

# St. Elizabeth's Advent Giving Tree 2018



Each year, St. Elizabeth's Advent Giving Tree helps local families in need celebrate the Christmas season. Major recipients of this year's Advent Tree will be the Headstart and Linkages to Learning children's programs, the parishes of St. Frances de Sales and Mount Calvary, and the community of Langley Park. These communities are so grateful for the continued generosity of St. Elizabeth's parishioners.

To participate, please take one (or more!) of the gift tags (paper ornaments) in the baskets on the table in the Commons. ***If you would like to buy gifts for more than 2 children, please consider taking a "Family" envelope from the "Advent Tree Family" basket so that you can purchase gifts for an entire family.*** In doing so, you can ensure that all children of a single family receive comparable gifts on Christmas morning so as to avoid any hurt feelings.

Thank you in advance for your continued participation and support of this heartfelt tradition.

## Gift Guidelines and Reminders:

- Please plan to spend between \$20 to \$25 dollars for each ornament that you select.
- Ornaments fall into the following categories, so please choose those that fit your shopping criteria:
  - Toddlers/Children (lists the age, gender, and name/wish list if available)
  - Teenagers (lists the age, gender, and name/wish list if available)
  - Gift Cards
- The gift should be wrapped unless "Unwrapped" is printed on the ornament; no used gifts please!
- **Gifts must be returned to the Commons no later than December 16th at 1pm** with the paper ornament fastened securely to the gift.
- Please return gift(s) at your earliest convenience. If gifts are returned after the deadline, we cannot guarantee they will be given to the person on the tag.
- If dropping off a gift card, please put in one of the marked boxes.
- **Gift Recommendations:**
  - Please try to follow the suggestions on the tag and consider gifts that are age appropriate.
  - We cannot provide clothing sizes for recipients unless the sizes are listed as part of the wish lists that are provided to us, so if you do buy clothing, please include a gift receipt.
  - For teenagers (age 14-16) please consider purchasing a gift card.***Popular gift cards ideas:*** Kohl's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Target, Sephora, Subway or other restaurant chains, AMC Movies, Barnes & Noble.

St. Elizabeth's generosity each year is truly a blessing, and we look forward to another year of helping those less fortunate. If you have any questions or would like to help with gift organization on December 16<sup>th</sup>, please contact Advent Tree co-chairs Susan Storz (301-938-2974; [ssorz@verizon.net](mailto:ssorz@verizon.net)) or Raquel Licamele (301-977-2522; [rlicamele@gmail.com](mailto:rlicamele@gmail.com)). **All adult gift sorting helpers MUST be Virtus Trained.**