

SVdP Email update from January 14, 2024

Hello to all.

I need to begin this message with some very important information; yet very sad. We were just notified that our member, **Joann Palmeri**, passed away (January 12, 2024).

Joann became very active with SVdP within this past year. She gave a great deal of her time and expertise to our Community Comfort and Fellowship dinners and was involved in planning our Christmas luncheon. Additionally, Joann was helping in many other ways within the ministry, and her help was always appreciated. Joann was an active participant with Walking With a Purpose. She was enthusiastic, had a good sense of humor, dependable, and was beginning to get more involved as each month went by. We are all grateful for the time we had with her, and the opportunity to get to know her. Joann will be truly missed by so many

Kathleen Muzzio called yesterday with regard to the arrangements that have been made by her family.

Thursday January 18, 2024 from 2-4PM and 7-9PM there is a viewing at D'Elia Funeral Home. Route 70 and Vermont Avenue, Lakewood, NJ

Friday January 19, 2024: The family has requested a mass at St. Luke's at 10:30 AM then a graveside service at 12:00 noon at St. Joseph's Cemetery

In memory of both Barbara Jobin and Joann

"Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name, speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference in your tone, wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was, let it be spoken without effort, without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well."

Henry Scott Holland 1947-1918 - Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral

Memories of all the wonderful people who have shared their time and their love for those who need our support, during the challenging times in their lives, will be etched forever in our hearts.

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In their memory, and to compliment all you do, let me share our positive and good news

1. Ed Rohloff is doing well recovering from his shoulder surgery; Ed is VERY missed and we all hope he can come back to SVdP/ ASAP
2. **Meeting/luncheon for FRIDAY January 19, 2024 is 1:00 PM.**
Barbara Jobin's family has been kind and generous to share a full luncheon for all of us prior to the beginning of the meeting. We will be having a hot meal together. Debbie Weindgroff, our spiritual advisor, is in the process of preparing a short memorial service for our most recent members who have passed and in remembrance of all those who were a part of this most important ministry throughout the years. Please do your very best to be a part of Friday's gathering. In addition to enjoying each other's company there is a lot for us to discuss regarding our ministry as we enter in 2024.
3. New Van: Last year we wrote a grant offered by Fulfill to receive a new van. We were told several months ago that we were awarded the van based on how great our need is for our pick up orders and for delivery. John Connelly and I went to motor vehicles on Friday to have the van registered in the SVdP Conference's name, and we will pick up the shiny, new, beautiful van this Thursday. It will be parked in the front parking lot when you arrive on Friday. Please take a look
4. We are so grateful that Bob Bauer returned back to SVdP this past Friday after his illness. We were all concerned during that time, and life was just not the same without him. I am also grateful to share with you that Bob only sustained one injury during his shift, yet we are sure he will bounce right back and be with us tomorrow.

Wishing everyone a good rest of your day.
Gemma

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