



The first half of 2025 at Human Services

Our food pantry provides basic dry food, personal hygiene, cleaning supplies, supermarket gift cards to clients, basic needs of living, limited clothing, local fast food gift cards to transient clients. Our pantry supported 516 individuals in 254 families, on average, that's 71 people in 42 families each month. We received 491 bags of pantry items, \$8,855 in gift cards & financial donations, & distributed 762 pantry bags (including Easter), and over \$6,600 in gift cards.

In addition to donations supporting our pantry, we also received the items below. If they weren't needed by our clients, Human Services volunteers delivered them to other worthy organizations.

- Clothing & shoes: which had to be sorted, checked for cleanliness, given to our clients or donated to St. Vincent de Paul.
- Infant related items (clothing, diapers, etc.) were washed, given to our clients or donated to the Life Center of Long Island.
- Household items (dishes, pots, linens) were given to our clients or donated to the STA Thrift Store.
- New toys & puzzles were given to our clients or donated to Ronald McDonald House.
- Adult diapers & bed pads were donated to Queen of Peace Residence & the Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

Outreach efforts included sending a combination of 120 cards and letters & celebrating the birthdays of 4 children with party supplies & birthday gifts. Our Eucharistic Ministers to the Homebound brought Communion to approximately 250 people each month, including residents of the Plattdeutsch Home, & Mercy Hospital.

The members of our Knitting & Crocheting Ministry created baby clothing, prayer shawls, & lap blankets which were given to those attending our Bereavement Group Sessions, those experiencing the grief of losing a loved one, & donated to Life Center of Long Island, NYU Langone, Ronald McDonald House, & The Mary Brennan Inn.

Our Ministry of Consolation assisted in funeral liturgy planning & attended 61 funerals & memorial masses, while our Bereavement Support Ministry facilitated a Bereavement Support Group.

Thank you, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Family! Human Services wouldn't be able to help our Parish, the West Hempstead Community & the many other deserving organizations we support without your continued generosity.

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