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St. Patrick Church Outreach Ministries

With the Mary House Meal Kitchen and Food Pantry
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ISP Men's Retreat 9.12.2015-9.13.2015

ISP continued...

experienced homelessness and who are in recovery from alcohol and/or drug addiction are recruited from local service providers.

Providence ISP retreats are being held at the Bethany Renewal Center operated by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in North Providence. Each ISP retreat will involve about 10 retreatants and 3 retreat coordinators. The first men's ISP retreat was held the weekend of September 12 & 13. The first ISP women's retreat was held the weekend of September 26 & 27.

Those who would like to learn more about and/or support the Ignatian Spirituality Project in Providence can contact co-coordinators Bill Waters (wjtwj157@gmail.com) or Colette Cook (cclc87@gmail.com).

The Ignatian Spirituality Project

The Ignatian Spirituality Project began in 1998 when, friends Ed Shurna, a long-time community organizer, and Bill Creed, SJ, a renowned spiritual director, came together with the hope of creating an experience to help build community, hope and transformation among those experiencing homelessness. Bill and Ed found that the spiritual life was a source of hope amid deep discouragement. They developed a retreat that drew upon the 500-year-old tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola in the contemporary language of the 12-step recovery movement.

The ISP network has grown to almost 30 cities across the US and Canada and includes over 800 volunteers serving over 2,000 retreatants a year through over 200 retreats. Providence is the newest startup in the ISP network. Men and women who have

Mary House by the Numbers

July

Meal Kitchen:

598 Meals

Food Pantry:

62 Families

August

Meal Kitchen:

722 Meals

Food Pantry:

64 Families

September

Meal Kitchen:

713 Meals

Food Pantry:

60 Families



Hospitality bags for ISP men's and women's retreats

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.”

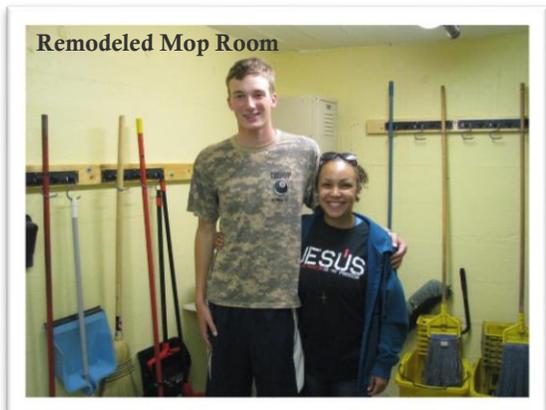
Backpacks.... *Proverbs 19:17*

Once again, thanks to the generosity of the parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy parish in East Greenwich, St. Patrick Church Outreach Ministries was able to help many families get ready for the school year. 111 backpacks with school supplies were distributed to 55 families with children ages 4-19.



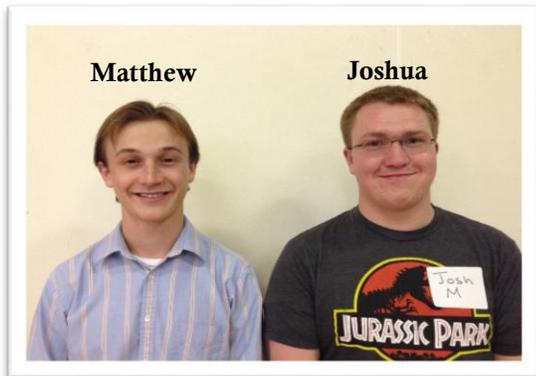
Mop Room Redone...

Eagle Scout service projects provide an opportunity for boy scouts to demonstrate leadership, while performing a project that is in some way beneficial to the community. Hayden Parkes, Eagle Scout candidate, chose Mary House as his service project site. With all donated materials Hayden and his team completely remodeled the mop room, which is used to store all of our kitchen cleaning supplies, mops, brooms, and trash cans.



Welcome Seminarians Matthew and Joshua...

Mary House welcomes seminarians Matthew Traceski and Joshua Maloney. Matthew and Joshua are currently discerning the priesthood at Our Lady of Providence Seminary. They will be serving at the meal kitchen throughout this school year. Welcome Matt and Josh!



Deacon Nathan Ricci...

Rev. Mr. Nathan Ricci (2nd from right), a seminarian for the Diocese of Providence, who served at St. Patrick Church during the summer of 2014, was ordained to the transitional diaconate on Thursday, October 1st, 2015. As part of the ordination rite, Cardinal Dolan placed the Book of the Gospels in the hands of each candidate being ordained and said, “Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.” God willing, Nathan will be ordained a priest in the Diocese of Providence in 2016. We are grateful to have been a part of Nathan’s formation!



Father James serves the soup 9.21.2015



Meal Kitchen 9.21.2015



ISP Women's Retreat 9.26.2015-9.27.2015

“We Christians are called to go out of ourselves to bring the mercy and tenderness of God to all”—Pope Francis

(4.25.2015)

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, exhilarated the United States with his papal visit in September. Millions of people were drawn to personally go and see him in Washington, New York, and Philadelphia or to watch the live broadcasts of the different stages and speeches of his visit. For Catholics and non-Catholics, Pope Francis represents the Church for the poor. When he stops to kiss children who have physical disabilities, when he visits the prisoners, when he goes to the impoverished neighborhoods, Pope Francis is Christ in our midst. These are things Jesus would do, if He were among us in bodily form.

Jesus ascended to the Father and sent His Holy Spirit to establish the Church, his Body on earth, to continue his saving mission. Jesus works through Pope Francis, and He also works through us, His Church. St. Theresa of Avila (1515-1582)

once said, “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

To all who help through direct volunteerism and to all who help us spiritually in the work of serving the poor through Outreach Ministries, thank you for being the hands, the feet, and the eyes of Christ. God bless you.

Fr. James Ruggieri, Pastor



Vida Sana...

St. Patrick Church Outreach Ministries is working with the Hope Clinic which provides free high-quality medical care to uninsured adults living in RI, to offer a Healthy Lifestyle program at St. Patrick Church. For 7 consecutive weeks participants of the program are learning how to live a healthier life, make healthier food choices, and manage chronic disease risk factors.

Become Involved...

For more information on how to donate or to become involved please contact Marlyn Batista, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries:

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Meal Kitchen:

Monday 3:30pm-5:15pm

Food Pantry:

Wednesday 5:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Note: Volunteers are needed for the Christmas day dinner (11:00am-2:30pm). If you are interested in helping, please contact us.

Donor Spotlight

Studies have shown that lower income families have very limited access to healthy foods. This summer thanks to the generosity of St. Philip's Church, Greenville, Emmanuel House, Providence, St. Anthony's Church, North Providence, and Confreda Farms, Cranston, we were blessed to be able to offer our clients at the meal kitchen and food pantry a wide variety of free fruits and vegetables.



Thank you!



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