


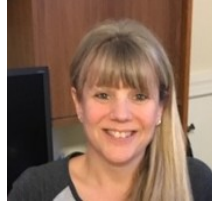
April 2025 Newsletter

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Note From the Director

Kelly



It is with mixed emotions that I am writing my April Newsletter note. We have just ended the most Holy Day of the year, which is joyful because “HE HAS RISEN!” and then find out that we have lost our compass here on earth that walked in Peter’s footsteps, Pope Francis. He has served a huge inspiration for the CPO family since he embodied being “the hands and feet of Christ” and inspired us to strive to live the Corporal Works of Mercy in all we do, to serve our neighbors. He encouraged, and when necessary admonished, us to be good stewards of God Creation. Please join me in praying for the conclave, as they discern the will of God in choosing our next Pope to hand over the “keys to kingdom” here on earth and to continue to spread the love and joy of God.

One of our volunteers shared this with me today and I felt that it was a very good summation of our Church under the last three Popes to help realign us to God’s message....

Pope John Paul II: This is what we believe!

Pope Benedict XVI: This is why we believe it!

Pope Francis: Now GO DO IT!

Cannot wait to see what God has planned for us next in our spiritual journey!

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Hours of Operation:

Mon/Wed/Thurs/Friday & Saturday
9 am—12pm



“ Rivers do not drink their own water; trees do not eat their own fruit; the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is...Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you. ”

Pope Francis

Kelly



We are now open ALL Saturdays

for CPO food distribution

CPO is open from 9 am—12pm

Looking to volunteer:

We are now using **Point** software for people to volunteer at CPO.

To sign up go to: dash.pointapp.org

Create username and password

Choose Catholic Charities Raleigh for the organization

If you need help in signing up contact our Volunteer Coordinator Darcy Hull (call or text) 919-847-1466 or email her at CPOvol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org

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	Mar-24	Mar-25	% Inc
Families	2097	2,896	38%
People	8203	13,139	60%

	Jul-Mar FY 24	Jul-Mar FY 25	% Inc
Families	19,261	24,080	25%
People	75,032	96,808	29%

	Jul-Mar FY 24 AVG	Jul-Mar FY 25 AVG	% Inc
Families	2,140	2,676	25%
People	8,337	10,756	29%

The Clothing Corner has had a VERY BUSY Spring.....

The bi-annual seasonal change from WINTER to SUMMER happened in clothing in March/April and another VERY successful Kids EveryWear pickup was completed. Over 50 people showed up at the former Burlington Coat Factory site in Cary to gather all the remaining items that were being donated and worked to unpin/bundle them to bring back to CPO to distribute. Special thanks to all who attended, especially Darcy Hull who organized the event and Jo Wildeman, Brooke Conn, Dana Conte & Marilyn Bushey who managed the team & operations on-site.



The clothing leads and volunteers also worked very hard to transform the clothing area to handle pre-bagged clothing for distribution. This change was necessary due to our high increases in those we serve; to ensure that we did not have backups that would have required us to limit the number of families that we serve food.

Messages from the



Recently books with personal messages were donated by the 6th & 8th graders at Our Lady of Lourdes school to distribute to our Clothing Corner kids.




NEW Clothing Corner bins for distribution



NEW Warehouse configuration for pre-bagging clothing for distribution



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**April 21st—
April 26th**

Volunteers don't get paid, not
because they're worthless,
but because they're priceless.

Sherry Anderson

Voluntary workers are "among the most precious things the Church has" who express the "most noble desires of the human heart, making a suffering person feel loved," Pope Francis said at an audience in St. Peter's Square to mark the Jubilee of Volunteer Workers. "Your presence is the hand of Christ held out to all, and reaching all"

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Source: September 2016

CPO would not have the impact in the community without our Volunteers

DISTRIBUTION					
VOLUNTEER SLOTS	Per Day	Per Wk	Per Mo	Per Yr	Hrs
Mon/Wed/Th/Fri	35	140	560	6,720	26,880
Tuesday	5	5	20	240	960
Sat	20	20	80	960	3,840
		165	660	7,920	31,680
\$ Value of Volunteers Labor*					\$1,002,355
SPECIALTY PROJECTS					
VOLUNTEER SLOTS	Per Day	Per Wk	Per Mo	Per Yr	Hrs
Home Food Delivery		12	49	588	2,352
Mobile Pantry			14	168	672
Catholic School groups			21	250	1,000
Clothing pick-ups	50			100	400
Other Groups **				100	400
Community Service				50	200
Misc				25	100
		12	84	175	5,124
\$ Value of Volunteers Labor*					\$162,123
GRAND TOTAL \$ LABOR					\$1,164,479

* Rate volunteer labor = \$31.64 /hr for NC per DO GOOD Institute/Independent Sector 2025

** Scouts, NHS, Parish Ministries, Charter Schools, Youth Groups, Young Adults



We offer a very heartfelt THANK YOU to our Volunteers
We LITERALLY could not do it without your efforts!

In reality Volunteer time is INVALUABLE to nonprofits due to intangible benefits providing essential time and skills, increasing reach and impact, and fostering community engagement

- **Get Financial Support:** Helps secure grants and donations, and even teaming with other organizations.
- **Plan Strategically:** Strengthens decisions about resource allocation and program development possible.
- **Create Visualize Impact:** Showcases the real significant impact volunteers make in the community.

In Memory

CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

OBITUARY

John C Bartimac

JANUARY 20, 1943 – APRIL 2, 2025



IN THE CARE OF

Brown-Wynne Funeral Home

CPO has lost a member of our family. John was a longtime volunteer of CPO as a runner along with his wife, Gena, who was an assembler in the food area. His picture truly captured the essence of his personality!

Please keep Gena and the Bartimac family in your thoughts and prayers.

John C. "Bucky" Bartimac, a devoted husband, father, brother, and man of deep faith, passed away peacefully on April 2, 2025, at the age of 82. He was the son of the late John A. Bartimac and Gladys Bartimac.

John graduated from Freedom High School Class of 1961.

A hardworking and selfless provider, John served in the U.S. Army before working in the steel mills of PA, where he built a life rooted in perseverance and sacrifice. He remained committed and devoted to every challenge life presented. Hence, in June 1986, John moved his family to Raleigh, NC where he built a successful concrete business which he owned and operated for over 25 years until his retirement, at the age of 70. He had a strong work ethic ensuring his family was cared for and supported.

John spent many years coaching various sports, mentoring young kids. He loved to fish and play jokes on people by putting rubber spiders, cockroaches, or mice on their shoulders or in his food. What John cherished the most was his loving wife, Gena!

He is survived by his beloved wife, Gena Rossi Bartimac; his children, Brian Bartimac, Natalie Bartimac (francé Quincy Alleyne), and Michael Bartimac; his sister, Patty Sproull; and his brother, George Bartimac, and many nieces and nephews.

John's strength, humor, and generosity will be deeply missed but forever remembered by all who knew him.

A viewing will be held at Brown Wynne Funeral Home, 1701 East Millbrook Rd Raleigh, NC 27609 Monday April 7 between 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A service and reception will be held at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 5808 Fall of Neuse Rd Raleigh, NC 27609 Tuesday April 8 at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Tunnel to Towers or a charity of your choice in his memory.

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OBITUARY

Carol Theresa Kirk

DECEMBER 25, 1932 – APRIL 5, 2025



CPO has lost another member of our family. In the past, Carol was a volunteer in our Clothing Corner before her “retirement”.

Carol Theresa Kirk, age 92, formerly of Utica and Marcy, NY, and more recently of Raleigh, NC passed away Saturday, April 5, 2025.

Born in Utica on Christmas Day 1932, Carol was the only child of the late Phillip and Mary (Scalise) Gaetano. She was raised and educated in Utica, graduating from T.R. Proctor High School. Carol began her work career at General Electric on Kent Street, where she met her beloved husband, Dean C. Kirk. They were married on June 23, 1956 and enjoyed a union of 50 years until his passing on September 5, 2006. They were blessed with four children.

Carol served as a secretary in various lines of work. Most of her career was spent as a secretary in the Nursing Service Department of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Utica, NY, a position from which she would retire. Carol also served as the President of Blessed Sacrament School Mothers Club.

In 1998 Carol and Dean relocated to Raleigh, NC to join all of their children. Her children and grandchildren were her everything and she loved nothing better than to be in their presence. She loved to cook and bake for them and was always excited when she was given a special request. She spent many years attending her children and grandchildren's football, baseball, basketball, soccer, hockey, track and field, cheerleading, Lacrosse, Taekwondo, Equestrian, Gymnastics and Dance events....phew! All of which made her so happy. Carol never missed a milestone with her children or grandchildren and was ready for any adventure they threw her way. Beach trips, lake trips, and cruises were among her favorite family gatherings.

Carol enjoyed volunteering for Catholic Parish Outreach and baking for the Ronald McDonald House. Although she loved being in North Carolina with her family, she always called Utica home. She reminisced about large family gatherings, good food and lots of laughs.

She is survived by her loving children, Deborah DiPierro and the late Michael DiPierro, Stephen Kirk, Sharon and Bill Carroll and Brian Kirk as well as seven cherished grandchildren, Michael and Matthew DiPierro, Joshua Kirk, Morgan and Madison Kirk, Olivia and Aliza Carroll. She also leaves many special cousins and friends. Carol was predeceased by her parents, all of her aunts and uncles and several cousins.

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A Memorial Mass for Carol was held Monday, April 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 11401 Leesville Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613.