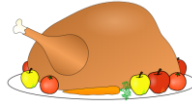




Agenda November 17, 2023



- Meeting will open with a prayer and reflection by our **spiritual advisor:** Debbie Weingroff ([dmweingroff@gmail.com](mailto:dmweingroff@gmail.com)): please remember at this time our members Archie Miller; Carl and Ruthanne Galanti; Rita Williams

- Thank you to all who are attending today's meeting! introduce new members
- Today we have two very dedicated guest speakers from Family Promise. They have asked to come to our meeting to give some important updates to their program and how it will intertwine with the goals of SVdP

A very special thank you to our members who are an important part of our **Social Committee:** We are looking for some additional members from our conference to add to our Social Committee. As of now the committee's purpose is setting up and cleaning up for our general meetings, help coordinate social events: please contact

- Annette Avera ([tomnet2@aol.com](mailto:tomnet2@aol.com))
- Mary Jo Phillips ([mjp23811@aol.com](mailto:mjp23811@aol.com))

**Change to our Board members:**

Food pantry: Mary Schwarz ([mschwarz23@comcast.net](mailto:mschwarz23@comcast.net))

Fundraising: Barbara Neary ([hellonwheels67@aol.com](mailto:hellonwheels67@aol.com))

**Treasurer** Sharon Bianchi ([jbianchi7@comcast.net](mailto:jbianchi7@comcast.net)):

- balance is staying around \$40,000.00.

**Food pantry:** John Connelly has given us the following update (**January – October**)

The number of families:1888

Number of adults:4088          Number of children: 1810

Total served **5,898** (we still have November and December to add to 2023)

- when a volunteer can not take her/his shift they need to call for a substitute then call Gin O'Boyle ([gigi7travel@gmail.com](mailto:gigi7travel@gmail.com)) to confirm change in the schedule

**Pavers:** Charlie Rott ([crott2668@verizon.net](mailto:crott2668@verizon.net))

- update on recent weeks of selling the pavers at mass: a few pavers ordered and many parishioners stopped by our table in the Narthex to asked questions (we hope to get an order out soon)
- final update on Boscovs fundraiser: \$2,010 (donations used towards pantry for Thanksgiving and Christmas)

**Home visitors:** Coordinators Joe Damato ([ajax50@aol.com](mailto:ajax50@aol.com))

Michelle Jones([mmj8588@verizon.net](mailto:mmj8588@verizon.net))

- Will share update with members

**Helping Hands:** Coordinator Christine Cotgreave (BlueDevil1191@live.com)

- Extremely successful in its service to our guests; the number of guests is constantly increasing
- There has been a change to guidelines for our guests when they come to Helping Hands
- Father Michael has offered us the closet in the parish center to store more clothing; Kathleen Muzzio, and several of our members are helping to get reorganized on December 1st
- Toy Drive update: an extremely successful venture; however there can be no additional requests for toys at this time
- If you can help distribute toys (here at the parish) please contact Susan DeMillio (medcareaj@yahoo.com)

**Vegetable Garden:** Coordinator Meg Otchy (megotchy2@gmail.com)

- Please keep composting!!

**Furniture ministry:** Coordinators Paul and Pat Capelli (pcapelli56@gmail.com)

- Please contact Pat and Paul if you have any questions regarding the furniture ministry

**Technology:** Coordinator Kathy Minton (kcminton15@gmail.com)

- Please check out our SVdP website when you have time
- Please contact Kathy if there any questions with buying SVdP clothing

**Community Comfort and Fellowship:** coordinator: Marie Alfano (nrsip@aol.com)

- Marie has continued to have meetings with volunteers
- Flyers are been presented to our guests at the pantry, Homestead Run, veterans' organizations in Toms River, and St. Andrew" Church
- All the women who are now living at Redeem-her house will be attending the November 30<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving dinner.

**Time sheets: coordinator** Mary Serughetti (mserughetti@aol.com)

- We thank Mary for continuing to compile our data for volunteer hours, etc. Please complete time sheets as close to the end of the month as possible
- We also thank Mary for translating several of our monthly documents into Spanish

The following organizations have **donated to SVdP** during this past month:

- Ocean First Bank: 240 children's jackets
- Farro's Tees: 300 blankets and sweat pants
- St. Luke Parishioners in memory of their loved ones who have passed
- Visitation Church: 100 blessing bags to give out to our guests
- Pack 92 Boy Scouts from Silver Bay School 50 bags of groceries
- Walking With a Purpose: women's bible group at St. Luke's gift cards and groceries and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade CCD class

**Lake Ridge Men's Club donating food on December 5<sup>th</sup>.** If you can help, please contact Vic Melillo by sending him an email (melillovictorsr@gmail.com)

**Christmas Luncheon: December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM** in the parish center

- need help with: appetizers and desserts set up and clean up
- There will be a hot meal (need to have the number of members and their partner, guest spouse attending)
- wine and other beverages: Debbie Weingroff in charge
- dessert/ coffee and tea will be available

**Please sign up today or contact**

**Barbara Jobin: bajobin@msn.com**

**Joann Palmeri: jdpalmieri8@gmail.com**

**Goals: 2024**

- reorganization of food pantry and Helping Hands (process for helping guests)
- develop a membership committee
- have a day of retreat at St. Luke's
- Day of Ozanam at St. Luke's

Also please remember in prayer our member John Donohue. Also we have been asked to pray for Tanya Farinaccio, Mary Serughetti's brother, and Loretta Damato (a parishioner), and Sandra Nolan. (guest of the pantry)

Thank you for being part of my Thanksgiving. You are a joy to know and volunteer with throughout the year. The good that is accomplished, each and everyday, because of SVdP is exemplary in caring for a community of people.

*"Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving."* Have a most wonderful day with your family and friends.

Most sincerely,  
Gemma