

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Minutes

December 10, 2025

Gary opened the meeting at 7pm.

Mary Merenda began with an opening prayer. We remembered loved ones, friends, and members of our community who passed away in 2025 and prayed for family members and friends who are sick and struggling through difficult times.

There were no new members and 22 in all attended:

Gary Crispo, Cindy Ashworth, Bill and Michele Carey, Jim and Pat Mullen, Rich and Sharon Brilla, Mary Merenda, Thomas Guido, Margaret Donovan, Diane Morrison, Marie Brown, Wendy Travis, James and Beth Ragnetti, Joyce Pfirman, Karen Salatino, Tom O’Mara, Linda Davis, Jessica McMahan and Linda McMahan.

The Minutes of November 2025 were approved by Mary Merenda and Linda Davis.

HPNAP (Hunger Prevention & Nutrition Assistance Program) Report November 2025

	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2024
Households	140	135	142
Children	92	88	111
Adults	213	210	246
Elderly	89	85	72
Total People	394	383	429

Gary summarized November 2025 which represents a 5-household increase over the previous month of October 2025, and there was a slight increase in total served. There was a 2-household decline over November 2024.

2025 Food Bank Purchases (November)

There were two Food Bank Trips last month. Members drove to the food bank, and several were on hand to help put away food.

Date	Gross Weight (lbs.)	Total Cost	Grants	Our Cost
Nov 3	718	\$1,155.40	\$200	\$955.40
Nov 12	939	\$1260.42	\$722.58	\$537.84

Driving to the food bank were Bill Stickle, Wendy Travis, Ed Davis. On hand to put the food away were Tom Guido, Claude Heddle, Bob Kavanaugh, Tom O’Mara, Marie Brown, Trish Jecmen, and Gary Crispo.

Treasurer’s Report Nov 2025 – Jessica McMahan

Food Drives (Completed):

11/16/25 - ACME- East Fishkill PBA. We collected 58 banana boxes of food. Helping from SVDP we Tom O’Mara, Dave Weaving, and Gary Crispo.

11/23/25 – Stop & Shop – ‘Stuff The Bus’ (Catholic Charities & iHeart Radio). We collected 2,260lbs of food and \$250 in cash donations. Helping were Don Ryan, Shane Murray and his son, Tom O’Mara, and Gary Crispo

Emergency Food Provider Program (Dutchess County/SNAP Relief)

In collaboration with Dutchess Outreach and Fareground, we received from Red Barn Farms three weeks of food at no charge to SVDP. The items included beef, chicken, eggs, milk, fresh vegetables & fruits, juices, and an assortment of canned non-perishable products.

TEFAP Forms & Log sheets

Gary Crispo reminded members to check the box if SNAP applies.

Christmas ShopRite Gift Card Distribution

Gary reminded members to collect the envelopes located behind the Pantry door for their clients, if they were unable to receive them previously.

Winter Coats

Linda Davis reminded members to offer coats to their clients.

Reminder: Christmas Giving Tree Distribution

Date: Sunday December 14th

Time: 2pm-3pm

Location: St. Dennis/St. Columba School Religious Education Entrance.

Closing Prayer – Mary Merenda offered a Christmas Prayer and Blessings

The Christmas Party followed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

In Memory of Masses from St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

- **Mass for Emil Kurak:** Sunday, December 28, 2025, 12:00pm at St. Columba
- **Mass for Bob Pirrelli:** Sunday, March 15, 2026, 10:30am, at St. Columba
- **Mass for Elenor Stelma:** Sunday, June 28, 2026 at St. Columba