

March 2018 Newsletter



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Raleigh

CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

A message from Kelly Rappi



Every day during prayer time we share words from the Pope about our mission at CPO. We are blessed since he has so much to say on the subject, that helps us to really live our Christian faith in concrete ways. He has focused on the importance of volunteering – a call to action in our faith life.

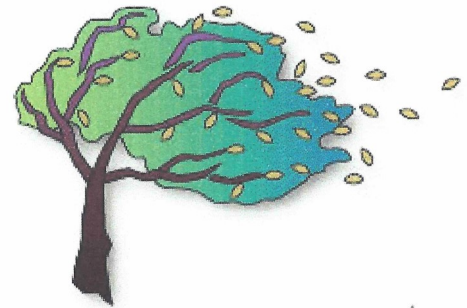
"Good' is accomplished and is effective especially when it is done without seeking recompense and visibility, in the concrete situations of daily life." Pope Francis

So, if we're going to fast from anything during Lent, Francis focuses on, instead of giving up something tangible, we fast from indifference towards others. If we are not caught up in our own interests and concerns, there is room for others, a place for the poor, enriching other lives as well as our own.

As all of us who are nourished spiritually by the work we do at CPO, we know that we feel a deeper level of God's love and mercy and our desire to do

good and make a difference only grows! We believe that everyone who enters the doors of CPO, is part of one community with needs and gifts that can be shared and multiplied. It is in this journey that we can truly be Christians who are striving to be more like Christ!

I hope you have a meaningful Lenten season and God Bless!



Words of Wisdom volunteer Judy Lamanna

C.S. LEWIS: "THE SOUL IS BUT A HOLLOW WHICH GOD FILLS!"

LIKE THE POWERFUL MARCH WIND, THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A REAL PRESENCE, AND FILLS US AS WE SEEK CHRIST THROUGH PRAYER.

FEEL HIS POWER? SEE HIS WIND MOVE THE TREES! SEE THE WIND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TOO, AS IT MOVES US WITH GIFTS SUCH AS WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING THAT FILL US.

THANK YOU JESUS, FOR ALL YOU WON FOR US!

AMEN.





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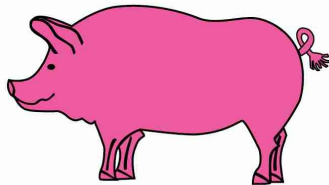
Providing Help—Creating Hope—Serving All

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Save the Date: Saturday April 21

5th Annual Pig Pickin

4:30—7:30



Tweet from Pope Francis

Christians are called to keep alive the memory of how much God has done through them.



Save the Date: Monday June 11

Drive Out Hunger Golf Outing

North Ridge Country Club

See website for details & registration:

www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/golf-2018



Lourdes Altar Guild donations



Durham Montessori School soup kits

Donation highlights

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| • St. Raphael School: | Soup kits + children's birthday kits |
| • Montessori School in Durham: | 100 soup kits |
| • St. Francis Prayer Shawl ministry: | 61 handmade children's items |
| • Lourdes Altar Guild: | Children's birthday & newborn kits |
| • St. Mary food drive: | 2,061 lbs. of groceries & \$3,172 |
| • St. Andrew food drive: | 4,279 lbs. of groceries & \$7,904 |
| • St. Catherine baby shower: | 2,153 lbs. of children's items & \$1,992 |
| • Cardinal Gibbons HS food drive: | 6,182 lbs. of groceries & \$41 |
| • St. Francis food drive: | 9,644 lbs. of groceries & \$7,319 |
| • St. Raphael School food drive: | 516 lbs. of groceries |
| • The Franciscan School 2nd graders: | 60 children's birthday kits |
| • St. Mary Magdalene Souper Bowl of Caring: | \$1,196 |



Gibbons food drive



Beyond the Numbers: Pedro



Pedro is originally from Uruguay. He lived in New Jersey with his wife and 5 children for several years, until his wife died. He is now a single dad; and his youngest is only 3 years old. Pedro moved to North Carolina to live close to his sister. He is looking for work, but in the meantime he is getting connected to our community of agencies who can help.

Pedro came to CPO with his sister, with a referral from Wake County Human Services. It was a great blessing to help the family with groceries and with clothing for his daughter.



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Montessori School of Raleigh packed 4 pallets of TEFAP food! They are 4th, 5th, & 6th graders.

Stats for January

	Jan 2017	Jan 2018
Households served	2,689	2,611
People served	9,266	8,991
Total clothing	614	654
Total diapers	462	465
Total volunteer hours	3,582	3,642
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	26	72
Note: On average a family visits CPO 2.9 times a year		

