



Christ's Presence **Everyday**



First, I'd like to thank all those who helped make our first annual Journey with Us event on April 22, 2026, a wonderful success with your

presence and generous support. Over 260 friends of Emmaus were on hand to honor Father John Manno and all who support the Emmaus Ministry with their time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. You are a blessing! Your support provides critical daily meals, monthly grocery bags, and access to case management and free medical and dental care.

The mission of Emmaus Ministry is to bring the presence of Christ to those in need. I see that mission

demonstrated daily. The staff and volunteers arriving early to prepare a hot meal and make sandwiches, the volunteer serving hot coffee who chats with the guests in the dining room. The volunteer greeting our guests at the front door. I see Christ in the volunteer dentist who goes above and beyond to restore the confidence and dignity of a school-aged girl who lost her front teeth to decay; the medical providers who comfort the sick as they face newly diagnosed health issues alone. And, in the children's activities area, the volunteer who patiently sits with a child to help her color a picture for her mother.

Our work is not complicated. Busy? Yes. Challenging? At times. But it's simple, basic, totally life-affirming and rewarding. Why? Because we get to see

Christ every day in those we serve! Christ is found in the simplest of activities and the basics of life. And He is recognizable in the genuine appreciation, joy, simplicity, and gratitude demonstrated by our guests. While your continued support enables this critical, life-sustaining work that benefits our guests, it has also been life-changing for our staff and volunteers. We get to see Christ's presence every single day at Emmaus Ministry!

Thank you for your continued support, faith in our mission, and partnership in God's call for every one of us!

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The Journey with Us event, held on April 22, 2026, was a special day to celebrate the good work being done at Emmaus Ministry. It

was nice to see so many people gathered to recognize the mission of Emmaus Ministry being lived out every day.

The mission of bringing God's presence to those most in need is seen in powerful ways at Emmaus. It is seen through the many meals provided and the great work of assisting people with their needs. It is seen in our shower and laundry services and in the haircutting ministry that brings dignity to so many.

And in the vibrant children's programs, our free medical and dental services, and so much more. Moreover, the mission is lived out through the generous benefactors and fabulous volunteers who make Emmaus run so efficiently and who give witness to God's love, mercy, and compassion.

In 2009, when Emmaus was started, a homeless man at the Catholic Charities Men's Homeless Shelter asked after we served a hot meal, "will you come back?" In fact, that question is how Emmaus got its name. When we think of the Emmaus story in the Gospel of Luke, we hear the disciples on the Road to Emmaus tell Jesus, "stay with us." This is similar to what

the man asked after the meal, "Will you come back?" Or, in a sense, "Will you stay with us?" Emmaus has stayed and, with God's help and your support, will continue to stay with those most in need.

So, for all who read this Newsletter, "Will you stay with us?" Will you stay with us through your prayers, your volunteerism, and your financial support? Your willingness to "stay with us" helps to make the mission of Emmaus real every day and it helps to remind our guests that God is present to them and God loves them immensely.

Reverend John D. Manno
Vice President



Living Out Our Mission Through Programs and Services

At Emmaus Ministry we serve one of the poorest neighborhoods in the country. The 13205 zip code recently ranked #2 in childhood poverty in the nation. We understand the need is great on the south side of Syracuse. Getting to know our guests is the best way to offer the programs and services they often lack. Building trust to create bonds is the first step. We are proud to say that all our programs and services were created out of the needs and concerns of our guests.

The biggest issue we have seen since our inception is food insecurity. We have always believed that if we can address the need for food by bringing our guests into the Outreach Center and giving them a meal, we are then better prepared to offer other programs and services they need to receive. Creating these solutions allows us to live out our mission in this impoverished neighborhood.

Meal Service is the greatest need. The budget for meal service per year is about \$250,000. Six days a week we serve a hot meal. This includes a sandwich, yogurt, chips, a cookie, milk, juice, and coffee. Extra sandwiches are always available as needed, especially for our growing teens. All are welcome and no one is ever turned away. In 2025, we served 102,876 meals. When a guest registers for meal service, we can assess other needs they may require. Often, we realize they need our **Food Pantry** program to help supplement groceries they wouldn't otherwise have in the home. On the third Wednesday of every month, our food pantry distributes grocery bags with non-perishable food items and basic need items to help our families through the end of the month. During summer and fall months we are also able to offer fresh produce generously donated through Matthew 25 Farms, when available. In 2025, we distributed 1,228

pantry bags to households in need. As we build trust with our guests and learn more about their personal lives and family members, we can determine if they are in need of our **Case Management** program. This program is run by our Director of Social Work. Each week she assists guests with HEAP, SNAP, medical & mental health advocacy, finding a home, finding employment, completing necessary paperwork, helping with problem solving, and whatever other issues they present. Throughout 2025, 1,070 guest contacts were made, and many felt peace and closure with the problems she was able to resolve.

Emmaus' **Children's Activities Program** is run by our Volunteer Coordinator of Children's Activities. Twice monthly on Saturday mornings, we offer theme based educational activities, creative projects, crafts, and snacks. In addition to Saturday activities, this program runs during school breaks and has expanded into summer weekdays. We believe this helps keep children busy and extends learning during summer months when they are not in the classroom. We held 46 activities in 2025, where 1,641 children participated throughout the year and during school vacations.

St. Marianne Cope Health Services is our free dental and medical clinic located on the campus of Emmaus Ministry offering free care to guests regardless of insurance. Our clinic is run by our Clinic Manager and staffed entirely by local doctors, NP's, dentists, and hygienists who give their time to care for our guests who are in pain or ill. Guests receive assistance with blood pressure, colds, flu, infections, dental cleanings, fillings, x-rays, and other services as required. Each guest is treated with great dignity, respect, and care. 450 dental visits and 545 medical visits were logged during 2025. The need is great!

After getting to know our individual guests and families we learned that other services were lacking. Emmaus provides **showers and laundry access** to guests upon request. **Free haircuts** are offered monthly. We have seen what a difference a fresh haircut can make and how it can help boost confidence. **Vision and Hearing Screenings with Aurora of CNY** are given monthly, and we host a **Talk to a Lawyer Program with Volunteer Lawyer Project of CNY, Inc.** once per month to any guest who needs free legal advice on a variety of issues.

Creating these opportunities for people who are often ignored or forgotten reinforces that we are living out our mission of bring Christ's presence to the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in the Syracuse community.

SERVICES & PROGRAM STATS	
Jan. 1, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025	
Meal Service	
Unique Households served	1045
# of Meals served	102,876
Food Pantry Bags Distributed	
	1228
Case Management Contacts	
	1070
Children's Activities Programs	
# of in-house programs	46
# of children participating in in-house programs	1641
# of Backpacks distributed	101
# of Christmas Gifts distributed	145
Dental	
	450
Medical	
	545

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Emmaus Ministry's First Annual Tribute Journey With Us

evening donated generously to be with us in spirit. We continue to be so grateful for their generosity.

The evening was a joyous occasion. It allowed us to share tables displaying each of our programs and services. Staff members were present to answer questions and meet all those in attendance. We shared a family style meal around the table getting to know each other and sharing anecdotes about our work and the guests we serve at Emmaus.

After a brief presentation, Executive Director, Sheila Austin welcomed Fr. Manno to the stage presenting him with an award. "I have seen Father Manno climb over and around fences (in his clerics) – to bring food, socks, and toiletries to men and women living in encampments and under bridges throughout Syracuse." She concluded by saying, "Our 2026 honoree – talks the talk- and walks the walk. For the past 17 years he has been steadfast in word, and, as an example of the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus. Nurturing and guiding Emmaus Ministry to remain true to its mission, while modeling the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy."

Upon accepting the award Fr. Manno told the story of how Emmaus Ministry truly began in the basement of the church at St. James parish, where Sheila Austin and other parishioners would make sandwiches for the men at the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter. Formerly known as "The Ox." He encouraged them to take the kindness one step further and go to the shelter to serve the men and get to know them as people. One day, after getting ready to leave the shelter one of the men approached Sheila. "This was nice, but I have to ask. Will you come back?" It was a great lesson in what it means to "Go Out and Make Disciples."

Father Manno encouraged guests in attendance to continue this journey with Emmaus far beyond the Tribute. "I don't know what the Holy Spirit has in store for Emmaus as we go forward, but my hope and prayer is that you will stay with us – with your prayers, your continued financial support, and your volunteerism," said Fr. Manno. "We need you to stay with us, and together, all of us here and all those we serve, will encounter the risen Christ. And that makes all the difference."

On April 22, 2026, Emmaus Ministry hosted our first annual Journey With Us Tribute. 275 people gathered at The Oncenter to honor Reverend John Manno for his vision, leadership, and pastoral nurturing in responding to the existence and the challenges of the poor in Syracuse.

This celebration allowed us to share our mission with a broader audience. While many of our current donors, volunteers, and friends joined us, we were also able to make new contacts. Numerous corporations and foundations sponsored our event. Family and friends of Fr. Manno and Emmaus Ministry purchased tickets, and others who were unable to join us for the



In Loving Memory of Monsignor Robert Yeazel 1941 – 2026

As many of you know, we lost a dear friend of Emmaus

Ministry at the beginning of the year. Monsignor Yeazel began his commitment to Emmaus during the inception of our ministry in 2009. He joined our board of directors when we incorporated in 2016. Monsignor was instrumental in garnering support from suburban Catholic churches by encouraging them to participate in an inner-city ministry. He was a staunch supporter of our work and helped us to open many doors. Whether through time volunteering, tithing, or helping to connect us with donors who share our mission-driven focus, Monsignor always made sure we had the connections we needed. He was the model of truly living out the mission of Emmaus Ministry.

His innovative ideas inspired us and helped us to move forward to the ministry we have become today. "Love the Lord and serve the poor" was the lesson he taught each of us. We are so grateful for the life, blessings and work Monsignor Yeazel brought to the lives of the poor who were so important to him.

Thank you, Monsignor. May you rest in heavenly peace.

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Church of the Immaculate

Conception

Development Greeting



Hello from the office of Development. It always surprises me how quickly a year passes by at Emmaus Ministry. Our days are

full of serving one of the most vulnerable populations in the city of Syracuse. Although we serve food daily, give groceries monthly, offer case management services, free dental and medical care, and a vibrant children's program, no two days are ever alike. Each day brings new guests, issues, and people who come to us in their greatest time of need. In these moments we remember that no matter what we do to step in and help, we do it by showing dignity and compassion to every person we encounter.

Each morning, we have the opportunity to live our mission of bringing Christ's presence to the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable. We work to create a positive difference in the lives of those we serve. What does that mean in the world of development? It is my greatest motivator. It so clearly aligns with my own personal values. I care about the individuals, families, and children we serve. When I contemplate a grant, an appeal, attend

a meeting with a foundation, or offer a new donor a tour, my first question to myself is always, "What do our guests need?" I may remember a personal story or a situation that I witnessed. I hold onto that as I contemplate how I can find monetary solutions or connections to help our guests.

Living out this mission means I have changed as a person. I am now part of something so much bigger than me. This work makes a lasting impression on everyone we serve. It not only changes our guests, but it changes our staff and volunteers. I see firsthand the transformation in those around me. I feel empathy and compassion. When you are motivated to find ways to increase programs and services for those in great need, your work becomes more than a job. It brings purpose to your own life, knowing that you are working alongside a community of people with the goal of making life better for every person you encounter.

At Emmaus Ministry we are blessed to have the support of donors, foundations, and volunteers who answer our call for help. I extend so much gratitude to all of you for living out this beautiful mission with us each day.

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Director of Development and Grants

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Thank you to our foundations for their support!



Emmaus is seeking a volunteer hairdresser to cut hair and trim beards once a month between 11 AM – 1 PM, preferably on a Tuesday or Thursday. Call 315-928-5191

Seeing the *Emmaus Mission* in Action

One of the most powerful examples of the Emmaus Mission in Action can be found at our St. Marianne Cope Health Services Free Medical and Dental Clinic. Every day, compassion, dignity, and hope come to life through the dedicated efforts of our volunteers and staff.

At the center of this ministry is Clinic Manager Teresa Metallo, who oversees volunteer coordination, patient services, resource management, and facility environment. More importantly, Teresa is often the first warm and welcoming face our guests encounter when they arrive seeking medical or dental care.

What makes our clinic truly special is its team of volunteer professionals, including dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, medical providers, nurses, and support staff, who generously donate their time and expertise to serve those most in need. As Teresa explains, "Our Medical and Dental

volunteers treat every patient with the utmost care and compassion."

Guests come to the clinic for many reasons. Some arrive in pain, struggling with illness or dental problems. Others come seeking something just as important-human connection and kindness. Many are anxious or fearful because they have gone without routine medical or dental care for years. Whatever their circumstances, each guest is welcomed with respect, value, and dignity.

Our volunteers embody the Emmaus Mission every day. They share their time and talents without expecting anything in return. It is a true blessing. They work diligently to ensure that every guest leaves with a plan, a solution and renewed hope.

We are deeply grateful for our clinic volunteers and thank them for making it possible for every person who walks through our doors to

experience the peace, compassion, and presence of Christ.

Today, we are seeking additional volunteer dentists, dental assistants, and medical providers to join this important ministry. If you are willing to share your time and talents to help those in need, please call 315-961-3067 and ask for Teresa.

Together, we can continue bringing healing, hope, and compassion to our community.

