

Service-Learning at Saint Joseph's University

**Faith, Food and Friends- Old St. Joseph's Church**

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<b>Transportation</b>	Approximate Travel Time by Car: 30 Minutes
<b>Service Times</b>	Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00am-1:00pm
<b>Placement Availability</b>	3 Students on Tuesday and 2 students on Thursday
<b>Clearances Required</b>	No Clearances Required

**Description of Agency:** Food Faith & Friends (FF&F) is an outreach ministry conducted by Old St. Joseph's Church (OSJ). FF&F serves freshly prepared meals to a maximum of 70 men three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday). Demographics include homeless, shelter residents, poor, and aged. They are admitted to Barbelin Hall, located in the basement of the church, at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. The meal, which is prepared in the Barbelin kitchen by teams of volunteers, is served at noon. The program runs throughout the year except for the month of August and several holidays.

Faith Food and Friends purposely limits the number of guests to foster fellowship and community. Upon entering, the men help themselves to coffee or tea, sit at round tables (7 or 8 seats per table), and are encouraged to socialize with one another. The meal is always served restaurant style. The men do bus their own tables and take care of the clean up after the meal.

FF&F also serves as a mail drop so guests can use the address to receive mail. On Saturdays, a nurse takes blood pressure readings and a social worker helps the men with casework questions. A spiritual program is held on Saturdays and a few times a month there are other programs after the meal – Penn Medicine hosts a monthly program on health, discussion groups are held, and movies are shown if the weather is nasty. Donated toiletry items such as soap, razors, lotion and new socks are distributed and greatly appreciated by the guys.

**Role of Student:**

Service-Learning students will be helping serve the meals, and then will share in conversation with the men eating lunch at Food, Faith and Friends.

**Orientation / Requirements:**

An orientation will be provided the first week of service.

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