

*faith*FULL Food Drive 2018

Frequently Asked Questions

When and where is the food drive?

The food drive is a one-day event: Sunday, March 18. However, you are welcome to collect and store food at your parish or school the days/weeks before the drive.

Parishes and schools across the diocese will be asked to collect the food on-site and then bring it on **March 18 between 10 am and 2:30 pm to 1 of the following 4 locations**, whichever is most convenient.

ATLANTIC COUNTY:

- 1) *Community FoodBank of New Jersey, Southern Branch*
6735 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
Phone: 609-383-8843, Website: www.cfbnj.org

CAMDEN COUNTY:

- 2) *Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden Headquarters*
(NEW DROP-OFF LOCATION THIS YEAR)
1845 Haddon Avenue, Camden, NJ 08103 (parking lot is on White Horse Pike)
Phone: 856-342-4100, Website: www.catholiccharitiescamden.org
- 3) *Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Agnes Worship Site*
(a Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden truck will be parked here)
701 Little Gloucester Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

CUMBERLAND COUNTY:

- 4) *Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden Family and Community Services Center*
810 Montrose Street, Vineland, NJ 08360
Phone: 856-691-1841, Website: www.catholiccharitiescamden.org

What is the role of the *faith*FULL parish/school point person?

It's the point person's job to work with parish/school staff and volunteers to encourage full participation! See the "*faith*FULL checklist" in this folder for a clear list of things that need to be taken care of.

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How can we get the whole parish/school involved?

See the “Top 10 Ministry Ideas” page in this packet and get creative! Also, see the flyer with ideas from Incarnation Parish (Mantua) and Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish (Cape May) to see two examples of how parishes have successfully coordinated *faithFULL* in the past.

What types of food should we collect?

See the posters in this packet for a list of appropriate food items. Please ask members of your faith community to stick to the list. You might want to pass out 8.5 x 11 versions of the poster at Masses/school so people know what to buy. You can download and print extra 8.5 x 11 copies at www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull.

How do we get the food from the parish/school to one of the food drop locations?

Volunteers with vans or trucks could caravan from the parish to the food bank after the final Sunday morning Mass, or you could rent a UHAUL if you expect a large amount of food. Ministries like the Knights of Columbus or St. Vincent de Paul could be helpful.

Can parishioners contribute money to the drive?

Yes. Donations can be made online at www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull. Or, checks can be made out to Diocese of Camden, with “FaithFULL Food Drive” on the memo line. Send checks to Diocese of Camden, Office of Development, ATTN: FaithFULL, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102

Who will this food drive support?

The two main community agencies that help facilitate *faithFULL* will receive and distribute food to their partners. These organizations are the Community FoodBank of New Jersey and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden. **If your faith community runs its own pantry or connects with another local initiative and would like to keep your collected food in-house, that is fine, but please make arrangements with Mike Jordan Laskey at michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org or 856.583.2910.**

Why is the diocese sponsoring this project?

In the months after Thanksgiving and Christmas, food bank shelves are thinly stocked, while the need remains high. In South Jersey, 1 in 6 people are food insecure. Counting just children, that number jumps to 1 in 5. While so many ministries are collecting food year round, think of the impact we can have when we all work together!

Where can I go if I have other questions?

Contact Mike Jordan Laskey, diocesan director of Life & Justice Ministries. You can email him at michael.laskey@camdendiocese.org, or call him at 856.583.2910. Also, be sure to visit the *faithFULL* website: www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull.