

Please join St. Pius' Friends of St. Vincent de Paul Society this Lenten season by making sacrifices and contributions that we may help those less fortunate in our neighborhood. Each weekend during the Lenten season, in lieu of food contributions to minimize person to person interactions during the pandemic, we will be seeking charitable contributions or gift cards so we may procure food to assist those in need. Cash or checks in envelopes marked ST. VINCENT, or Hannaford, Market Basket or Walmart Gift cards in \$20, \$30 or \$50 amounts marked for St Vincent can be deposited in the side baskets at the front of the church, or mailed to the parish office. Time and time again our parish family has risen to meet the needs of others, we thank you for your past contributions and seek your assistance once again. May God bless you for your kindness.

The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the Gospels. During Lent, we are asked to focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

Lenten Season

First weekend of Lent	Feb 20/21
Second weekend of Lent	Feb 27/28
Third weekend of Lent	Mar 6/7
Fourth weekend of Lent	Mar 13/14
Fifth weekend of Lent	Mar 20/21
Sixth weekend of Lent	Mar 27/28