

Bridges

Bridges is an organization in Summit, NJ, that feeds the poor on the streets of New York City, Newark, and Irvington. Bridges accomplishes this task with the help of other organizations that make sandwich-lunches, and who go on the runs to actually hand out the food – as well as other needed items.

At Corpus Christi, we participate in 4 – 6 runs each year. We take up a collections in September and February, in order to pay for the food. Then we gather a few hours before each run, to make sandwiches, and pack 300 “brown bags” filled with drink, fruit, a sandwich, and a treat. We pack it all up in cars, and travel first to the Bridges home site in Summit. We help them load the big yellow truck, and then caravan into the city on the schedule for that day or night. Friday nights, it is New York City. On Saturdays, it’s Newark, and on Sundays, it’s Irvington.

There are about 10 teens on each run, and several parents who drive and chaperone. These events are coordinated by high school juniors and seniors in the parish, and are overseen by both close working parent coordinators and Bridges.

All places provide an opportunity for teens to come face to face with the economically poor, to give them something small, and to share stories with them. This is possibly the most impactful service that we do, because we are eyeball to eyeball with those whom we would not otherwise meet or talk with.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Psomi at 973-507-8718, psomi@corpuschristi.org, or you may simply check the box on the Confirmation registration form.

