

*“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common...”
(Acts 4:32)*

Mary's Kitchen

It is with great joy that Resurrection Parish now has the facilities to offer a social setting for funerals, weddings, charitable events, and other venues when food and drink would be served. With the remodeled kitchen AND a social hall we can meet many of these needs and also support the parish financially outside of liturgy. Our kitchen/social hall is just one way we will be able to do so.

It is our desire that the kitchen truly become a whole parish facility for use for and by all parishioners of Resurrection University Parish and others. Others, being outside groups who may contract with us for certain small events. Plans are being made for future* renovation of the existing room as well to include new carpeting, tables, chairs, and even linens.

We will have a “Kitchen Coordinator” as either a part-time paid position or a volunteer ministry. This person will provide all users with a systematic walk-through of the kitchen with our own requirements. Her/his remuneration will be a part of fees paid for events. Fees are necessary since utilities such as heat, electricity, gas, and cleaning are paid by the parish and requires reimbursement.

All who use the kitchen will be expected to follow the same procedures whether a one-time or a regular user. All items stored and kept in the kitchen will be subject to approval by the coordinator. Food storage areas and food preparation policies will become norms. Since many will be sharing this kitchen, no one group will be permitted to store more items than can be used on a certain day/event especially in terms of refrigeration and freezer space. An empty refrigerator and standing freezer, and ½ of the deep-freezer must be available at ALL times for those who will be reserving and using the kitchen. Each group will be permitted to bring in food including frozen and perishables and store it overnight for their event the following day. This policy will be strictly enforced and verified by a signed contract. While we do not have certification as a commercial kitchen, we will expect nothing but the best in cleaning so not to risk any food-borne illness due to unsafe

preparation methods. For example, we will no longer use wooden cutting boards which can breed bacteria and we will not store unused foods. Left-overs will be expected to be removed after each event by the user. We will not re-use plastic food containers that were originally sold with other items inside i.e., cottage cheese, sour cream, potato salad etc....which could breed bacteria. We will ask that plastics be recycled by the user. As stewards of the earth and answering Pope Francis' call to care for our shared environment we will move to all washable plates, cups, glasses, serving platters and silverware that can be washed in a high-speed, low chemical, high temp dishwasher. Storing of home appliances, glassware, home serving trays and items will not be permitted unless approved by the coordinator so to be included in the shared inventory. A cupboard for our Campus Ministry and Funeral Luncheons will be provided for storage. For daily employees there will be accommodations for food storage for meals taken at work in one of the refrigerators.

A thorough post-use cleaning and weekly inspection will continue to be the norm. For outside groups, deposits will be collected and upon inspection will be returned to the user.

We feel we have done the best to thoughtfully place items and utensils in the best possible places based on planned multiple users. We ask that all users return items to the places labeled

We will continue to provide a facility for charitable offerings especially to students, families and the needy that we have served on a weekly basis known as the "**chunch**" This is a vital form of community outreach that flows from our call as Catholic disciples to serve others as we would serve Christ. This ministry will serve as a model for other ministries where food and drink will be offered including post weekend mass fellowship. Working together and sharing both resources of time, talent and treasure allow us to evangelize and invite others via a most basic form of fellowship. Bon Appetit!

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*as budgets will allow-donations may help this to happen