



Feed My Sheep



A picture speaks a thousand words! Recently at a Thrive workshop, at **St. Edwards in Lancaster**, I noticed this great cart! A reminder of those who need our assistance. Images always capture my attention and imagination. We at the diocese are encouraged with your involvement as a community in feeding the hungry and ministering to the poor.



My schedule will be up on the website soon. I do not wish to exclude any parish and wish to be present to those of you who are engaged or about to begin a project to help "*Feed My Sheep*!" Please contact me if you have information to share.

I have to thank the **Bishop's Open Golf Planning Committee** who are hard at work preparing for this year's fund raiser in June. The funds they raise will be going to *Feed my Sheep*, which is so exciting! Their enthusiasm



and support is encouraging our new ministry week by week. I shall be visiting their home parishes soon and will report on their activities during Eastertide as well as to introduce you to our latest *Feed my Sheep* team members.

Lent 2015

Greetings!

It is indeed an honor for me to serve the hungry and poor in our diocese and to be asked by Bishop Gepert to head up a ministry that is so dear to my heart. Its name, *Feed My Sheep*, is taken from John: 21:17. The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "*Feed my sheep.*"

Now we are in Lent and I am reminded, by many of my friends who are gardeners, that it is time to start planting the seeds in order for them to have a good Spring start. The seedlings need to get rooted in the soil. Lent reminds us to reflect deeply on the journey to Holy Week. I ask you to reflect on how your ministry to the poor and hungry can be rooted in your Lenten journey as a parish and as individuals.

The photo below shows June Barensky, on the right, with other members of Trinity Chambersburg. June has had a passion for caring for the homeless throughout her career as a nurse. She witnessed many struggling to go back out on the street after a brief stay in the hospital. Quoting June: "Often times a homeless person would plead with me to allow them to stay longer in the hospital as they had no where to go. Now, since there is shelter available, we at Trinity can offer anyone a community breakfast on the second Thursday of the month. Everyone is welcome!" June mentioned that Trinity hopes to continue the program offering more meals on a regular basis. "Our ministry started in November. We are at the beginning of our dream of serving those in need."



