

Parish Council Meeting

Annual Pantry Report

May 2017

This year OLA pantry has been very busy. Upon my calculations you will see why.

From May 2016 until the present May 6, 2017 we have serviced 612 Households. This breaks down to 2,457 people. 946 -children ages 0-17, 1,320- Adults, and 191- seniors. This includes families who call during the week for a spot on Saturday as well as calls on Saturday for emergency bags and walk-ins.

We have increased our new family base by 18 thus far

Thanksgiving Baskets dropped to 37 Families from 41 last year.

Hannaford food has increased in poundage:

- Produce 11,654 lbs. vs. 11,225 lbs. from last yr.
- Bread 7,452 lbs. vs. 8,905 lbs. from last year
- Baked Goods 6,013 lbs. vs. 5,437 lbs. last yr.
- Meat 5,107 lbs. vs. 2,731 lbs. last yr.
- Prepared Foods 105 vs. 876 last yr.

We have been lucky to have received (on three different occasions) Stewarts Milk Cards through both the HPNAP Grant and from Stewarts directly.

Catholic Charities gave us \$1,500.00 from their 2016 Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign

Stewarts Holiday Match \$ 500.00

O & R Holiday Grant \$ 818.00

Food Bank Annual Grant \$2,700.00 HPNAP Grant

Food Bank Annual Grant toward utilities \$1,513.00

A Parish Member sent in a check to the Food Bank for \$500.00, earmarked for a grant to be used to purchase food for our pantry. I personally sent them a thank you as well as Father Paul.

Parishioners' Generous Monetary Donations as well as Food Donations have been a great help

We have received a large donation of food from the Bloomingburg Post Office when they run their annual food drive

We have received two large donations of food from OLMC School's food drive. They helped us enormously this past winter and I am very grateful to them for their generous support.

We are doing well in supporting ourselves to best of our ability with help from our community for those in need.

I am still delivering excess food to the Community Church in Wurtsboro, The Federation for the Homeless in Monticello, and the Senior Housing here in Bloomingburg.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Herschel

Pantry Coordinator