

# ***STITCHING ANGELS REPORT FOR 2017***

## Service

This year the Stitching Angels were involved in at least 13 projects and distributed approximately 1,600 handmade items. We are pleased to have an active membership of over 35 women from North American Martyrs Parish as well as various parishes and denominations throughout the area. These women are blessed with various talents; knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, counted cross stitch, etc. We also have several men who are a tremendous help when it comes to cutting fabric and performing odd jobs.

Items have been distributed to the following: Shady Side Cancer Center, Monroeville Wellness (Golden Living), The Little Sisters of the Poor, Catholic Charities-Project Warming Center, Passavant Hospital, St. Paul's Mission, Forbes Cancer Center, Catholic Charities-Women In Need, Concordia, Monroeville Food Bank, Arden Courts, Pitcairn Food Bank and NAM Santa Shop. Our largest project of 2017 was the Baby Shower for Catholic Charities which is held annually in August. This year the Angels made close to 600 handmade baby items with a projected value of over \$4,000. The parish was also involved and donated approximately \$1,700 worth of baby items for this worthwhile endeavor.

Baby Booties were given to the newly baptized and two dozen prayer shawls were given as part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Since the conception of the Stitching Angels in January of 2006, we have made and distributed 300 Prayer Shawls. Also during that twelve year period of time, we have distributed approximately 10,500 items to worthy causes.

## Rosary Ministry

Rosaries were given to the ill and homebound of our parish as well as distributed to local Nursing Homes. Four boxes of rosaries and religious pamphlets were sent to the Propagation of the Faith in Brooklyn, New York this year. In addition, the Angels work each year with the children of our school during Catholic Schools Week. The children are always very helpful in making rosary kits. Also, as part of our Rosary Ministry, 8 sets of crystal rosaries were given to the RCIA Candidates.

If you are interested in learning more about this group or are interested in becoming a member of this organization, please contact Mary Harrill at 412-372-3181 or at [meh227@aol.com](mailto:meh227@aol.com). You need not know how to knit, crochet, sew, etc. Many times we just need prayers!

