply for the Giving Tree. There is help available at Christmas, toys for children, games, and a holiday party held too.

OCEAN INC: (732) 244-5333 / 40 Washington Street, Toms River

Supporting struggling families, veterans and others- free holiday food baskets. There may be gift cards, toys, books, free Christmas presents and holiday events as well.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL: (609) 597-9481 / 75 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin

Assist current students. Thanksgiving dinners are served, with all the toppings, to students and their families.

BUILDING ON THE ROCK COMMUNITY CHURCH: (732) 664-3527 / 89 Beckerville Rd, Manchester

Girls & boys can get free Christmas gifts, toys, and holiday items. Some meals may be served too.

Call (732) 664-3527 or (732) 657-7040

SIXTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH: (732) 363-1377 / 15 6th St, Lakewood

Call (732) 363-1377 or (908) 591-4496

PATHWAY OF LIFE MINISTRIES: (732) 901-7100 / 2119 Whitesville Road, Bldg 2, Toms River

Helps low income parents, the poor, immigrants and others get gifts or free Christmas toys.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL: (732) 244-3916 / 1674 Old Freehold Rd, Toms River

Christmas Toys / Newborn to Age 12yrs old.

OCEAN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY: (732) 240-5998 / 405 Washington St, Toms River

Free clothing closet, possible small toys (including at Christmas/birthdays). Or get winter coats, games, electronic and other stuff year round, including at the holidays

ISLAND HTS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: (732) 929-0444 / 111 Ocean Ave, Island Heights

Meals are served a few days on each holiday.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH: (732) 477-5533 / 135 Salmon St., Brick

OCEAN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: (732) 929-2044 / 120 Hooper Ave, Toms River

Free gift giving to Families that qualify. Must fill out Application

<https://laceypd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/Toy-Drive-Application-Form-2014.pdf>