



HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Remembering the Goodness of God

It is with a grateful heart that I write to thank you, the parishioners of St. Frances and our Wantagh families for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and the countless selfless ways you touched so many this Thanksgiving. Even in these tough economic times, we were able to accomplish a true outreach because of your kindness.

Your generous donations allowed us to feed nearly a hundred local families with Thanksgiving meals including dinners, breakfast, and lunch. We had such an abundance of food that we were able to share our wealth and provide Thanksgiving food boxes and turkeys to needy families in Hempstead, Uniondale, Freeport, and Wyandanch.

I would like to thank all our parishioners who made our Thanksgiving outreach effort such a success. A special mention to the groups who organized food drives which yielded an unprecedented amount of food and turkey donations. These include, the Young Vincentians, the St. Frances Adult and Children Faith Formation, various Christian and Community groups, the Knights of Columbus, The Lions Club of Wantagh, the Kiwanis Club of Wantagh, the Church of St. Jude, Suburban Bus Company, Pat Dolan Plumbing, asap Logistics, Ltd., Stew Leonard's, various Brownie/Daisy/Girl Scout and Cub/Boy Scout Troops and many other local Wantagh merchants. I would love to be able to thank all our parishioners personally but that would be impossible. A Special Thank you to the US Army for delivering boxes and turkeys for so many that are in need. Thanks to all those who delivered and provided a decorated boxes filled with all the Thanksgiving trimmings. Special thanks to our Pastor Father Seth, the Pastoral Staff, Linda Verre, Victoria Walsh, Margaret Obregon, the Custodial Staff, all the Supportive Staff, to our many dedicated volunteers and drivers (you know who you are), and to all of you who gave so generously.

Thank You and God Bless,

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