

Parishioner Linda Abbott shares her thoughts about people who are hungry in Salisbury



“I was so sad and very disturbed to learn of how many people in our community are hungry and need food assistance in order to survive during the Covid pandemic. This issue was brought to my attention in the summer by Julia Gantz, City Administrator for the city of Salisbury, during the weekly sessions I participate in initiated by Julia for Covid 19 information and updates. Since the summer every Saturday there have been 150 boxes of food distributions at various locations in Salisbury. Currently they are distributed around Waverly Drive. I decided to attend and participate in these food distributions. I was overly amazed at the number of middle-class people in line with their children waiting to receive a box. Unfortunately, there were not enough boxes to serve all.

“Troubled by this I felt a calling one night before going to sleep to do whatever I could to help provide food for the hungry. The next morning I placed an on-line order with Sam’s of large cans of vegetables, sweet potatoes, chicken breasts and tuna, picked up curbside and delivered to HALO and the Christian Shelter. Both were so appreciative of my food donations and I have continued to do this on a routine basis. Another night I thought of contacting friends and neighbors to ask for their participation for help feeding the hungry and with great delight I was so pleased with their response and giving. Deliveries have continued with more food each week.

“A couple of weeks ago I thought of St. Peter’s and the possibility of communications to parishioners to solicit their participation. I contacted Fr. David and he supported the giving and said he would discuss with the Outreach Committee. It was approved and there is now a system in place for providing food for the needy. I’m grateful for the support of our church and pray that this will be an ongoing project during the pandemic.”

-Linda Abbott, December 2020