



As a parish, we are incorporating our Easter Appeal into the *faithFULL* food drive by asking that you donate food that is counted into the Bishop’s *faithFULL* food drive AND help feed those families in our parish community for Easter!

Last year, parishes and schools throughout the diocese collected over 121,339 pounds of food. This food is feeding thousands of our neighbors here in South Jersey. This year’s goal is to collect 150,000 pounds of food. Can we do it? Absolutely, especially with your help!

Hunger is an urgent issue in many communities in our diocese: one in six people in the region are food insecure, including one in four children. Our Gospel mandate to take action is clear: Jesus reminds us that whenever we feed someone who is hungry, we feed Christ himself.

**We are collecting food again this year and specific items we need for Easter are: tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast items, canned pineapple, Mac-n-cheese, brownie mix, crackers, canned pasta (Chef Boyardee).** We also collect: beans, veggies, potatoes, rice, Jell-O, pudding, soup, spaghetti, boxed pasta, spaghetti sauce, toilet paper, tea bags/coffee/hot chocolate, chili/beef stew and personal care items.

Please bring your bags of food to school, the rectory or to mass the weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup> with this flyer attached. The items will be weighed and included the total for the Bishop’s *faithFULL* food drive. Again, Bishop Sullivan has permitted us to count our bags in his total **AND** keep them for our own food pantry here at St. Rose of Lima! We are truly grateful for this blessing-it comes just as we’re getting ready to feed our families for Easter. Your donations are helping this food drive and our local Easter give out as well.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this wonderful cause.