

## INFORMATION ABOUT DONATIONS

### Food, Toiletries and Paper Goods:

Because we assist between 400 and 500 people each month, we are always looking for donations of food, toiletries and paper goods. We post our three most-needed items in our church bulletin and our facebook page weekly. Also, for a full list of items that would help us out, please go back to the Social Ministry home page on this website and **CLICK ON "Food List for Donations"**.

### Frequently asked questions:

Q. When and where can I drop donated food, toiletries and paper goods?

A.

There are two large, wooden bins in the gathering space of our church where donations may be dropped on the weekend.



In addition, our pantry is open Monday through Friday from 10am-2:30pm and we accept donations any time during those hours. The pantry located at 140 Elizabeth Street, in the parking lot on the north side of Conklin Street directly across the street from the church. Look for the yellow house with the green shutters.

Q. Are there any food and/or personal care items that you cannot use?

A. We do receive calls from generous folks who want to bring us large quantities of adult diapers as well as baby food. Believe it or not, these items do not move very quickly and therefore take up shelf space for a very long time. If you have questions about where to donate these items, please call our office at 516-756-9656.



Q. What about clothing?

A. Unfortunately, we do not have room for clothing here at our food pantry. Donations of clothing can be made as follows:

**CLOTHING FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN:** Project Closet volunteers run a free boutique for school-aged children from September through June. They usually hold clothing drives in the St. Kilian School Lobby on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday evening of the month, September through June, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. However, please call us here at Outreach to verify the donation dates if you have not seen verification in our church bulletin or on facebook. Finally, please note that their children's clothing shop is NOT located in our Outreach building so please do not bring those donations here. Thanks!

**ADULT CLOTHING and CLOTHING FOR INFANTS** can be dropped in the St Vincent de Paul bin in our parish parking lot across the street from the church, or can be brought to the New to You Shoppe at Farmingdale United Methodist Church (call 516-752-2181 for hours).

Q. What about donations of furniture, toys, books, etc?

A. We do not have room for these items, but we can suggest other places where your donations can be brought:

Furniture: Call St. Vincent de Paul Society Furniture/Thrift Store for information about pick-up.

Nassau County: 516-746-8250; Suffolk County: 631-858-0380

Toys, Books, Misc: The New to You Shoppe at Farmingdale United Methodist Church: 516-752-2181

Q. What about cash donations?

A. These are always appreciated and used for food purchases and client assistance. Checks can be made out to St. Kilian Outreach and mailed to 140 Elizabeth Street, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Acknowledgements will be sent to recognize these donations.

Please help us out, be a good steward and do not leave items on our front doorstep. Most people would be disappointed to learn that items which are left there are usually ruined by the time we find them, or that we cannot use them. It would be better to call us to find out where the appropriate donation place would be. Thanks so very much for your thoughtfulness and cooperation!