

SVdP Email update from March 5, 2025

Hello to all.

Our parishioners were once again very generous in their donations today for the Ash Wednesday collection. We did thank Father Michael at the time of the announcements prior to the 4:15 PM liturgy service expressing our gratitude in encouraging the donations for our SVdP conference.

30 of our members signed up to help with the collections, and their presence proved to be important in encouraging those who were in attendance to be supportive to our efforts.

1) Please remember to turn in your February timesheets; thank you.

2) Bob Bauer is beginning to feel better. We miss Bob and hope he will feel up to returning soon to Helping Hands. It's just not as much fun without him!!!

3) For the last 5 weeks our member, Marie DeSordi, has been going back and forth from the hospital to the rehab center. She entered the hospital due to the flu and pneumonia and has still not recovered. Marie is very weak, and she needs our thoughts and prayers. If the day goes as I am planning for it tomorrow, I will bring the cards you have signed, a plant from all of us and ashes over to the rehab center. (home address: 31 Milton Dr., Manchester 08759)

3) Karen Rott is having surgery. Karen is always so generous with her time in keeping in touch with our members, as needed, to share our concern and well wishes. This time we need to share those thoughts, prayers, and get well wishes with Karen expressing our concern for her. We wish her a VERY speedy recovery!! (home address: 2668 Lancaster Lane, Toms River 08755)

4) This past weekend, Marie Alfano's brother John Sublett passed away. Marie is our coordinator for the Community Comfort and Fellowship Dinner, and we extend our most heartfelt condolences. The pain of grief is so great when we experience the loss of someone we love (we weep for that which has been our delight). Our prayers that we share at this time with Marie will hopefully ease some of her sadness.

(home address: 81 Ambassador Drive, Manchester 08759)

5) Approximately a year ago Ben Russell became a member of SVdP. He became a member of our conference with a great sense of wanting to be as active as possible. However, throughout this year his health held him back from accomplishing his goal. In about 2 weeks Ben is meeting with his heart specialist to discuss and make a major decision regarding his health. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers giving him the strength to be able to make the right decision with the same wisdom and dignity that he has lived his life. (address: 6 Bedford Court, Manchester 08759)

6) We have had a very positive response for our SVdP conference retreat being held at our parish on March 27. The facilitator for the retreat is Sr. Anita of the Sisters of Charity. The focus of the retreat is on the "Seven Last Words." The retreat is from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. The cost is \$10.00 and will help cover the stipend we are giving Sister. Please bring your own lunch and we will have refreshments for you throughout the day. To register for our retreat please email our spiritual advisor Debbie Weingroff (dmweingroff@gmail.com).

7) Please continue to keep our member Mary Eggeling close to heart. Additionally, we have several members who have members of their families who are having some demanding times in their lives. We pray for each of them to gain a sense of peace and comfort.

8) Archie Miller celebrates his 95th birthday on March 10th; congratulations Archie on living a full and exemplary life!! We extend our love and gratitude. Home address: 12 Falstaff Drive, Manchester 08759

Blessings every day to each of you.

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