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St. Patrick Church Outreach Ministries

With the Mary House Meal Kitchen and Food Pantry
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Meal Kitchen Goes Green!!

During his homily on Monday, February 9th, Pope Francis asserted that "a Christian who does not protect creation, who does not let it grow, is a Christian who does not care about the work of God." In light of this and in preparation for the pope's encyclical on the environment, the Mary House meal kitchen has gone Green! All meals, drinks, and desserts are now being served on non-disposable dinnerware. These items, along with our newly installed Hobart dishwasher, have helped us to do away with most of the waste that was being produced at the meal kitchen on a weekly basis. This project was made possible through the very generous support of Holy Apostles Church in Cranston and St. Philip Church in Greenville.

Mary House by the Numbers

December & January

Meal Kitchen:

1505 Meals

Food Pantry:

98 Families

February & March

Meal Kitchen:

880 Meals

Food Pantry:

93 Families

April & May

Meal Kitchen:

1220 Meals

Food Pantry:

99 Families

Donor Spotlight...

The parishioners of St. Sebastian Church, Providence, along with Msgr. Darcy truly answer the Lord's call to help those in need. During the past few months St. Sebastian has made several very generous donations to Mary House, and the parishioners have delivered more than 150 bags of food to the Mary House pantry.

Thank you good people of St. Sebastian for reminding us of God's great love and care. We thank God every time we think of you!

Christmas Recap...

185 people were fed at our annual Christmas meal and more than 120 children received toys this past Christmas season. In a special way we would like to acknowledge the Macari family; Ron's Pastry Gourmet; La Salle Bakery; the parishioners of St. Mark, Cranston, St. Matthew, Cranston, St. Gregory the Great, Warwick, St. Francis Xavier, East Providence; and all those who played a role in helping us have an unforgettable Christmas season.

Thank you! ☺





Volunteer Appreciation...

Feeding as many people as we do takes an incredible amount of manpower. The impact that Outreach Ministries makes would not be possible without so many faithful, committed and dedicated volunteers! Recently, the volunteers of the meal kitchen and food pantry were invited to a volunteer appreciation dinner where volunteers were able to share a good meal, have some laughs, receive awards, and take some great pictures!

From Father James...

Greetings, Friends. Recently, we celebrated the great Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit to Mary and the Apostles in waiting. The Spirit transformed these apostles of the Early Church into great witnesses for the risen Lord, sending them out in His name to preach, heal, and sanctify people of all nations. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is generosity. I witness this fruit in action through the hands and hearts of our Outreach Ministries. I witness generosity through the kindness of our benefactors and supporters, who share material goods and resources with us and our brothers and sisters whom we assist. I witness generosity through the cordial greetings of our many friends whom we serve. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our Outreach Ministries. Thank you for giving the Spirit permission to work through you. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Good Friday Walk...

On Good Friday, April 3rd, more than 60 walkers rallied together outside St. Patrick Church to raise awareness for and to support the defeat of hunger and homelessness in Rhode Island. Together we raised \$1,762 for the Good Friday Walk Fund. The Good Friday Walk Fund supports programs like Mary House which provide food security and help the homeless both here in Rhode Island and overseas.

Easter Brunch...

Thanks to the generosity of St. Philip Church, Ron's Pastry Gourmet, St. Luke Church and the Blue Star Mothers, 110 meals were served at our annual Easter Brunch.



Pastries donated by Ron's Pastry Gourmet



Meal Kitchen 3.23.2015



Toys given away this Christmas



Christmas Meal 12.25.2014

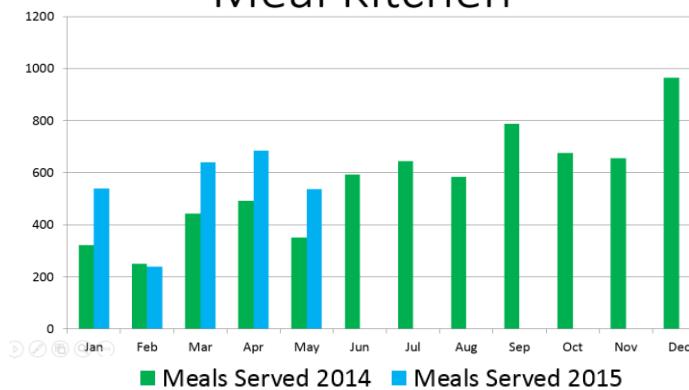


Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 4.14.2015

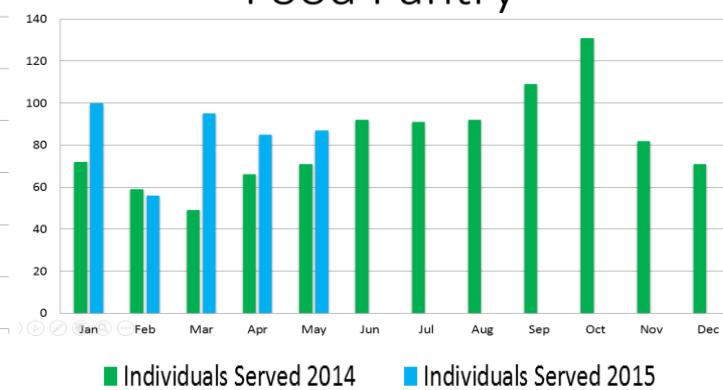
“As disciples of Christ, how can we not be concerned for the needs of the weakest?”—Pope Francis

03.28.2015

Meal Kitchen



Food Pantry



The graphs above illustrate the Mary House numbers from January through December of 2014. As you can see, last year we experienced a big increase in the number of meals and individuals being served. The monthly average number of meals served in 2014 was 564, while the average number of individuals served at the pantry was 83. The graphs above also give us a glimpse of what we can expect to see the rest of this year. With the exception of February (which had weekly snowstorms), all of our numbers have significantly increased. We expect this trend to continue, and I know that with your help and kindness as well as the grace of God, we will be able to continue to meet the needs of our dear brothers and sisters.

New Hobart dishwasher

Marlyn Batista, Coordinator of Outreach Ministries



Save the Date!

- ❖ June 20th—Holy Spirit Festival 10:00am-3:00pm
- ❖ June 29th—Annual Health Fair at the Meal Kitchen 2:30pm-4:30pm

Mary House Wish List

We are in need of some regular meal kitchen volunteers this summer. The meal kitchen runs every Monday from 3:30pm-5:15pm. Volunteers usually come in from 3:00pm-5:30pm. If you would like to become a volunteer please call

[401.274.6286](tel:4012746286) or e-mail:mealkitchen514@gmail.com.



Volunteer Spotlight!

The students at the St. Augustine School in Providence work hard all year to support the efforts of Mary House. By organizing ongoing food and toiletry drives, coming in to volunteer, and even organizing a fundraising volleyball tournament for us, the students have made such a huge difference for Mary House this past school year. We are so grateful to have you all on our team!

Thank you St.
Augustine School!



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