



Agenda: October 20, 2023



Opening prayer:

Dear Lord: When I thank you for my daily bread, help me share it

When I thank you for my health, teach me to heal

When I thank you for my companions, give me the courage to reach out to others

When I thank you for my life, give me the grace to bless and protect the lives and
dignity of others

Lord, from the harvest of plenty, I have reaped so much

And I offer only one thing in thanksgiving... a heart made for loving

Vincentian prayer (together)....

Welcome to our new members who are joining us today and thank you. A special thank you to our members who have been a part of SVdP since 2009, and all the members who have joined the SVdP of St. Luke Parish Conference throughout these many years: your years of dedication are respected, and we must remember the many individuals (thousands), within our community, who have had their lives changed, for the positive, due to your dedication and service.

Sharing of wonderful surprise: donation from a Renaissance Community Club

- The Healthy Living Club in the Renaissance Community is dissolving and donating a large portion of the balance in their treasury to SVdP. One of the coordinators said it was agreed that due to the mission of SVdP they wanted to be supportive to that mission. The words shared were: "You are the light that is needed in our world."

Our business cards revised and available: Food Pantry; Helping Hands: Community Fellowship and Comfort dinners; Vincent's Legacy furniture ministry information; and hot line phone number

Community SVdP supporters: copy included with the agenda (was printed in this past week's bulletin and copies are being sent to the local supporters)

SVdP Registra/ data coordinator: Linda Panaccione

- Registration forms for 2024
- Training information

Treasurer: Sharon Bianchi

- At this time we have approximately \$43,000.00 in treasury
- We have had many operating expenses in the last few month
 - 1) liability insurance
 - 2) insurance on the van
 - 3) financial commitment to the County Conference
 - 4) last two weeks donations approximately \$2,500 (including the Renaissance donation).

SVdP vegetable garden coordinator: Meg Otchy

- Results of the garden's harvest is attached (**1000 lbs. 3 oz**)
- Plans for next year's garden and possibly helping at the Holy Temple Baptist Church (South Toms River) next spring

Food Pantry: interim coordinators John Connelly and Frank Vaccarino

- Number of guest update coming to the food pantry
- Requests for the pantry (food items) CCD classes donating to the pantry
- Need of a coordinator

Technology Coordinator: Kathy Minton

- Update on website and SVdP clothing
- Suggestions for fundraising
- Created a new flyer with all our information about SVdP along with information on joining our conference
- Website: svdpstluke.org
- <https://stores.farrostees.com/st-vincent-depaul-society/shop/home> for St. Vincent de Paul clothing

Fundraising Coordinator: Charlie Rott

- Pavers (approximately 15 applications last weekend)
- Need for members to sign up to help on weekends before and after masses
- Boscovs' fundraising results

Helping Hands Coordinator: Christine Cotgreave

- Last year's data
- Recent update for the number of guests
- Due to the amount of donations, and lack of permanent space, the Helping Hands committee unanimously agreed they can no longer accept household items at this time. Helping Hands can only accept clothing donations from SVP Society members, their family, friends and neighbors.

Toy Drive Coordinator: Susan DeMillio

- Update attached

Home visitors coordinators: Joe Damato and Michelle Jones

- Approximately 70 home visits last year
- Need additional volunteers to complete home visits (please contact Joe and Michelle)

Furniture Ministry Vincent's Legacy Coordinator Paul Capelli

- Since our last meeting we have had no new requests by guests
- Please use email to contact Legacy (on our SVdP contact card)

Community Comfort and Fellowship Coordinator: Marie Alfano

- Marie has been meeting with representatives from St. Andrews to discuss their process of having community dinners, and one of the goals is to have guests from each other's dinners to share meals from one community to the other
- Results of our first community dinner
- At the beginning of October our dinner was discussed at the *Toms River Housing and Homeless Coalition* meeting. HABcore representatives will be joining us this month (perhaps bringing guests)
- Overview for the Thanksgiving Dinner: November 30th
- Owner of Farro's Tees is sponsoring the Christmas dinner
- Gemma had meeting with Dr. David Graham and Chaplain Barbara from Holy Temple Baptist Church (So. Toms River) asking members of their congregation to join us for Community Comfort and Fellowship. Tom Hines (St. Luke's choir director) has contacted Dr. Graham and perhaps Holy Temple choir may be joining our choir for a service.

House of Redeem- her (Sober house): Gemma has overview

- Recently paid rent for a guest
- Donated clothing and food
- Bringing food to the house after Community Comfort and Fellowship dinners
- Need of mattresses

Harbor House: Gemma is having a meeting with Alice Woods (director) for the possibility of setting up a partnership with Harbor House

Farro's Tees: Owner Dominic Farro is giving us 300 blankets and a donation of jackets at the beginning of November (we will share with Redeem-her house, Harbor House, Hope Center, Chaplain Barbara and Minister Steve).

The **Toms River Housing and Homeless Coalition** is in need of volunteers. Please see Gemma if you are interested. Housing center is located at 405 Washington Street, Toms River. Hours flexible, no minimum hours per week.

November meeting: Friday, November 17th at 1:00 PM

The members of the Board discussed the idea of having a Christmas luncheon.

We need a committee of volunteers. Date December 15th at 1:00 PM

Meeting ending with our prayer.

Please remember to hand in your time sheets. Pay will be increased in the New Year ☺