

Dear Redeemer Parishioner,

The Redeemer Christmas Village is coming!! Our largest fundraiser for community organizations that assist those in need will take place on November 17th and 18th! Admission to the Village is free, but if you want to enjoy our deliciously catered indoor food stations at the parish-wide premiere party on Friday, November 17th, you will need to buy a dinner ticket. Doing so is easy – follow this link:

https://redeemerchristmasvillage.asimobile.net/

You must register online if you would like to bid on our amazing silent auction items or purchase a dinner ticket. Please do so today!

Here are answers to some frequently asked questions:

What if it rains? The Village will take place RAIN OR SHINE. While the Friday evening meal will be served inside Burns Hall, the Village will generally take place outdoors in the courtyard - rain or shine!! Pray for a beautiful weekend! There is no rain date.

Will there be a sneak peak? On Sunday, November 12th, parishioners will be offered a "sneak peak" at some of the silent auction items as well as some of the Redeemer booth offerings immediately after the 9:30 am service in Burns Hall. Additionally, "auction fairies" (aka tech savvy teens and adults) will be on hand to help you register online throughout November leading up to (and at) the event.

Will there be a parishioner-only preview? The Village will be open to Redeemer parishioners only for a preview from 12-2 pm on Friday, November 17th. The ladies from the *Vintage* booth will be offering light bites and drinks to welcome shoppers.

Who is invited to the premiere party (the main fundraising event) on Friday, Nov 17th 6-9 pm? You and your friends! The Village will be open on November 17th from 6-9 pm to Redeemer parishioners, their invited guests, and close neighbors. Please forward the invitation to your friends and family so they can register themselves, or you can be generous and prepurchase their dinner ticket for them yourself.

Can kids come on Friday night? No. Friday evening is open to adults only. There will be many fun activities on Saturday for kids!

Does it cost money to come to the Village? No. Entrance to the Village is free.

Why do I need to register if entrance is free? While entrance to the Village is free, to eat, drink or bid on our wonderful silent auction items, you will need to register on the website:

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How much is a dinner ticket and what do I get? A dinner ticket is \$125 and must be purchased by noon on November 7th. A dinner ticket provides access to our European themed food stations and beverages – cocktails, mocktails, sodas, wine & beer. Please check

https://redeemerchristmasvillage.asimobile.net/ for the specific menu.

If I don't purchase a dinner ticket for Friday night, will there be food and drink available to purchase that night? Delicious home baked goods and other treats will be available to purchase that evening at the Tasty Treats tent. In addition, if you don't want to purchase a dinner ticket, you can purchase a drink tickets at the event. We do **not** anticipate dinner tickets will be available for purchase at the event on Friday night.

Registering on the site is confusing. Can someone help me? Yes! The website (https://redeemerchristmasvillage.asimobile.net/), which is secure, does require everyone to create an account with a password and a credit card. This is a new and different log-in from your Redeemer log-in, but you can certainly use your Redeemer information again so that it is easier for you to remember. There will be tech savvy people available to help you on Sundays starting in October as well as the evening of the event. Additionally, please contact Caroline Manogue (cbmanogue@gmail.com) or Kate Chojnacki (kate.chojnacki@gmail.com) if you would like help sooner.

I registered. Now what? Excellent! Thank you. If you purchased a dinner ticket, please go to the registration table when you arrive at the Village on Friday night. You will receive a wrist band that will provide access to dinner and drinks. If you only registered for the online silent auction, no need to pick anything up on Friday night. You can just bid online through the secure site until the auction closes at 8:45 PM.

What if the weather is bad? Can I get my money back if I bought a dinner ticket? Unfortunately, we cannot offer refunds. Dinner will be served inside so bad weather will not affect dining on November 17th. If the weather is really terrible, we will move the vendors inside the Parish House and make do.

Tell me more about the silent auction. How will it work? The silent auction will open on November 1st and will close on Friday, Nov 17th at 8:45 pm. Our silent auction will occur solely online through the Redeemer Christmas Village website. https://redeemerchristmasvillage.asimobile.net/

Photos and descriptions of our awesome items will become available by November 1st and online bidding will start at the same time. You can even bid from home and skip the Village all together (although we hope that you will come!!). You can send the auction link to your faraway friends and family who can bid from the comfort of their own homes. Some of the silent auction items will be available to see in person in Burns Hall (the "sneak peak") after services on Nov 12th as well on Friday, Nov 17th.

What is happening on Saturday, November 18th? The Village will be open to the public on Saturday, Nov 18th 10 am − 3 pm. No registration is necessary for this free outdoor family-friendly daytime event. Shop for a cause as you browse the Village's 12 tents that contain old favorites like Redeemer's own Vintage as well as highly curated group of outside vendors that have committed to giving a portion of their sales to Redeemer. Additionally, children are welcome, and there will be many fun activities geared just for them! Food and beverages will be available for purchase directly from the Redeemer Youth Group in support of their annual work trip.

How can I help? It would be most helpful if you registered on the website as soon as possible and purchased a dinner ticket if you are interested. Also, we need lots of help on the evening and day of the big event. If you are interested in signing up to help for an hour, please go to the Christmas Village Volunteer Sign-Up Genius (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4FA4A6283-

46004001-christmas and select one or more activities that appeal to you. Many hands make light work – and it will be fun!!

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to find additional information, purchase Friday evening dinner and to register for the Friday evening silent auction. Again, if you are interested in dinner on the 17th, please purchase your dinner ticket by November 7, 2023 to allow for proper planning (and to help us save money). If you have any questions or need help in registering, please contact Caroline Manogue 610-742-9072 or Kate Chojnacki 215-316-2382. We are very grateful for all the committee members who have been working diligently to make this event possible. We count on you all to make it a success.

See you in the Village!

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