



Spiritual Advisor: Debbie Weingroff will open the meeting with our prayer and a reflection.

Special thank you to **Mary Jo Phillips** and **Annette Aversa** for always taking on the role of our Social Committee Coordinators and helping to organize our monthly lunches, refreshments, and snacks. Also thank you to all members who give the extra few minutes at the end of the meeting to help clean up and reorganize the parish center. This is *a great help*.

Guest speaker: a representative from Silverton EMS will give an overview on CPR and how we can begin to help someone in distress if needed until appropriate and certified health support can be on sight at the church.

Overview of each of our ministries

Fundraising: Charlie Rott

- Information regarding benches for purchase for the Celebration Garden
- Members to sign up to help with paver sales after each of the masses on Memorial Day weekend (2 members per mass)

Fundraising: Barbara Neary

- Fundraising proposals
- Garden (shrubs and flowers) extension around the newly installed cross by the gardens
- Larger stone will be purchased to go by the base of the cross
- Landscaping bids to clean up around both the paver garden and vegetable garden.

Garden: Meg Otchy

- Water has been turned on in the garden- yeah!
- Plants already beginning to grow 😊
- A volunteer has come forward to do some repairs on the flower beds which will be completed during the month of May and some new beds constructed in the fall of the year
- Explanation of what our crop rotation will be for this season.

Treasurer: Sharon Bianchi

- The balance in our treasury as of today is \$38,444.43
- **\$1120.00 was from Fundraising (the trip to see the Cheery Blossoms and the Basilica)**
- We received \$189.00 from Farro's tees for our SVDP clothing orders (not deposited as yet)
- The Urso family has requested that a plaque and bench be purchased from their donation in memory of Father Jack. The balance can be used as the membership votes to move forward with garden projects or families in need.
- Another donor has offered to help with a future project decided upon by our membership (donated \$1,000.00 – not deposited). A presentation is being made to the Board on Monday.

Food Pantry: Mary Schwarz

- Medical card reminder (to be kept on file in the conference room)
- Please follow the requests in the bulletin for supplies and food needed (at this time the need for canned fruit.)
- The number of guests in March: 1,266 adults, 647 children total of 1,913 individuals which is from the 581 families visiting the pantry

Home visitors: Joe Damato and Michelle Jones

- Thank you to ALL our members who volunteer to take the **hot line intake calls**; you are the 1st people our guests speak with and each of you are a tremendous resource to those who call SVdP!!
- The number of requests for financial support has been increasing and the amount being requested is increasing; more volunteers needed.

Helping Hands: Christine Cotgreave

- In full swing for the spring line of clothing to share with our guests.
- During the month of May Helping Hands will display prom dresses, pocketbooks, jewelry, and formal dresses for weddings.
- Need more volunteers as the number of guests keep increasing.

Furniture: Pat and Paul Capelli

- New member, Mary Jayne Nowak, has become an asset to this ministry; going out to estate sales and see what furniture can be used for SVdP
- Requests by our guests have increased for the need of furniture
- If you have furniture to donate, please email: furniture@svdptrenton.org or call (609)557-7837

Community Comfort and Fellowship Dinner: Marie Alfano

- The Community Comfort and Fellowship dinner continues to grow each month with 75+ guests. Our guests are from Homestead Run, local Methodist churches, Redeem-Her house, parishioners of our parish, along with those who are homeless and or living in their cars. Local agencies offer transportation encouraging some of our neighbors to join us for the evening.
- The volunteers for the dinner have been steadfast and creative in the dinner planning, and we look forward to the months ahead of the ministry growing. Please consider joining us for dinner; please remember it is for the building of community and the joy of fellowship.

Sunshine Fund: Karen Rott

- On a consistent basis Karen is sending cards of support to our members within our conference
- We will ask for a donation (\$1.00 or \$2.00) from our members within the next month or so to take care of the expenses of mass cards, stamps, etc.

Time sheets: Mary Serughetti

- When filling out the monthly time sheet, where it indicated “hours “it is not the specific hours - example from 8:00 AM- 10: 00 AM what needs to be written is 2 hours. If there are any questions, please ask Gemma

Technology: Kathy Minton

- Recently added pictures from our trip to see the Cherry Blossoms on our website
- Reminder about SVdP clothing still 20% discount for the balance of this month

SVdP county meeting for our Board members is May 8th at St. Aloysius Parish in Jackson

Next meeting: May 31st (light lunch and we will have the guest speaker)

Many blessings to you and your families – always,

Please remember all members and their families in your prayers