

**\*\*\*\*\*Social Action in St. Bridget Parish\*\*\*\*\***

***Our parish has had a Social Action Committee since 2008. Current members are:***

Louise Riley, Chair  
Cheryl Arnold

Margaret Bardot  
Mel Harmon

Susan Haxo  
Doug Landy

***Past and Present Activities in our parish include:***

- ❖ In response to concerns raised in the 2009 St. Bridget Parish Survey, the Committee has sponsored speakers from:
  - *Western CT Area Agency on Aging*
  - *Housatonic Youth Services Bureau*
  - *Women's Support Services and Susan B. Anthony Project*
  - *Reading to Seniors and Friendly Visitors*
- ❖ Religious Education students have made crafts and cards for Sharon Health Care Center residents for Christmas, Valentine's Day and Easter
- ❖ Many parishioners offer the gift of Treasure on an on-going basis by:
  - Bringing in weekly donations for the **Cornwall Food Bank**
  - Donating to the **Thanksgiving Baskets**
  - Fulfilling Needy Families' Wish Lists for the **Christmas Giving Tree**
  - Sponsoring a parishioner in the **2011 Penguin Plunge** for the **Special Olympics**

***Activities the Social Action Committee proposes for 2011:***

- ❖ Host a summer picnic for **LARC** (Litchfield Association for Retarded Citizens) clients; consider volunteering to assist LARC staff with recreational activities
- ❖ Make re-usable shopping bags to sell at the **Cornwall Agricultural Fair** in September to benefit **Cornwall Social Services**
- ❖ Hold a **Fair Trade Christmas Bazaar** to support **CRS Fair Trade** program
- ❖ Join **Habitat for Humanity** to help build a house in Falls Village

**Please support our 2011 Social Action initiatives by giving of your Time and Talent.  
To join our efforts, speak with a Committee member  
or call Louise Riley at 860-672-0222.**

**THANK YOU**