

June---Faith & Justice Newsletter

Angel Tree Program - Featured in the Catholic Star Herald

Read about how St. Thomas More was in the Catholic Star Herald with a wonderful and touching story about what happened AFTER the gifts were donated last Christmas to the children of prisoners - [A Touching Angel Tree Program Story from St. Thomas More in Cherry Hill, New Jersey](#). St. Thomas More was the first in the Diocese but hopefully this will lead to more parishes throughout the Diocese joining in this worthwhile cause.



Recap of our May 22nd event - What can we do to Stop Gun Violence?

There were around 50 people who came to hear about Gun Violence from two wonderful people from Moms Demand Action, including one who lost her son to gun violence. The audience was moved by the data and powerful testimony. Petitions were available to sign for our congress people after the event.

Refugee Families

Our Society of St. Vincent de Paul has reconnected with a former Catholic Charities employee who assists refugee families in our area. The Society recently provided gift cards to help an Afghan family they supported last year.



The family is having difficulties adjusting to life in the US. They have various medical challenges that are making it hard to find steady employment. The family is very appreciative of the support from our Parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

The Society was awarded a \$2,000 Grant from the Diocese's Operation Rice Bowl because of their support of individuals in our county and their efforts to assist new refugees.

Action for the Hungry

At a regional SVDP meeting a few months back, the potential impact of changes in the Farm Bill on families that were "food challenged" was discussed. One of the local SVDP chapters was putting together a letter writing campaign and asked us to sign the letters. The letters to New Jersey Legislators were asking that changes to the Farm Bill not be hurtful to the poor.

Our SVDP team reached out to the Faith and Justice Team to see if we could help get as many signed as possible. SVDP took the signed letters back to the Conference that was mailing them out and they were very appreciative!

Never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity!

Pope Francis