

St. Christopher's Coffee Hour Instructions

Peanut Free Policy: Please be advised that we are asking folks to provide a peanut-free menu for coffee hour and all Church sponsored events. We need to keep our parish hall and kitchen peanut-free, to the best of our abilities, as we have parishioners with severe allergies. To help with this, please be sure to read the foods labels, as many foods include peanuts though they may not appear to. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to call Katie Gibbs with any questions you may have in the Church office (610) 642-0225.

Adult Food:

Coffee cake, cookies, donuts, pound cake, cheese & crackers etc. Many hosts like to provide all or part of the food for coffee hour. However, the church does provide food and appreciates your hosting and cleaning up at the end of coffee hour. There are always treats in the freezer (right side of freezer) available for any coffee hour. When you arrive remove treats from the freezer and place on plates or platters, cut into bite size pieces when necessary. Anything that is frozen will thaw in time for the coffee hour. The plate/platters are on a shelf under the center island.

Children's Food:

Cookies, donuts, popcorn, pretzels, coffee cake etc. It is good to have a children's table as well as an adult table. Placing a little of everything on the children's table makes the children feel welcome and helps with the "distribution" of treats and people.

Half & Half and Lemon:

The coffee hour host provides the half & half and lemon (sliced for tea). One quart of half & half and a few lemons should be enough. Slice lemons for tea drinkers and fill several cream pitchers with half & half. The cream pitchers are in the white closet labeled "Coffee Hour" located at the end of the of the stainless steel counter to the right of the dishwasher.

Coffee, tea, juice, juice cups and napkins:

The church provides the coffee, tea, sugar, artificial sweetener and juice (for children's table). The tea, sugar, sweeteners, hot chocolate, baskets, cream pitchers, stirrers and small glass bowls are in the white "Coffee Hour" closet. Juice cartons/bottles are in the left side refrigerator at the far end of the kitchen (near the library/bathrooms). The napkins and cups are found in the coffee hour closet located in the hallway near the front reception office. Pitchers for juice and water are located on a shelf under the stainless steel counter to the left of the dishwasher. It is nice to offer a pitcher of water. If we are in need of any supplies, please mark it in the book that is in the coffee hour closet in the kitchen.

NOTE: COFFEE URNS WILL BE FILLED AND SET UP IN THE PARISH HALL BY THE SEXTONS ALONG WITH TRAYS OF COFFEE MUGS. THE HOST/HOSTESS NEEDS TO PLUG IN THE URNS TO BREW (see note about outlets located on the wall by receptacles so you don't blow a fuse) START COFFEE WHEN YOU ARRIVE SO THAT IT IS READY FOR COFFEE HOUR.

- Arrive by 9:15-9:30 AM to start the coffee. It takes approximately 1 hour to brew the coffee and heat the water for tea & hot chocolate.
- Place a plate under the spout of each urn for drip control.
- Set a pitcher of cream, basket of sugar/sweeteners and a cup of stirrers next to each urn.
- Set a basket of tea bags & hot chocolate packets at the end of the table.
- Place a small glass bowl for trash, empty packets & used stirrers at the end of the table.
- Partially fill some cups of juice for the children's table.
- Check that the coffee/water pots are brewing. Only one urn should be plugged into each outlet otherwise the fuse will blow.

Clean-Up:

- Unplug the coffee urns. The sextons will take care of emptying and cleaning up the urns.
- Place extra food and cream containers/Ziploc bags. Store in the refrigerator.
- Put extra tea, hot chocolate, sugar, stirrers and baskets back in "Coffee Hour" closet.
- Rinse the dishes and leave in dishwasher baskets. The sexton's will run the dishwasher on Monday.
- Wipe the table cloths & counters.
- Straighten up the chairs and tables.