

FaithFULL Food Drive 2026

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the role of the FaithFULL parish/school point person?

The point person's job is to work with parish/school staff and volunteers to encourage full participation. See the "FaithFULL Point Person Checklist" in this folder for a clear list of things that must be taken care of.

What types of food should we collect?

Refer to the flyers in this packet for a list of appropriate food items. Please ask members of your faith community to follow the list and ensure that the food they collect is not expired. Individual parishes can add to the list. You might want to pass out 8.5 x 11 versions of the poster at Masses and schools so people know what to buy. You can download and print an *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 pantries? Volunteers with vans or trucks could caravan from the parish to the food drop location after the final Sunday morning Mass. If you are taking food to a local food pantry, ministries like the Knights of Columbus or St. Vincent de Paul could be helpful.

Can parishioners contribute money to the drive?

Yes. Checks can be made out to the Diocese of Camden, with "FaithFULL Food Drive" on the memo line. Send checks to: Diocese of Camden, Office of Life & Justice Ministries, ATTN: FaithFULL, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102.

Are volunteers needed for the FaithFULL Food Drive?

Yes! Volunteers are welcome to assist in various ways on the day of the FaithFULL Food Drive – especially counting all the bags and taking photographs to send to Michael Sims at 856 853 2910 or Michael.Sims@camdendiocese.org

Who will this food drive support?

This year, we are prioritizing keeping food in parish food pantries. When your pantry is full, or if you don't have one, we encourage you to donate food to a local food pantry or other ecumenical partner. Remaining food will be collected by Catholic Charities of South Jersey for distribution to clients in the 6 counties served by the Diocese of Camden. Please contact _____ at Catholic Charities to make arrangements (Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Why is the Diocese sponsoring this project?

Food bank shelves are thinly stocked in the months after Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year, while the need remains high. In South Jersey, 1 in 9 adults and 1 in 7 children are food insecure. While so many ministries collect 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 Michael Sims, Director of Life & Justice Ministries, at Michael.Sims@camdendiocese.org or 856-583-2910.

Also, be sure to visit the FaithFULL website: <https://www.camdendiocese.org/faithfull/>