

## Your Help Is Always Appreciated...And Needed

St. Mary's Parishioners have been and are extremely generous to the needy and the homeless. We want you to know that your kindness is much appreciated and has made a big difference in the lives of many different people.

In recent months we have seen an influx of the needy and the homeless in our area, and we are searching for the best ways by which we can help them. Besides your kind financial donations, we are also in need of in kind donations. Some of the items we are seeking are:

**New Warm Hats** 

**Please-No Clothing That Requires Dry Cleaning** 

**New Warm Gloves** 

**New Warm Socks** 

**Hand and Foot Warmers** 

**Small Snackables (no peanuts)** 

Toiletry items, such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes (adult and children size)feminine hygiene products, tissues, and (small containers) hand sanitizer. Shampoo, body wash, any liquid types should be in travel size or smaller containers.

These will be packaged as a "Survival Kit" and distributed to the homeless and to the needy.

Another pressing need is for warm, new, and gently used coats (men's, women's boys', and girls') for the winter weather.

We will be putting collection bins at both entrances of the church near the Christmas Trees the weekend of November 28<sup>th;</sup> and we kindly ask for items to be turned in by December 12<sup>th</sup>. After that, the bins will remain in place as the needs are, and will be ongoing, possibly even increasing. Donations will still be needed.

We appreciate your help and your kindness to those most in need. The recent turn of events with Covid 19 has shown us how fragile our lives really are, and how dependent we are on one another. Thank you for helping us to care for the homeless and the needy.

St Vincent de Paul Society of St. Mary Parish in Uxbridge MA