



2022 Lenten Food Drive

Parish Pulpit and Bulletin Announcements

Pulpit Announcements

Weekend Before the Collection:

Every Lent, parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington collect food to help food-insecure families and individuals in our community. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place next weekend. Please note that leaflets listing items most needed are being distributed after Mass (or are in the bulletin, etc.). Many in our community face hunger. Our collection will be donated to parish, community and regional food banks (or customize announcement for your parish donation.) Please be generous with your contribution.

Weekend Of the Collection:

Every Lent, parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington collect food to help food-insecure families and individuals in our community. Our parish collection for the food drive takes place today. If you forgot your donation, you still can donate by bringing your gift to the church today or tomorrow. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check payable to “Catholic Charities” and give it to an usher after Mass. Thank you for your generosity and concern for the poor and needy among us.

Bulletin Announcement

Please insert in your parish bulletin as you are able. You may wish to add one of the local poverty statistics below as a “Did you know...” question at the beginning of the announcement.

Note: The food collection will be the weekend of **March 26 and 27**.

Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities is sponsoring the **Lenten Food Drive**. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place the weekend of _____ . When you come to Mass that weekend, please leave your donation _____ . Our collection will be donated to Catholic Charities, local food pantries (or customize announcement for your parish donation). Please be generous with your contribution. If you wish, you may make a contribution to “Catholic Charities” with a note that it is for the food drive. Thank you for all you do to help those in need among us.

Statistics: Poverty in Our Community

The term “food-insecure households” refers to any family which had difficulty at some time during the year providing enough food for all their members because of a lack of resources. Can you imagine what it is like not to know if you will have enough food for yourself and your family to eat — the stress and anxiety that goes along?

Maryland: 10.1% of the population is food insecure.

The District of Columbia: 11.4% of the population is food insecure.

The **United States** as a whole:

- 13% of the population is food insecure.
- 19.2% of households with children are food insecure.
- Slightly over 300 million people live below the poverty line.
- 72 million children live in families that live below the poverty line.

For more information, visit:

- <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/state-fact-sheets/>
- <http://frac.org/research/resource-library/household-food-insecurity-rates-rurality-state-2015-2017>
- <https://hunger-report.capitalareafoodbank.org/>