

From the Asbury Park Press website:

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BRICK

Church of Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road, will provide Thanksgiving dinners at noon Thursday. Deliveries provided upon request. For more information, call 732-458-0220.

ISLAND HEIGHTS

Island Heights United Methodist Church is hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 6 p.m. on Thursday. Individuals, families, and local and out-of-state emergency responders are invited to attend one of three seatings: at noon, 2 p.m. or 4 p.m. Reservations are required. To make a reservation, call the church office at 732-929-0444 to request your preferred time. Island Heights United Methodist Church is located at 111 Ocean Ave.

JACKSON

The Jackson Italian American Club, located in Romeos Plaza, 10 South New Prospects Ave, will be hosting a free Thanksgiving Dinner for those needing a warm meal in a friendly atmosphere from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day.

LACEY

Lacey United Methodist Church, 203 Lacey Road in Forked River will serve Thanksgiving meals at 1 p.m. Thursday. Call 609-693-5222 the day before.

LAKEHURST

The Community Center, 203 Center St., will serve Thanksgiving meals noon to 2 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 908-278-4654.

LAKEWOOD

- Operation Jersey Strong, a nonprofit formed following superstorm Sandy to assist displaced residents, will host a Thanksgiving lunch for up to 150 people who lost homes from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at The Woodlake Country Club, 25 New Hampshire Ave, Lakewood. A gourmet traditional Thanksgiving meal and entertainment for children will be offered. Anyone wishing to attend should register by calling 732-228-8282.

- Macedonia Baptist Church, 143 John St., will provide Thanksgiving meals 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday. **Volunteers needed.** Deliveries provided upon request. For more information, call 732-363-9804.

LOWE'S STORES

As part of continuing efforts to support communities affected by Hurricane Sandy, Lowe's will provide more than 22,000 free grab-and-go, heat-and-serve Thanksgiving meals for residents of the communities hardest hit by the storm.

Lowe's will provide Boston Market family-style meals. Each meal includes fresh roasted turkey or ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet corn and rolls. The fully cooked dinners will be distributed at 35 Lowe's stores in New York and New Jersey on a first-come, first-served basis. Each store location will have approximately 500 meals to provide the local community.

WHEN: 11 a.m. Wednesday, 11 a.m. until supplies run out.

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MANALAPAN

Working in conjunction with the Samaritan Center of Manalapan, Hartigan's Grille will be providing Thanksgiving dinner for individuals and families in need of assistance in the Manalapan/Englishtown area. The event will take place Thursday. There will be two seatings, the first at 4:30 p.m. and the second at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will feature a home-cooked Thanksgiving menu using fresh ingredients. Make your reservation today by calling 732-851-7500

POINT PLEASANT BEACH

- "Not so traditional" meal on Wednesday night at the Point Pleasant Beach Elks Lodge, 820 Arnold Ave., at 5 p.m. All are welcome for a free meal provided by local restaurants, including Surf Taco, Spano's, Martell's Tiki Bar, 709, The Spot, and more.

- St. Gregory's at 820 Arnold Ave. will serve Thanksgiving meals at 1 p.m. For more information, call 732-892-8105.

St. Gregory's Pantry also announced that beginning Monday, the Pantry will resume its normal hours, Monday-to-Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, for the distribution of non-perishable food and household items.

TOMS RIVER

- Ocean County College will host a Thanksgiving dinner at 1 p.m. Thursday. Dinner prepared by Jason Russo, executive chef at Ramada Inn, Toms River. Reservations are required. make reservations by calling the Student Life Office (732) 255-0348. By making a reservation, you are committing your attendance to the dinner.

- The Toms River Elks Lodge 1875 will be offering free dinners on Thanksgiving Day at the lodge, located on the corners of Washington Street and Clifton Avenue. Dinners will be available to hurricane victims, emergency responders, senior citizen, people with disabilities and members of the community who would like to enjoy a friendly atmosphere with plenty of turkey and trimmings. The dinners will be served at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Anyone who would like to attend should call the lodge secretary, Eileen Coyne, at 732-341-2480, ext. 203 and leave their name, telephone number, number of people that will be attending and what time they would like to arrive. Tickets will be held on a "will call" at the Washington Street entrance to the lodge

- In light of the recent devastation and loss wreaked by Hurricane Sandy, The Regency Club, a memory care facility, is opening its doors to the senior citizens of Ocean County this Thanksgiving. The Regency Club's director of operations, Ben Pruzansky, has issued a public invitation to all seniors to join the Regency family, at no charge, for a special Thanksgiving Day feast at the center, located at The Orchards at Dover, 1311 Route 37 West. All guests will be treated to a delicious meal including turkey and all the trimmings in the beautiful setting of their main dining room. There will also be a special program with entertainment to complete the afternoon's enjoyment. For any additional information, please contact Dassy Schechter at 732-252-7884.

- The Salvation Army/Hearty Helpings, 1738 Route 37 West, will provide Thanksgiving meals at 5 p.m. sharp on **Wednesday**.

- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1500 Hooper Ave., will serve Thanksgiving meals noon to 4 p.m. Thursday. For more information, call 732-255-4455.

- St. Barbara's Greek Church of Toms River has organized a Thanksgiving meal for families, friends, workers and anyone else from 4 to 7 p.m. **today**. Tuesday, 11-20-12

- Jason Russo, executive chef at the Ramada Toms River, is organizing a Thanksgiving Dinner at Ocean County Community College, Toms River, for 1 p.m. Thursday. Turkey, green beans, salad, garlic mashed potatoes, sweet potato cobbler, and desserts are on the menu. Reservations are required, and may be made by calling the Student Life Office at 732-255-0348.

From the Point Pleasant Patch website:

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The following are places serving free, hot meals on Thanksgiving Day:

The Point Pleasant Elks is also hosting its annual "St. Gregory's Thanksgiving Dinner," from noon to 3. Volunteers are needed. Contact Ron Panuska for more information (732) 714-9966. St. Gregory's Pantry, 804 Bay Ave., Point Beach, needs volunteers

anytime from 10 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday (except on Thanksgiving when they are closed) to help sort food.

[Central United Methodist Church's](#) ministry, Matthew's Table, will offer a free Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the church, 729 Arnold Ave., Point Beach. If you would like to join them or have lunch delivered, please call (732) 892-3233 and let them know that you will be attending so that they have enough.

[The Shore House](#), Route 88, Point Borough, is serving free dinner from noon to 7 p.m.

[Perk's Cafe](#), 303 Ocean Ave., Point Beach, is serving a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Contact for seating: Aristotle 732-996-2798 or perkscafe@hotmail.com Sponsored by [Jenkinson's](#) and Perk's Cafe.

[St. Paul's United Methodist Church](#), 423 West Lake Ave., Bay Head, will serve brunch from 7 a.m. to noon on Thanksgiving, followed later by dinner at 3 p.m. (Please see attachment for details.)

[Church of the Epiphany](#) on Thiele Rd in Brick is serving at 12:30 p.m.

[The Brick PAL](#) is serving 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. buffet style.

[Ocean County College](#) is serving dinner at 1 p.m. Please see attachment for information about making reservations.

[Edgar's Pub, Sea Girt](#), dinner served at 4:30 pm. Call 732-449-4114 to reserve. The restaurant is hoping to serve out-of-state utility workers and families displaced or otherwise affected by Sandy

[Bar Anticipation](#), Lake Como, is offering a free buffet from 2 to 6 p.m.