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St. Patrick Church Outreach Ministries

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With Mary House Meal Kitchen and Food Pantry

Thank You...

A heartfelt thank you to our volunteers, donors, and everyone who helps make this ministry a success. Without you this kind of outreach in our community would not be possible. Thank you!



Annual Health Fair a Huge Success!

The annual health fair coordinated at the Mary House meal kitchen was held on June 30th, 2014. The health fair provided our guests with the opportunity to learn more about the resources available to them. Some of the organizations present at this year's fair were the American Cancer Society, Blue Cross Blue Shield, SNAP outreach, Home and Health Hospice Care, Narcotic's Anonymous, and the RI Coalition for the Homeless. A total of 192 guests attended the health fair and the first 50 of these guests to visit all of the vendor tables were given the opportunity to win gift cards. At the end of the night each guest was able to take with them a small bag of toiletries.

Seminarian Nathan Ricci, was with us for 8 wonderful weeks this summer! We all learned a lot from him and will miss him dearly! May we keep him and other seminarians like him in our prayers.

Nathan

You will be missed!



Mary House by the Numbers

June

Meal Kitchen 592
Food Pantry 54

July

Meal Kitchen 644
Food Pantry 61

August

Meal Kitchen 585
Food Pantry 57

Total Meals Served: 1821

Total Families Served: 172



1 Photo by Ashley McCabe

A Professor in the Kitchen...

On July 28th Dr. Yinsheng Wan, a biology professor at Providence College, his family, and a couple of students surprised 182 guests with chicken wings, white rice, green beans, and watermelon. Every couple of months Dr. Wan and his family buy, cook, and serve a meal to all of the guests at the Monday night meal kitchen. Dr. Wan (left) is pictured with Janine Justiano (right), Providence College Class of 2016.



Backpack Giveaway...

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in East Greenwich, we were able to help 51 individual families, including 2 families of 6 and 1 family of 8, get ready for this upcoming school year. A total of 103 backpacks loaded with school supplies were given to children and teens who needed them. A huge thank you to Father Healey, Father Connors, and all of the parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy for running this backpack drive for us!



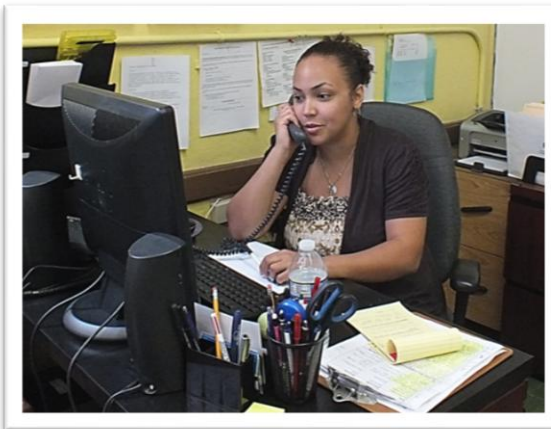
Veggie Shopping Made Easy ...



Almost every week this summer St. Philip's Church in Greenville, delivered freshly picked vegetables for the clients at the meal kitchen and food pantry. Due to the generosity of St. Philip's, clients have been able to take a small bag of vegetables home at no cost to them. Thank you St. Philip's!

From the Coordinator...

I feel extremely blessed to have the opportunity to work with you, and I am really excited about all that the Lord has in store for us! I am originally from the Dominican Republic, but have been in Providence most of my life. I obtained a bachelor's in Human Services from Northeastern University and am currently pursuing a Masters in Theology and Christian Ministry at the Franciscan University of Steubenville. I am the oldest of 4 siblings and my parents, Franklin and Maria, are parishioners at St. Patrick's. If you see me, please don't hesitate to say hello. It is truly a privilege to be able to participate in the work of God with you! I'll see you soon!





2 Photo by Jordan Montgomery



“Christ asks you to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter”— Pope Francis

8.15.2014

Dear Friends of Mary House,

I write to you to thank you for your prayers and support. By God’s grace, we are able to continue to serve our brothers and sisters through our meal kitchen and food pantry. We are able to extend the mercy of God to those most in need.

I also write to you to share some good news. On August 1, Ms. Marlyn Batista joined our staff at St. Patrick Church as the coordinator of outreach ministries. Marlyn comes to us from Relevant Radio. She brings many gifts to St. Patrick.

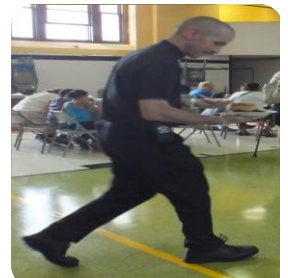
Our outreach ministries include the Mary House meal kitchen and the food pantry. In addition to the corporal works of mercy, Marlyn, will assist in the parish’s efforts to do

the spiritual works of mercy. This outreach will extend to those who are spiritually searching and seeking something beyond what this world can offer. I believe that we have Good News to share with people, the Good News of Salvation, Jesus. Marlyn will be a great asset to this effort.

Please continue to pray for our work and ministry. It is a privilege that we never want to take for granted. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Fr. James Ruggieri, Pastor
St. Patrick Church, Providence



Save the Date!

- ✧ **October 13th**—Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine
- ✧ **October 25th**—Night of Praise and Thanks at 7:00pm
With Special Guests:
 - ✧ *Ebenezer Baptist choir*
 - ✧ *Holy Name Gospel Choir*
- ✧ **November 1st**—Heart of Worship at 7:00pm
- ✧ **November 1st-5th**—Parish Mission



Mary House Wish List

- ✧ **ESL Teacher**
- ✧ **Toilet Paper**
- ✧ **Tooth Paste**
- ✧ **Tooth Brushes**
- ✧ **Shampoo**
- ✧ **Conditioner**
- ✧ **Deodorant**
- ✧ **Tuna**
- ✧ **Mac & Cheese**
- ✧ **Soup**

For more information on how to donate or to become involved please contact us:

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Meal Kitchen:

Monday 3:30pm-5:15pm

Food Pantry:

Wednesday 5:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

Volunteer Spotlight

Barbara Frappier has been with Mary house since the beginning. She began to volunteer over 30 years ago after her sister came home one day and said “Why don’t you do something?” And so she did! At 90 years old Barbara still finds the time and strength to serve others every Monday at the meal kitchen.

Thanks for
your service
Barbara!



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