

Maundy Thursday Agapé Meal Task List

Set-up

- Purchase plastic tumblers and tablecloths (from Party City).
- Purchase food and drink. (See list from 2007.)
- Verify quantities of napkins and candles.
- Set up tables and chairs:
 - 9 tables in “chevron” layout in each room,
 - Plus a pair of tables set end-to-end to form table No. 10
- Decorate tables with
 - Tablecloths
 - Candles (one per table) and matches
 - Roses and Greens in bud vases
 - Large cards giving the number of each table (1 through 10)
- Set place-setting: 8 per table individual table, 14 for each long (double) table
- Set up busing stations (Use a rolling cart with a tub on each level for dishes and a large plastic container half full of soapy water for silverware at one end of the top level of the cart.)
 - In the Parish Hall, just outside (and to the right of) the kitchen doors.
 - In the Nativity Hall, just outside and to the left of the door to the pantry.
- Turn on dishwasher no later than 4:00 p.m.

Food Prep and Serving

1:00 p.m. on Thursday

- Cut up fruit for 22 fruit plates:
 - Cantaloupe: cut in chunks
 - Watermelon: cut in chunks
 - Oranges: cut in slices
 - Wash strawberries: cut off stem
 - Pineapples: cut in chunks
 - Wash grapes: cut in small groups
 - Arrange on glass plates, cover with Saran wrap, put in fridge
 - There will be one fruit plate for each regular table and two for the long tables
- Cut up cheese for 22 fruit plates:
 - Swiss: cut slices in half
 - Marbled Jack: cut slices in half
 - Cheddar: cut in cubes
 - Pepper Jack: cut in cubes
 - Arrange on white dessert plates, cover with Saran wrap, put in fridge
 - There will be one cheese plate for each regular table and two for the long tables

- Butter pats in 22 small white bowls (14 pats per bowl)
- Flowers & greens: 2 roses and stem of filler per bud vase (22 bud vases, in all)

5:00 p.m. on Thursday

- Open wine and sparkling cider and place on tables (one of each on each regular table and two of each on the long tables)
- Bread:
 - Cut each loaf into three chunks and put in 22 napkin lined baskets (mixing types of bread in each basket)
 - Put baskets on the tables (one on each regular table and two on each of the long tables)
- Put fruit and cheese plates on tables

5:45 p.m. on Thursday

- Ladle soup into serving containers, add a ladle, and place on rolling carts

After the Rite of the “Breaking of the Bread” in the Agape Liturgy

- There is a final prayer said by all
- Then the host will announce dinner
- Then wheel the rolling carts containing the soup out into each room (Parish Hall and Nativity Hall) and distribute the soup among the tables (one on each regular table and two on each of the long tables)

Clean-up (Note: This usually occurs *during* the liturgy!)

- Follow directions for washing dishes posted in the kitchen
- Wash soup pots and soup serving containers, as well as plates, glasses, and flatware.
 - Put away plates, glasses, and flatware, and any other dishes that belong to St. Michael’s.
 - Place soup pots and soup serving containers that belong to parishioners on a table in the Gallery, so people can pick them up after the liturgy.
- Wipe off, remove, and fold tablecloths, and place them in the bins used to store plastic tablecloths
- Wipe off the counters in the kitchen and any surfaces in either the Parish Hall or Nativity Hall that were not covered with a tablecloth
- Leftovers: Cover plates with plastic wrap and place those requiring refrigeration in the refrigerator.
- Place all recyclables in the appropriate bins behind St. Michael’s House.
- Place all garbage in the large garbage bin behind St. Michael’s House.