

Eva's Kitchen



The Mission of Eva's Village is to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, treat the addicted and provide free medical and dental care to the poor with respect for the human dignity of each individual.

Eva's Kitchen, an integral part of Eva's Village, was founded in 1982. Msgr. Vincent E. Puma along with a small group of clergy, including a nun named Eva Hernandez, started the soup kitchen in the basement of St. John's Cathedral in Paterson, New Jersey. At its start up, the kitchen served 30 hungry, homeless and working poor.

Today, Eva's Kitchen serves a hot lunch for up to 400 homeless and working poor people (guests) 365 days a year. The Kitchen also provides lunches to participants in Eva's Village Outpatient Program each day as well as breakfast, lunch and dinner to all those staying in the recover and shelter programs.

Saint Joseph Parish & Eva's Kitchen

Four times a year, our Eva's Kitchen Ministry organizes, prepares and serves a hot meal at Eva's Kitchen, located in Paterson, New Jersey, for approximately 250 homeless men and women. Our menu includes 80 pounds of chicken cutlets, fresh-prepared salad, 20 pounds of pasta with sauce and 250 pieces of fruit. St. Joseph's Parish has supported Eva's Kitchen for many years and it is heartwarming to see the gratitude of the guests being provided what might be their only meal for the day.

This ministry has provided a wonderful opportunity for Confirmation candidates and other groups and individuals to have a hands-on experience of serving others. Volunteers must be a minimum of 15 years old.

Dates of Service:

Please check the bulletin for dates of service beginning in the fall.

Please call the Parish House for additional information. 973-543-5950