



Jubilee of Mercy | Diocese of Camden | MercyWorks Bulletin Blurbs

March: Feed the Hungry

MercyWorks is a project that invites the diocesan community to observe the Jubilee Year by deepening our commitment to working for peace and justice in our own region and beyond.

During eight months of the Jubilee, **MercyWorks** will invite the faithful to participate in prayer, education, and action around different themes inspired by the corporal works of mercy:

January:	Welcome the Stranger
February:	Care for the Sick
March:	Feed the Hungry
April:	Give Drink to the Thirsty
May:	Shelter the Homeless
June:	Visit the Imprisoned
October:	Clothe the Naked
November:	Bury the Dead

Please consider publishing these weekly bulletin blurbs during the month of March. Activity ideas and special event information can be found online at www.camdendiocese.org/mercy.

March 13: Sara (name changed for privacy) comes regularly to Catholic Charities' food pantry in Vineland, weekly for the pantry's fresh bread and produce days. When her husband abandoned her, Sara was left paying the bills and supporting her children alone. She comes to the food pantry now to make ends meet and save money that can be put towards housing expenses. If it weren't for the help of food pantries, she and her family could be facing eviction. Her story is one example of the many ways hunger can strike suddenly. Consider donating to your local food pantry this month and help to "feed the hungry." Visit

CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/basicneeds/pantries for a listing of Catholic Charities' food pantries throughout the Diocese.

March 20: The prevalence of seasonal employment in Atlantic and Cape May Counties means that many working families face severe economic hardship for much of the year. Because of a shortage of affordable housing in the area, many of these families resort to living in motels during the off-season. Several parishes in these counties have formed a partnership with Catholic Charities through a program called Plates for Jesus. Parishioners set an extra place at their tables at dinner, freeze the meal and bring it to their parishes, where it is then delivered to Catholic Charities. Families living in motels lack a kitchen, so many rely on these microwavable, homemade dinners to feed themselves and their families. Learn more by contacting the Catholic Charities services center near you. Visit CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/Locations.

March 27: The March 27 blurb will include the total poundage collected for the FaithFULL Food Drive, which is set for Sunday, March 6. Please return to this site the week of March 13 and/or see the Wednesday diocesan mailing later this month for the update.