

GREAT UPDATES FROM THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

HOMELESS SHELTER

After a hectic spring and summer during which the fate of our shelter often seemed precarious, we're thrilled to report that the St. Ignatius Shelter will continue to provide good meals, warm beds and friendship for our homeless neighbors.

There is, though, one big change—we will be converting from a men's to a women's shelter. We're excited to start this new chapter in our ministry and we hope you are, too.

We will be holding an informational session in October (date to follow) in which we'll discuss what this change will mean for us. In fact, though, we don't anticipate that much will change; our procedures will remain the same.

Please get in touch with Chris Halem (chrishalem@yahoo.com or 917-494-7301) if you have any questions in the meantime.

Pattie Hughes, President, St. Vincent de Paul Society
Chris Halem, Shelter Coordinator
Donna Signorelli, Shelter Coordinator



SHOP AND SUPPORT THE YORKVILLE COMMON PANTRY

The online shopping site, Amazon.com has agreed to make donations to The Yorkville Common Pantry, from all purchases which first go through YCP.ORG. This is an easy, free way to help support a very deserving organization. As a sponsoring church, we should always be looking for new ways to help out.

When you are planning to shop online, first go to YCP.org, then search for Amazon. You will be linked to the same Amazon site you are familiar with; make purchases as you usually do. Amazon will send the donation to YCP.

It's that easy to help out a hungry neighbor!

REPORT ON OUR BLOOD DRIVE

SVdP held a successful blood drive on Sunday, September 21, thanks to all who made a donation! Since so many of us are committed to donating regularly, we have made arrangements with the NY Blood Center to hold blood drives every other month on the third Sunday of the month.

The next blood drive will be held on Sunday, November 16, followed by January 18, March 15 and May 17.

ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA HONORED

St. Ignatius Loyola Parish was honored by the Archdiocese and the NY Blood Center last week for increasing our blood donations by more than 300% during the Bicentennial year!

A Mass of Recognition was celebrated by Bishop Sullivan at Saint John The Evangelist. Following the Mass, there was a lovely reception in the diocesan offices. Chris Halem and Pattie Hughes were honored to receive a plaque on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola.

Increasing our blood donations by more than 300% is quite an accomplishment! Think about how many neighbors we helped, how many lives we saved.

Thanks to all who donated!

