



SVdP General Meeting
Friday, February 23, 2024

Vincentian Prayer: led by Spiritual Advisor: Debbie Weingroff

- Reminder of the **Diocesan Council retreat:**
March 9th from 9:00 AM -2:00 PM
Church of Mother of Mercy,1201 Asbury Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ
Lunch included/ no cost for the retreat or luncheon
Please email president@svdptrenton.org or call 732-477-7059x102
- **Stations of the Cross:** Vincentians
1) March 1st: we are the readers

Gemma: Welcome to all members and introduction of new members

- gratitude to the 32 members who gave of their time on Ash Wednesday; your flexibility and your time are very much appreciated.
- Thank you to John Connelly and Frank Vaccarino for all the time and effort they offered in the selling of our old van; the final sale was for \$4,800.00.

Guest speaker: Introduce Gina Rosenthal

- Gina is a resident of Renaissance in Manchester. She is a physical therapist, a teacher of yoga and acupuncture. Gina teaches throughout several different counties, and at Ocean County Vocational Technical School and the Ocean County Parks and Recreation Department. Gina is the author of the book "The Heart of Healing: Discovering the Secrets of Self Care." Lu Pierro ,M.Ed,Ed.S, Grassroots Organizer Worldwide Holistic Day wrote: "A timeless, heartfelt and life impacting book filled with powerful stories and lessons to illuminate a path to healing for every reader. Regina speaks to us from a place of grace, wisdom and integrity. Her work is the North Star for all of us who wish to heal."

Treasurer: Sharon Bianchi

1. Amount in treasury total: _____
 - Ash Wednesday: _____
2. Major output of financial commitments
 - Home visits (rent, utilities, medical concerns, car repairs, etc.)
 - Insurance
 - Twinning with Yamba Uganda (\$1,000.00)
 - Support to Vincent's Legacy furniture warehouse(total of \$600.00 per year)
 - Commitment to the County SVdP

Fundraising: Barbara Neary

1. Bus trip on **April 9th** to Newark for the cherry blossoms and the Basilica (the day includes lunch) \$97.00. Checks need to be made out to cash or cash may be handed in on Mondays and Fridays when the food pantry is opened.
2. Brownstone Pancake Factory: **Friday, March 8th** flyer has all details
Flyer must be brought to the restaurant

Community Comfort and Fellowship dinner: Marie Alfano

1. Next dinner is February 29th
2. March dinner is on the 21st (due to Holy Thursday being the last Thursday of March)
3. Clothing from Helping Hands will be offered to our guests

Furniture Ministry: Pat and Paul Capelli

1. If you have furniture to donate please contact: furniture@svdptrenton.org
609-557-7837
2. Any additional questions: pcapelli56@gmail.com

Food Pantry: Mary Schwarz

1. January: total of 641 guests (adults and children)
2. updates

Helping Hands: Gen Yachnik

1. putting together clothing to be shared at Community Comfort and Fellowship dinner
2. dates HH will be closed during March will be posted(for change of inventory)

Home Visitors and Intake: Joe Damato and Michelle Jones

1. update on meeting with volunteers

Next general meeting March 22nd 1:00 PM

Meeting ends with our prayer and prayers offered for our guests, those who are ill, and those who donate to SVdP.

Any suggestions: please place in our suggestion box
Many thanks, *Gemma*

“Compassion is to look beyond your own pain, to see the pain of others.”