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# St. Patrick Church Outreach Ministries

With the Mary House Meal Kitchen and Food Pantry  
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## Wish List...

- ❖ Grocery Tote Bags
- ❖ Soup
- ❖ Cereal boxes
- ❖ Snacks
- ❖ Feminine Care Products

### *Mary House Hours of Operation:*

Meal Kitchen  
Monday 3:30pm-5:15pm  
Food Pantry\*  
Wednesday 5:00pm-7:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am-12:00pm

*\*Closed first full week of every month*

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Mrs. Doreen Holmes (2<sup>nd</sup> from the left) has volunteered with Mary House for 25 years. Doreen, Thank you for your service!



*Father James serving soup at the meal kitchen*



## A Mary House Champion...

In many ways Mary House functions like a bridge connecting people with the resources that they need. It is a beautiful work; the work of Jesus. We are able to engage in this good work because of all those whom the Lord uses to provide for the care of his flock. In a special way, Mary House would like to highlight Senator Maryellen Goodwin for her ongoing support to the work done through the meal kitchen and food pantry. Senator Goodwin has been instrumental in helping Mary House obtain several State Senate grants, and other monies. Senator Goodwin, we are very grateful for your support and we offer you and your family our condolences on the recent passing of your father, Mr. Thomas N. Goodwin, former State Senator, and a Trustee of St. Patrick Church since 1978. May God bless you always!

### Mary House by the Numbers

January &  
February:

**Meal Kitchen:**

962 Meals

**Food Pantry:**

142 Families

March &  
April:

**Meal Kitchen:**

1075 Meals

**Food Pantry:**

167 Families

May &  
June:

**Meal Kitchen:**

1417 Meals

**Food Pantry:**

183 Families



Thanksgiving baskets 2015



Toys given away during the Christmas season

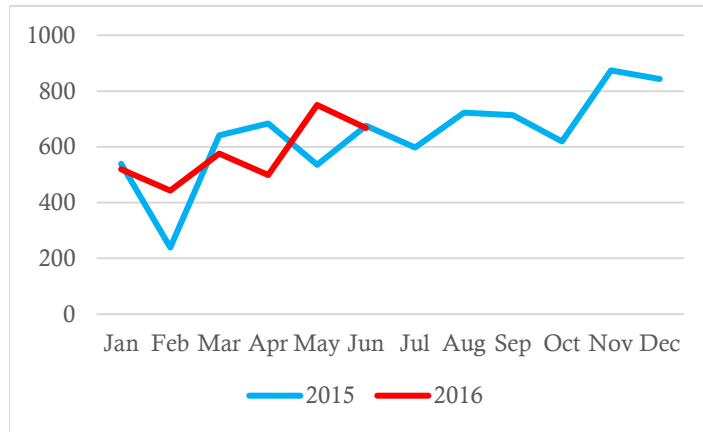


Elves at Christmas meal 12.25.2015

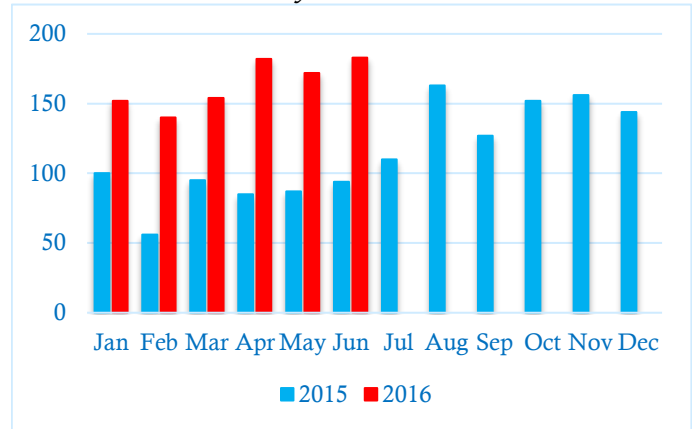
## Mary House—Progress Report:

\*During the first six months of 2016, 3,454 meals were served at the meal kitchen and 492 families were assisted by the pantry.

Meal Kitchen Meals Served



Food Pantry Individuals Served



	2014	2015	Jan-June 2016
Meal Kitchen	6,767 meals served	7,683 meals served	3,454 meals served YTD
Food Pantry	985 individuals in 577 families served	1,369 individuals in 705 families served	983 individuals in 492 families have been served YTD



## We Share Hope...

In January of 2016 Mary House began a new partnership with *We Share Hope*, a Rhode Island based food rescue organization whose goal is to locate, gather, and distribute food to groups and organizations that feed the poor and the homeless. Since the beginning of the partnership, *We Share Hope* has connected Mary House with over \$3,000 in food, clothing, and toiletries. Thank you *We Share Hope*!

“I invite all of the institutions of the world to give a voice to all of those who suffer silently from hunger”—Pope Francis

6.13.2016

### Thanksgiving...

On Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015, 264 meals were served at Mary House’s annual Thanksgiving dinner. Additionally, in preparation for Thanksgiving, 146 families and individuals received Thanksgiving baskets. Basket items included things like stuffing, potatoes, a pie, gravy, apple juice, cranberry sauce, a \$10 Stop & Shop gift card, and more. Baskets were decorated by students from St. Patrick Academy and Providence College.



### Christmas...

In 2014 Mary House assisted 120 children with toys for Christmas. This past year Mary House was able to provide toys for over 200 children. Additionally, 220 meals were served at Mary House’s annual Christmas meal. We could not have done this without the generous support of so many parishes and individuals in the Diocese of Providence. Thank you!



### Good Friday Walk...

On Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, walkers gathered at St. Patrick Church in support of the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Good Friday Walk for Hunger and Homelessness. Funds generated by this walk assist programs which provide food security and help to the homeless both in RI and overseas. Over \$1,400 were raised by St. Patrick Church walkers.



### A Priest of Jesus Christ...

On Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Rev. Nathan Ricci received the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Nathan, now a priest of Jesus Christ, served at St. Patrick Church during the summer of 2014. Nathan was a great blessing to Mary House and St. Patrick Church. We are sure that he will continue to be a blessing to the Diocese of Providence. Congratulations Rev. Nathan!

# Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, more than 70 volunteers attended at the 2nd annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. The work of the meal kitchen and food pantry is possible because so many people from different churches, backgrounds, and organizations come together to give of their time, talent, and treasure. Without the volunteers Mary House would not exist. We are grateful for all of our volunteers and the work that they do to help God's people. Thank you!

*Trophies given to Volunteer Award winners*



We  Our  
Volunteers!!



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