

Holy Nativity Parish

is a

Styrofoam-free Zone!

In an attempt to be environmentally conscientious and do our part in helping to protect and preserve our planet, we are asking parishioners NOT to use Styrofoam products of any kind for church functions such as coffee hour, special dinners, picnics, et cetera.



The Styrofoam Story

The production, use, and disposal of Styrofoam products are severely harmful to humans and our fragile environment in a number of ways.

- ❖ The production of Styrofoam releases harmful toxins into the air.
- ❖ Styrofoam is 100 percent non-biodegradable. This means it sits in a landfill for all of eternity.
- ❖ Styrofoam breaks down into small pieces which scatter and often end up in the ocean and along the shoreline, where birds and other animals inadvertently feed on it.
- ❖ Styrofoam leaks certain chemicals into food products. These chemicals are stored in the body and can cause numerous health problems such as low platelet counts, hormone dysfunction, lymphatic disorders, and more.

Holy Nativity has a wonderful supply of china, glassware, silverware, and cloth napkins. It adds a nice, elegant, and homey touch to our wonderful church gatherings. We strongly encourage its use. In the event that paper products must be used, please choose a disposable product that is made from recyclable materials AND, if possible, those that can be recycled again.

For more information on ways in which you can be environmentally proactive, please connect with us at the monthly environmental support group meetings held the **fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall**. Exciting things are happening. Join us and be on the cutting edge of environmental sustainability. www.EnviroChangeMakers.org

