



*SVdP membership meeting
September 15, 2023*

The highest reward that God gives us for good work is the ability to do it better. *unknown*

“Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental right, the right to dignity and a decent life.” *Nelson Mandela*

Opening with a prayer and reflection:

- Prayer (the month of September is a time which we honor our founder, St. Vincent de Paul)
- Reflection: O Saint Vincent de Paul, Apostle of Charity and model of service to the poor, we pray for your intercession with our heavenly Father. Guide us with your wisdom on our journey of faith and dedication to others. You embodied the virtues of a true disciple of Christ; illuminate us with a simplicity of heart so that we may clearly see God’s will. Grant us the humility to recognize our limitations and serve with commitment. Infuse us with gentleness, welcoming every person with openness and patience. Help us live in self-denial, putting aside ourselves for the good of others, and ignite our hearts with zeal bringing everyone closer to you. Amen

Reminder: Recommitment service- September 24th at the 10:00 AM mass

*****Welcome new members: introductions*****

We will begin our afternoon together with a few thank yous:

- Maria: recent guest of our conference will address our members to share the success she and her family are now having as the result of her resilience and the support from SVdP
- Letters to be read from past guests
- Father Bob: sends his regards and again wishes to say thank you for the party and for the memorial

Helping Hands coordinator: Christine Cotgreave

- 1505 families (1521 adults, 921 children, 12,462 items and total "in kind" \$56,902.05)
- Fundraiser: students of High Schools South, Toms River will begin collecting for a "Birthday Box" Food drive (cake tins; cake mixes; icing; balloons; wall decorations; birthday napkins)

- **Needs of Helping Hands at this time**
Beverage glasses; Comforters; Costume jewelry; Cooking utensils; Dishes; Hand mixers; Pot & pans- all sizes; Sheets – all sizes; Tea kettles; Towels – all sizes and **Seasonal Decorations**
- In order to go through the current inventory Helping Hands will be closed from September 18th-29th

Secretary: Jill Bradley

- updates

Food Pantry coordinator: Kathy Catron

- Data from 10-1-22/9-11-23
Families 1,945: adults 4117- children 1741- **total #of guests 5858**
(Will still having five more pantry days for this fiscal year)

New ministry: Community Comfort and Fellowship Parish/SVdP coordinator:
Marie Alfano

- Scheduled for the last Thursday of each month/ 1st dinner September 28th
- Planning for 60 guests
- Several local restaurants are donating food, and or catering an entire evening (Farro's Tees is catering the Community Comfort and Fellowship dinner at Christmas)
- Activities for the children/ inviting CCD students to help out with activities

Garden coordinator: Meg Otchy

- Meg, and all our master gardeners, harvested over 850 pounds of vegetables for the families that come to our food pantry.
- Review of plans for next season

Home visitors' coordinators: Joe Damato and Michelle Jones

- 67home visits
- all other updates

Fundraising coordinator: Charlie Rott

- Father Bob's gift for his retirement
- pavers
- Other updates regarding future fundraising

Sunshine Fund: Karen Rott

- Sends cards expressing our good wishes or our concern
- Mass cards

Vincent Legacy Furniture coordinators: Pat and Paul Capelli

- Approximately 60 individual furniture items – from beds to bookcases
- Every home delivery brings great joy: our most recent home visit for furniture asked that we extend her gratitude for both the financial help along with the furniture.

Registrar: Linda Panaccione

- New registration form
- Update for volunteer requirement information

Technology Coordinator: Kathy Minton

- Website
- SVdP clothing on-line store

Treasurer: Tom Jones

- \$43,073.00 in our account
- August income \$4,856
- Expenditures \$18,495.00
 - 1) financial assistance \$7,918.00
 - 2) operating expenses \$7,420.00
 - 3) food pantry expenses \$2,807.00
 - 4. twinning \$350.00

we are ending financial support for individuals to stay in hotels

Data for SVdP at St. Luke's: Mary Serengetti

- 2022-2023: 6,500 hours 18,983 miles
- Time sheets: thank you for keeping up with completing monthly time sheets

Our conference will be working together with **Harbor House** with regard to the Community Dinners and clothing

Soroptimist of the Central Jersey Coast:

Fundraiser "On The Border" – Eat bold. Do good.

Thursday, October 26th, 11-AM-9:00PM 1201 Hooper Avenue, A20

20% of the sales donated (dine –in or pick up). Mention organization's name

Fall Vendor/Craft Fair

October 14th 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

St. Andrew UMC 1528 Church Road

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's National Impact:

- 4,665,694 total people served across the country
- 4,000 parishes
- 85,155 total Vincentian members
- 1,732,291 total person –to-person- home visits.
- \$758,118,750 expenditures in service to the poor
- \$4386,457,660 value of goods (food, clothing, furniture)
- \$19,268,153 value of professional services (legal, medical, financial)
- \$326,304,681 estimated value of volunteer hours
- \$1,490,149,243 total value of Vincentia services

Meeting ended with our Vincentian prayer