

## *Mary, Queen of Martyrs Parish*

### *Diaper Pantry Update and Report to Parishioners - January 2023*



We are now approaching our second anniversary of starting the diaper pantry and are pleased to provide this report to our generous parishioners.

**Diaper Pantry History:** The Diaper Pantry came into being from a “spark” lit through our experiences in the Just Faith program that led us to form a Social Justice Ministry in our Parish. We started making inquiries within our parish to determine the community’s specific needs so we could put our Catholic Social Teaching objectives into action.

At initial meetings with organizations that serve those in need, we learned that the affordability of baby diapers was an issue as other government assistance programs do not provide baby diapers. We made our first donations to local agencies in early February and were able to open our doors to our first clients in April, 2021.

Jim and Leona who run the food pantry at St. Kateri were incredibly helpful in sharing their tracking systems which we adopted. Posters at the churches, bulletins, newsletter announcements and Facebook posts, in addition to contacting all the agencies that worked with our targeted clients were the primary methods used to get the word out.

**Contributions:** Our parishioners and others have been incredibly generous in their donations of diapers and monetary contributions. We also receive donations from the food pantry at St. Kateri, the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry at St. Peters, and St. Mary’s/ St. Joseph’s Collaborative. We received an average of 1,795 diaper donations monthly in 2021 and 1,998 in 2022 (see chart below.)

**Families Served:** Through the calendar year 2022, 14,842 diapers were distributed. The average diaper need for a one-year-old is between 6 and 7 diapers per day, or 180 – 210 diapers monthly per [healthline.com](https://www.healthline.com). Of families from our neighboring towns, 76% are from Plymouth, 15% are from Carver, and 9% from Kingston. 1,352 diapers were distributed for newborns in the refugee population currently living in Plymouth. We see on average 15 families at each pantry, held twice per month.

**Our Volunteers:** Amy Norris, Christine Cumming, Kate Sweeney, Kathy Pesanelli, Kelly Charpentier, Lori Connolly, Mary Quilty, Susanne Conley, Jeanne Barreta (Coordinator)

#### **2022 Diaper Pantry Inventory:**

Sizes	Total In 01/01/22 - 12/31/22	Total Out 01/01/22 - 12/31/22	Net Total 12/31/22
Newborn	714	674	40
1	2377	1150	1227
2	2414	880	1534
3	4697	2721	1976
4	4230	2907	1323
5	4015	2288	1727
6	2955	1982	973
Pull Ups 2T-3T	732	576	156
Pull ups 3T - 4T	713	606	107
Pull Ups 4T - 5 T	1134	1058	76
<b>Net</b>	<b>23981</b>	<b>14842</b>	<b>9139</b>
<b>Average per month</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1237</b>	



*Thanks to all who have  
contributed so much  
in helping  
area babies and families in need!*