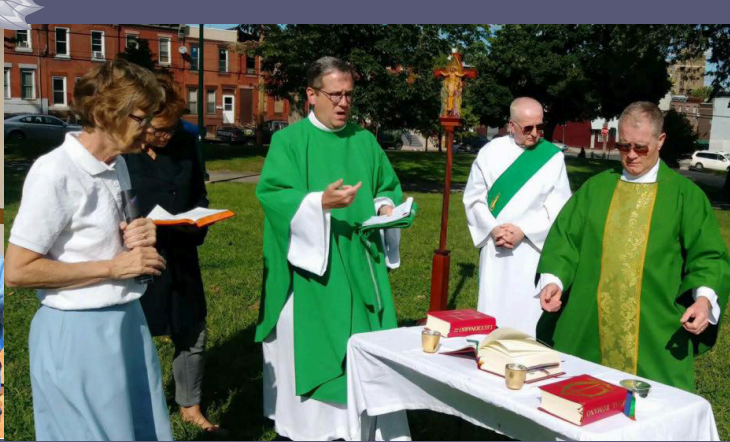


Mother of Mercy House

2017 Fall/Winter Newsletter



SHARING THE MERCY OF GOD WITH ALL!

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Thank you for your prayers, unwavering support, and generosity. We wanted to show you a few things that we've been up to at Mother of Mercy House. All of this is only possible because of YOU!



Our Second Saturdays have been a great success! In September, the Perate family and friends from St. Andrew parish in Newtown prepared and served an amazing meal. Some of them joined us for an eye-opening visit to the Emerald Street underpass to offer food to those "living" there. "Our kids had a blast and can't wait to come back," said Alison Perate.

In August, the Sisters and Staff of Camilla Hall conducted a Pack-a-Backpack campaign for children in our neighborhood. Due to their generosity, we were able to deliver over 15 boxes of school supplies to Sheridan Elementary and Conwell Middle School.



In October, Second Saturday was hosted by Teen Service Corps of Fox Chase. They served sandwiches, snacks and drinks to 100 of our neighbors in need.



"Our teens come from a comfortable middle class neighborhood. Without this opportunity to volunteer and speak with the people near K & A, our teens may have never actually known how much help is really needed. Mother of Mercy House is a great opportunity to delve into the social justice issues that are afflicting the Greater Philadelphia area."
-Alex Rigney, Teen Service Corps Director



On September 23 we celebrated Mercy Day with a special Mass in our chapel. Three of our children made their First Communion after being lovingly prepared by some of our volunteers. It was a great day for everyone.



Our Circulo de Oracion welcomed Patricia to their Thursday prayer group on September 21. We praised God, meditated on Mary as a role model of faith, and prayed for our suffering brothers and sisters in Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Sr. Marie Bernadette, IHM, and her volunteers ran a Bible Camp for Mother of Mercy House in July. The kids had a great time learning about Jesus, singing and doing arts and crafts.



In our ongoing effort to bring Christ's presence to our neighborhood, Fr. Murphy celebrated outdoor Mass at H and Westmoreland Streets on July 29. Neighbors joined us and the choir from Visitation Parish helped us raise our voices in praise to God.

On September 9, Mother of Mercy House celebrated Mass in McPherson Square Park to pray for all of those who have been affected by the drug epidemic in our neighborhood. Malvern Institute joined us with Bernie Parent as guest speaker.

We interact daily with those caught up in the snare of addiction: handing out snack bags, praying and counseling, and offering opportunities to find places for recovery. It is a daily struggle.



Our food line grows longer each week. We are so grateful to all those who donate non-perishables to Mother of Mercy House. Your generosity helps us to hand out over 80 bags of groceries every Thursday, and 10-15 additional bags prepared for the homeless who have no way of cooking their food.

Thank you for all that you do for Mother of Mercy House. We truly couldn't do this without you!
God bless you!

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