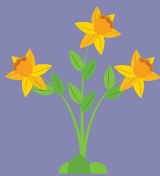
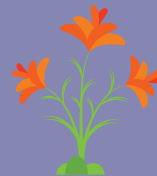


Mother of Mercy House

Sharing the Mercy of God with All



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On the Second Saturday of December, the Philadelphia Chapter of the Univ. of Dayton Alumni provided a delicious dinner for our neighbors and for the homeless and the lonely who surround us. Second Saturday has become a popular event for our volunteers: a day of prayer and service.



Santa came to visit our kids on Dec. 17. The children gathered in our chapel to hear the story of the birth of Jesus as they anxiously awaited their turn to visit St. Nick. Thanks to the generosity of so many friends of MoMH, everyone left with a gift.



Our friends from Salesianum Academy spent a Saturday with us, visiting neighbors block by block to share with them the good news about MoMH. Here they are preparing packets for the visit.



The Hispanic Community from St. Patrick Parish in Norristown hosted 'una comida muy sabrosa' on Second Saturday. Everyone gathered beforehand in our chapel for Adoration and Lectio Divina. All our service is rooted in prayer.

The Welte family and friends served up a hearty Second Saturday meal for our friends and neighbors. They brought plenty of food—and it all went. Our neighbors always leave with a smile and a "thank you!" They are truly grateful for the presence of MoMH and for the generosity of our supporters.

Dr. Frank McNesby, from St. Christopher Children's Hospital, a Board Member and volunteer of MoMH joins us on Second Saturdays. He provides blood pressure screenings for our neighbors. Soon, with the help of Sr. Marie de Sales, SSND and others, MoMH hopes to address health concerns as part of Second Saturday and beyond.



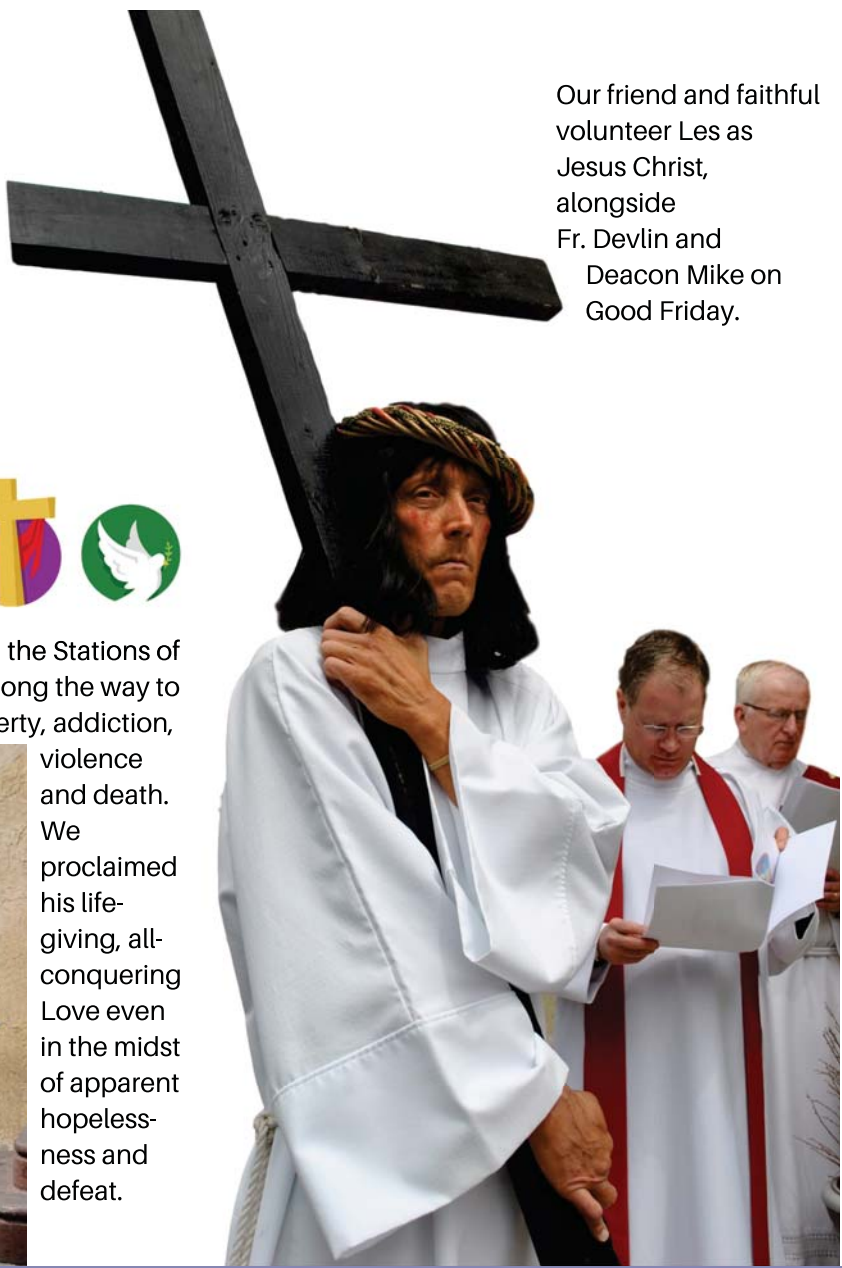


Over 900 of our brothers and sisters died from drug addiction last year right here in Philadelphia. Kensington is the center of this epidemic. MoMH celebrated a Mass of Healing and Hope on April 29th in McPherson Square Park—a place that knows too well the scourge of addiction. We prayed with and for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to addiction, with those still struggling and with our neighbors who face every day the devastating affects of drugs at this park and all throughout our area. We recognize Christ in the “breaking of the bread” and bring his love to the broken places around us.



On Holy Thursday, Fr. Murphy washed the feet of some of our neighbors at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper.

And our sweet friend Juleesa received her First Communion on this holy night!



Our friend and faithful volunteer Les as Jesus Christ, alongside Fr. Devlin and Deacon Mike on Good Friday.

On Good Friday, friends and neighbors joined us as we prayed the Stations of the Cross through the streets of Kensington. We stopped along the way to recognize those places where Christ still suffers due to poverty, addiction,



violence and death. We proclaimed his life-giving, all-conquering Love even in the midst of apparent hopelessness and defeat.



Sr. Mary Dee, IHM joins MoMH on Wednesdays with novices Sr. Amanda and Sr. Fina. They lend their support to our ministry and join us in our walk through the streets, "sharing the mercy of God with all" those we find struggling on our streets and in our parks.

On February 2nd, our Circulo de Oracion celebrate "La Candelaria," the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. They lit candles during Mass to remind all that Christ is the light that shines through the darkness and the warmth that radiates in our hearts.

Our neighbors line up every Thursday morning to receive food to help them make it through the week. Lately we have been distributing between 75-80 bags of groceries a week. **The need is great!**



... And the need is met by so many generous donors from around the Archdiocese who collect non-perishables and deliver car-loads of food to us regularly. We are so grateful for your support.

As Summer draws near, please remember that hunger doesn't take a vacation. We are always grateful for any items, especially the following:



canned tuna, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, mac and cheese, individual juice drinks (6 or 8 oz.), individual fruit cups



THANKYOU

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