



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH FAMILY
175 Williams Road, Troy, New York 12180 (518) 283-6110
www.stmichael-troy.com facebook.com/StMichaelTroyNY

St Michael the Archangel Parish Social Justice Ministry Where to Donate Clothes, Household Items, Bottles and Cans

Dear Parishioners, the Social Justice Ministry compiled this list of local charities and organizations that accept donations of gently used clothing, household items, furniture, vehicles, redeemable bottles and cans and electronics. Below are general guidelines, and places where, and how to donate 'stuff'.

Golden Rule

Responsibly donating to charitable organizations that redistribute items, truly helps those in need and reduces the massive load of clothing, household goods, electronics and furniture waste to landfills. For clothing, furniture and household goods, **the golden rule of donating is simply this; if it isn't fit for you to wear or use, it is usually not fit for anyone else.** And donations of unusable clothing and household items cost charities time and money to sort and dispose of those items.

Clothing Bins

In general, be wary of unmarked supermarket-style used clothing bins, many of these donations are sold for profit to 3rd world countries, and a large portion of those donations also end up in landfills. When donating to a clothing bin, make sure that the bin is a recognizable charity or responsible for-profit organization, with a mission statement, verifiable address, and legal forms to document your donations. A good example is the **St Pauly's Textile shed located at the Hope Lutheran Church on Winter Street.** They accept **useable** clothing, shoes, sneakers, sheets, blankets, purses. All items must be enclosed in tied plastic bags and tax donation forms are available in a mailbox on the bin.

Cars, Vehicles, furniture and Electronics

- Donations of motorized vehicles are not expected to be in top usable condition, and places that accept motorized vehicles generally do not charge fees for donations.
- Donations of furniture are expected to be in usable condition, and organizations usually ask for a monetary donation from you to cover costs of pick up and delivery. The good news however, is that there is a huge demand for tables, chairs, twin and double beds, night tables and these are usually picked up and delivered to a family in need same day. There is very little demand for king size beds or sofa beds.
- Except for computers and laptops, recycling companies charge businesses and residences to dispose of electronics, including tv's, radios, power tools, power equipment, game consoles, power cords, batteries, lamps, light bulbs. Computers and Lap Tops are not charged as the companies reuse parts to rebuild and sell re-furbished



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH FAMILY
175 Williams Road, Troy, New York 12180 (518) 283-6110
www.stmichael-troy.com facebook.com/StMichaelTroyNY

computers. The good news is that the companies are responsible to dispose of all donations in accordance with all local, regional laws.

Wrapping up:

Thank you for your amazing generosity in supporting all these worthy charities. Donating **usable, good quality items** is a **best practice** helping others. Properly disposing of electronics is responsible care for our environment. Always touch base with the organization before dropping off donations, to ask what they are accepting, hours, etc. The complete list is below.

Here's the list:

Troy Area United Ministries, located at 393 2nd Street, Troy, NY, runs a furniture donation program and their website says they desperately need beds, tables and chairs, dressers. They bring a truck to pick up your donation. They may suggest a monetary donation to support the pickup. Call this number to contact the furniture program coordinator, at 518-274-5920 x204. The web site is www.TAUM.org.

Capital City Rescue Mission takes clothes including shoes, accessories, pocketbooks, etc. The drop off location is Arch Street in Albany, (off South Pearl St) right across from the Albany Police substation. They take furniture as needed and as they have room for it so you must call first and tell them what you have at 518-462-0459.

Doors of Hope is located in the 43 Mall West Sand lake, 518 674 4048 and they take clothing and household items. They publish needs and updates on a Facebook page; search on Facebook for Doors of Hope Sand Lake, or here is the direct link from any browser. <https://www.facebook.com/Doors-of-Hope-203159600130157>

Homeless and Travelers Aid Furniture program

HATAS partners with Catholic Charities in the Albany Diocese accepting donations of furniture for their clients as well as Catholic Charities clients. You can bring items directly to their warehouse in Albany, or for a fee, they bring a truck to pick up your donation. Details are on their website at <http://hatas.org/programs/capital-region-furniture-bank/> and their phone number is 518 463 2124.

Catholic Charities Albany Car and Vehicle Donations. They accept cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats and will tow at no cost to donors. Details are on their website. <https://ccrcda.careasy.org/HOME.html> The phone number is 844-405-4483.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH FAMILY
175 Williams Road, Troy, New York 12180 (518) 283-6110
www.stmichael-troy.com facebook.com/StMichaelTroyNY

Salvation Army, locally, there are two Salvation Army Thrift Stores and Donations Centers accepting clothes and household items. Call first to see what they accept

- 190 Schenectady Road Latham, NY 12210 518-785-4928
- 2145 Central Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12304 518-346-0205

Circles of Mercy, located at 11 Washington St, Rensselaer, NY, phone is 518 462 0899. They accept clothing for upcoming season only, on certain weekdays, so call ahead to make an appointment. <https://circlesofmercy.org/catherines-closet/>

Good Will Thrift Stores, accepts clothing , household items. There are two stores in our area:

- 720 Hoosick Rd. Troy NY 518 272 8451
- 2025 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 518 459 5580

Call for hours and other specifications. www.goodwill.org

Grass Roots Givers Community Store

522 Washington Ave Albany, NY 12203 <https://www.grassrootgivers.org/donate-goods>

Accepts donations of like new children's books, good condition clothing, like new kitchen items, dishes, utensils, pots and pans, linens, comforters, blankets, personal care items and non-perishable food. Donations are by appointment only, call 518 599 5157.

Dress For Success, located at 333 Sheridan Ave, Albany NY "embrace, empower, support, prepare and challenge women to be their best. They accept new and gently used (no older than 5 years) business clothing and accessories, suitable for a professional job interview. Call for hours, appointment information and donation process at 518.463.3175.

<https://albany.dressforsuccess.org/about-us/>

Tool Box, located at 143 Troy Schenectady Road, Watervliet, NY 12189 is part of the Colonie Senior Services program, and is 'one of a kind'. They accept donations of usable, no-longer needed tools and sell or donate these to Seniors. Staffed by volunteers and tool experts, who love working with hands, the organization provides tools and assistance to Seniors, helping them to stay in their homes. Call at 518-608-4758. <https://colonieseniors.org/tool-box/>

Mohawk Hudson Humane Society located at 3 Oakland Avenue, Menands, NY accepts donations of new or gently used flat sheets, towels, leashes, pet toys and blankets with no stuffing or batting. They also accept donations of new, unused pet food and treats, and bottles and cans with 6 cent redemption value. Donations can be left in collection bins outside the facility for contactless donating. Hours are generally between 10 and 4:30 weekdays. Phone number is 518 434 8128 <https://mohawkhumane.org/>



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH FAMILY
175 Williams Road, Troy, New York 12180 (518) 283-6110
www.stmichael-troy.com facebook.com/StMichaelTroyNY

Also, you can bring your redeemable bottles and cans to **St Michael's**, and place these in the recycle bin behind the white fence outside the kitchen. (Please don't leave these inside the building!) A parishioner brings these to the Humane Society.

6 Cent Redemption Center, located at 461 Main Ave Wynantskill, NY. Donate redeemable bottles, plastic and cans for cash. Often there are options to donate the proceeds to local charities or not for profit organizations, including the North Greenbush Library and St Jude's Knights of Columbus. Phone number is (518) 244-3819, hours 9am to 5pm Monday thru Saturday. <https://www.facebook.com/6Center/>

- NOTE there are two other 6 Cent Redemption centers locally:
 - 594 Columbia Tpke, East Greenbush, NY 518 694-6415
 - 550 South Street, Rensselaer, NY 518 650 6170

Habitat for Humanity <https://www.habitatcd.org/restore>

70 Fuller Road, Albany, NY and open Wednesday thru Saturday, 10:am to 4: pm. Accepts new or like new condition new and used building materials, furniture, appliances, lighting fixtures and other home goods. (518) 462-2993

e-Lot Recycling, located at 64 Hannay Lane, Glenmont NY is the only easily accessible electronics recycling service in the Capital Region. They accept all electronics, computers and laptops, mobile devices, batteries, lamps, game consoles power tools and equipment, and more. There is no fee for computers and laptops, as they do re-use parts and rebuild computers for re-sale. The fee for TV's is 50 cents per pound and the fee for all else is 15 cents per pound. They are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 3:30pm and no appointment is required. Bring items to the center where workers will unload your items to the warehouse.

Catholic Social Justice Principles

- Preferential Option for the Poor, that is, take care of each other, particularly those less fortunate than yourself
- Care for the Environment, be good responsible stewards of God's beautiful creation of our planet, protect and preserve for all future generations.