

Cost

Fees for volunteer groups are \$250.00 per person, per week. The fees are used to pay for materials for work projects, lodging, and related expenses. A tentative commitment is needed by mid-April (\$25.00 per person non-refundable registration fee is deposited toward the total amount due). St. Joseph donations, fundraising activities, and, if necessary, participants support this participation fee expense.

Gas money is needed for the trip & also for driving to and from work sites, errands and for some events while in Clintwood (drivers and/or parish donations). Food expenses of \$50.00 per person for week is also required (provided by fundraisers and/or participants).

All participants are asked to take part in activities to help raise funds toward the program's expenses. Non-members of St. Joseph Church are asked to pay or raise the entire fee. Individual and/or business sponsorships are also encouraged.

St. Joseph's Housing Repair Program

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
P.O. Box 1250
Clintwood, VA 24228

St. Joseph's Church is located on Main Street in Clintwood, Virginia, the county seat of Dickenson County (in the western tip of Virginia).

This community and its people have been greatly impacted by the coal, gas and timber industries, and absentee ownership. Despite the poverty, and land and water devastation, we are determined to assume control of our destiny.

St. Joseph's is one of several churches in the area that has formed a ministerial association to meet some of the needs of local residents. Our housing program offers low-income people home repairs and engages the community in discussions around housing related issues and actions.

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St. Joseph's APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE

Offering Home Repairs to the Low-income People of Appalachia

ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSING REPAIR PROGRAM
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Insurance & Emergency Info.

St. Joseph's requires that each participant submit an Agreement & Permission Form and Emergency Medical Form noting allergies, medications, etc., (for emergency medical treatment should that become necessary) no later than May 15th. The parish does not have insurance for volunteers. (bring medical cards for emergency purposes). First aid kits for each small work group are a good idea, as well.

HOW TO GET THERE

- ~ Clintwood is southeast of Pound, VA located in the western tip of Virginia (400 mi. trip from Mantua)
- ~ I-77S to Charlestown, WV to 64. Then I 19 to Pikesville, KY to 23S to Pound, VA to 83E to Clintwood
- ~ Look for St. Joseph Church & the Dorothy Baker House on Main St. (parking behind house & church, off side street of Fox Town Rd.)

St. Joseph's Appalachian Experience

Mantua's St. Joseph Parish takes part in St. Joseph's Housing Repair Program, a mission experience coordinated by Sister Jean Korkisch, CSC, based at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Clintwood, Virginia. With her volunteer staff she lines up projects suited to the make-up and skills of each work group. Participants will be doing household repairs at owner occupied homes of low-income residents of southwestern Virginia. Volunteers should be prepared to do some hard work, meet new people, and learn new things. Cultural events, local site-seeing & discussions around Appalachian issues are also a part of the experience. Members of the Parish Community of St. Joseph in Mantua, Ohio, have been participating in this outreach effort since 1998 and named their group "Appalachian Experience".

What To Expect

Participants will be staying in The Dorothy Baker House next to St. Joseph's Church in Clintwood. All participants are expected to work the 5 full week days during the group's week. Groups work together to prepare their own meals & share general housekeeping duties in this dormitory-style, refurbished home. Sleeping 20+ people, the house has a fully equipped kitchen, comfortable dining & living rooms, ac, phone, VCR/DVD player, and full bathroom with two showers, 2nd bathroom with shower; plus use of two church bathrooms with showers (for adult volunteers) & hall next door.



Volunteers will conduct themselves in a proper, respectful & courteous manner at all times taking an active role in all aspects of the program. They will not be judgmental about families, homes, personal choices or lifestyles of the people whose homes they work on. Participants should not make any promises to families that they might not be able to keep. Opportunities will be provided in the evenings to express cares, concerns, questions and comments. Use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and weapons are strictly prohibited & will not be tolerated. Smoking is not permitted by students (adults are not permitted to smoke in house). Use discretion regarding clothing (modest shorts and tops acceptable; shoes must be worn on job sites). Foul or rude language will not be tolerated.

Helping low-income residents maintain decent housing for their families, we will be doing several housing repair jobs both inside and out. If you have ever pounded a nail, sawed wood, laid tile, painted, hung wallpaper, or performed ordinary repairs & maintenance on your own home, you can handle the work. You won't be asked to do anything beyond your strength or skill level. Safety is our primary concern. It is suggested that youth groups have at least one adult for every five youth & students be of high school age.

Plan to participate in several local events while in Clintwood. Groups attend 5:00 p.m. Mass Saturday at St. Joseph's (Sunday Mass available in other towns). Recreational options for Sunday and some evenings include Breaks Interstate Park, Ralph Stanley Museum, swimming pool, library & walking track. St. Joseph Parish hosts a picnic & social one evening along with entertainment from local folk singers/storytellers. Speakers during the week may include someone from the coal mining industry, chip mill operations & community-minded organizations.



"Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16

What To Bring



- One Small Suitcase or Bag (please pack light to save space in vehicles)
- Work clothing (old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, painted, stained, etc.); 1-2 outfits can be worn throughout week; some jobs may require long pants & sleeves.
- Sturdy, comfortable shoes (i.e. work boots or tennis shoes; no sandals on work sites).
- Casual clothing & shoes for non-work times—3-4 outfits are plenty (includes outfit for Mass).
- Jacket, rain gear (unexpected rain normal).
- Sun protection (sunscreen, hat).
- Personal medications, emergency info., insurance card, watch, phone card and/or cell phone (limited service areas) & other personal needs.
- Top sheet, lightweight blanket or throw & pillow, if you wish (bunks have fitted sheet & pillow).
- Towel, washcloth, soap & other toiletry items
- Swimsuit, beach towel, etc.
- Camera, MP3 player, musical instruments, sports equipment, cards & other games, etc.
- Pictures of yourself, family, community to share
- Spending money (meals while traveling, snacks, souvenirs, event admissions, Laundromat, etc.).
- Work gloves, goggles, dusk masks, rags, and any tools you might be able to use (program has a large variety of tools and some supplies).
- You are responsible for your own things (DO NOT bring valuables). You are expected to show consideration for the group, our hosts & the people we will be serving.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN CLINTWOOD . . .

- ❖ Supermarket, Dollar Stores & Post Office in walking distance
- ❖ Laundromat, several fast food restaurants & gas stations
- ❖ Hospital & med-center facilities