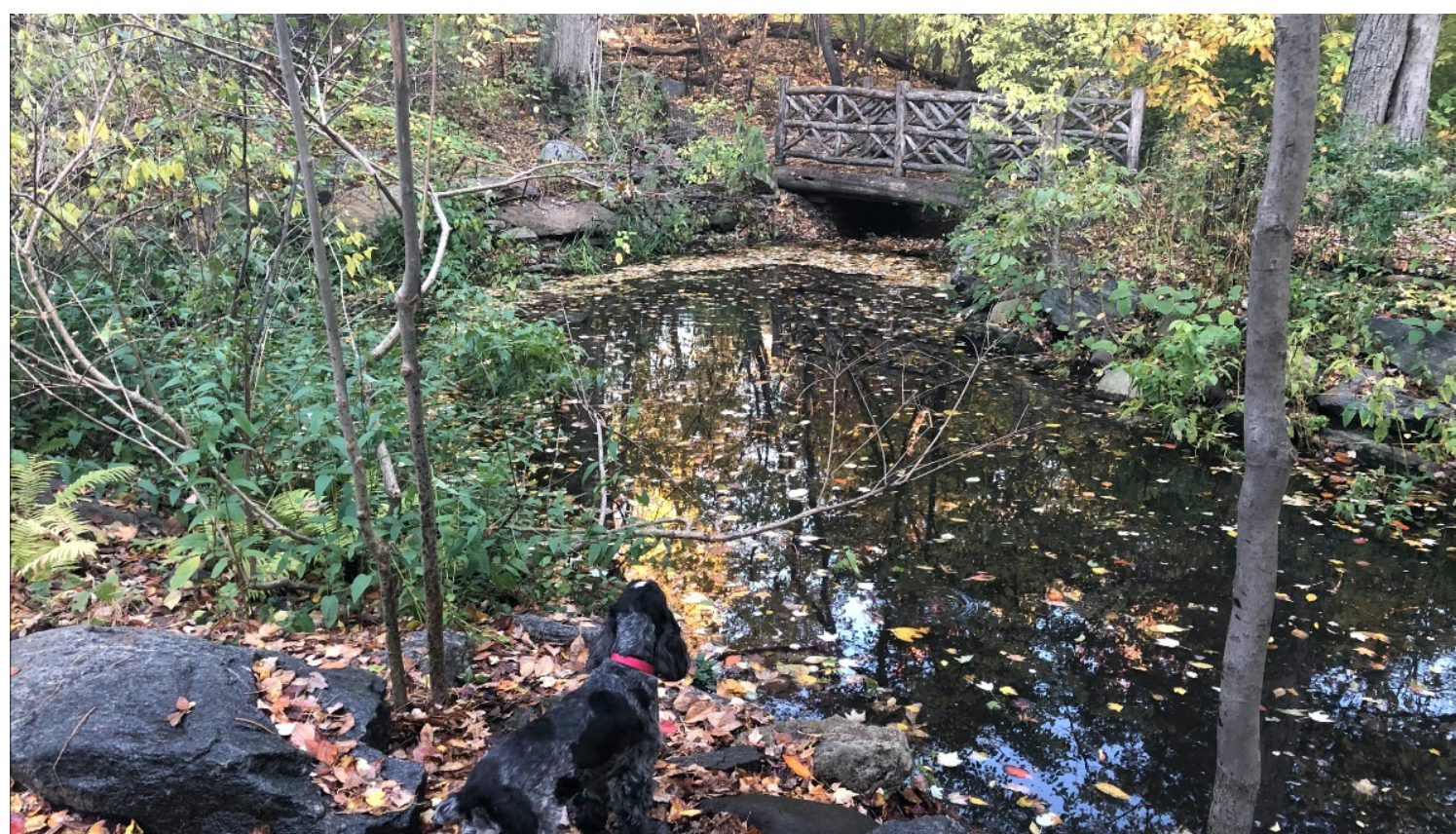


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My dog Ella in Central Park

## Autumn in New York

Dear St. James Food Pantry Angels,

I've always had a bit of a love affair with New York in the fall. The changing leaves, the cool crisp air, and the availability of fresh apples (and apple cider donuts) are all ... just so beautiful.

There's something else that is truly beautiful in New York this fall: the kindness shared between people like you, our volunteers, and our food pantry guests.

It's almost invisible, but you can feel it on distribution day.



The patience and graciousness of Maria and others standing in line, who understand our limitations and safety precautions. The gentleness of Mike and our other volunteers who help the elderly folks put their groceries into their wheeled shopping carts. The diligent preparation of Emelda and all of our ladies who lovingly pour our bulk rice into hundreds of 2 pound bags, in the days before distribution.

It's the love that holds everything together.

**And your giving makes all of this possible** at St. James Food Pantry:

- helping us buy fresh apples, bananas, and potatoes.
- helping us get the supplies needed to share the food.
- helping us say to our neighbors, "We care about you and want to help."

Thanks to you, we will pass out 3 days worth of food to over 180 families tomorrow morning, providing over 6000 meals in the Bronx.

You need to know that you're a part of this beautiful Autumn in New York...and it's good to live it again.

Gratefully,

Fr. Matt +  
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