

Special Lenten Food Drive: March 25-26

NEW THIS YEAR: If possible, please consider donating your food items in a reusable grocery bag, or take one from a limited supply in the church hallway.

Special Lenten Food Drive Shopping List

- 1 can of hearty or condensed soup
- 1 can of tuna
- 1 can of beef stew or chili
- 1 bag of dried beans or 1 can red or black beans
- 1 lb. of white rice
- 1 box of mac and cheese
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce and 1 box of pasta
- 1 can of vegetables
- 1 can of fruit (no cranberry sauce)
- 1 box of oatmeal or cold cereal
- 1 18-oz. jar of jelly
- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 1 box of healthy snacks
- 1 box of tea bags

This is the thirteenth year we will carry on our proud tradition at St. Jerome: our annual Special Lenten Food Drive, when we invite parishioners to give a hungry neighbor one week's worth of non-perishable groceries. All food collected helps to stock the shelves of three Norwalk food pantries run by: Person-2-Person (P2P), Mid-Fairfield AIDS Project, and Open Door Shelter.

While our parish is renowned for monthly food drives, this Special Lenten Food Drive is unique. The list at the left shows the food given to a P2P client. During Lent, we offer this list as an invitation. If you are able, please "shop the list" for this food drive. You will be providing a week's worth of non-perishable food for a neighbor.

The bill will be approximately \$25. This could be a "teachable moment" if you take your children along. If the list is too long, simply purchase whatever you can, or split the list with a friend.

Bring your donations to Mass on March 25-26.

Each day, anywhere from 20-80 families come to P2P to receive food. These are our neighbors, who live just several miles from Half Mile Road. Many are single mothers with children, those laid off from every type of job, the working poor, or senior citizens on limited incomes. Their desperate need for food is their daily reality.

Jesus teaches us to feed the hungry. Do not let this opportunity pass.

St. Jerome's Food Drive Committee