



ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL OF CATHARINE, NY

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The Bernie Parker Sharing Shed Is In Service

In a small agricultural community in the Finger Lakes where there are more cows than people, a small country church that has been around for 210 years is going one step further to help those in need.

The Bernie Parker Sharing Shed is in service outside St. John's of Catharine (County Rd.14 &15 intersection) - providing the community with basic needs, from boxed foods, adult diapers, feminine hygiene, to cleaning products and more. Come and take what you need. Open 24/7. No questions are asked. Of course, there are prayer cards for those that might need a sense of hope and dreams. It's all part of St John's "Know Your Neighbor."



Bernie Parker was a schoolteacher for decades at the Odessa – Montour School District. He was also a long-time parishioner of St. John's Episcopal Church of Catharine. His children and the church thought it was a great way to remember him and his work by building a shed to help families in need.

"Caring for those in need is one of the greatest expressions of love. We, the beloved community at St. John's Episcopal Church, with all humility, invite you to join our "Love Movement" to eradicate the hunger in the Catharine - Odessa area. To realize the dream of Jesus, "Give us this day our daily food", we urge your hearts and contributions to be our partners in attending those in need. Loving God is nothing but loving people", said Father Abi John, Priest-in-Charge at St John's.

St. John's is also accepting donations of soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers (baby and adult), boxed meals, and so much more, including canned goods when the frost is ended. For more information, contact Drew Guild themarketingguild65@gmail.com for a list of needed items.

