

# Lenten Food Drive – March 27 & 28

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

The annual Archdiocesan *Lenten Food Drive* is approaching. This Lent we have again been given permission to help Holy Name Catholic Church, located at 920 11<sup>th</sup> St. NE, replenish their food pantry. Please bring your food items in sturdy bags or reusable grocery bags on the weekend of March 27 & 28.



Cash is always welcome – if you prefer to donate money to this local food pantry, please make the check out to Holy Name Church. (Or you may get grocery store gift cards.) We will deliver your monetary donation to the food pantry when we deliver the food.

**Any non-perishable food items will be welcomed.** *Please do not donate food items in glass jars*

The following are suggestions from the folks at Holy Name in order of need:

- Any kind of canned Fruit or shelf stable packaged fruit (not fresh fruit)
- Applesauce
- Jelly was specifically requested to accompany peanut butter
- Canned Meats/Fish; Tuna, Corned beef hash, Chili, Vienna sausage, etc.
- Soups, cup of noodles, single serve microwavable meals
- Rice, pasta, mac & cheese, instant potatoes,
- Cereal, oatmeal (boxes and individual serving packages)

If you would like to help deliver the food, please email [ElsajThompson@gmail.com](mailto:ElsajThompson@gmail.com) .

We would also like to help others around the world this Lent. The two charities below are very worthy causes. If you are able, please donate directly to them at the addresses below.

**Togo Mission** – This mission in southern Togo that includes over three dozen villages in a large, poverty-stricken rural area, populated mainly by subsistence farmers. Our Lady of Guadalupe Togo Mission Parish, Togo, West Africa. *Togo Mission, Inc., PO Box 130, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20884-0130* <http://www.togomissionparish.org>

**World Villages for Children** - provides food, care, and education for over 20,000 at risk children in seven countries. The Sisters of Mary were founded by Venerable Father Aloysius Schwartz, a native of the DC area. Father Al grew up in Holy Name Parish. He is currently under consideration for Beatification and Canonization by the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints. *World Villages for Children, 180 Admiral Cochrane Drive Suite 240, Annapolis, MD 21401* [www.WorldVillages.org](http://www.WorldVillages.org)

**Thank you very much and may God bless you again  
for your continued generosity!**