

## Blessed Trinity Parish

300 East Tallmadge Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44310



### **Blessed Trinity Food Pantry 330-475-0321**

### **2012 Wish List**

#### **Financial Contributions**

Although donations of non-perishable food items are welcome from individuals, monetary donations are preferred as they allow the Food Pantry to buy needed food in bulk – meaning your contribution stretches farther, and 100% of your financial contributions goes directly to purchase needed food items.

#### **Non-Perishable Food Items**

The Food Pantry has a carefully designed plan for food distribution to provide 3 meals per day for 3 days to help families meet emergency food needs. Although the Pantry receives donations for purchasing goods from the Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank and also buys food as needed to meet client needs, individual donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome. We cannot accept food items that are expired, used or damaged in any way.

#### **Grocery Bags**

The Food Pantry is always in need of grocery bags to prepare food for distribution. Each month, 200+ families rely on the Food Pantry for emergency food assistance – hundreds of grocery bags are used each week to meet this need. Brown paper grocery bags are preferred over plastic as they are more durable for holding groceries, although plastic grocery bags are always welcome. Durable reusable shopping bags are also welcomed by our clients who take the bus or walk to the Food Pantry.

#### **Non-Grocery Items**

The Pantry also accepts non-food items such as shampoo, soap, toilet paper, etc. We do not normally accept clothes or other household items, but we can suggest other outreach programs that do accept these items.

#### **Fundraisers**

Holding a fundraiser with your youth group or community group to collect canned good or monetary donations is a great way to support the Food Pantry. Consider making the Food Pantry your priority charitable cause for your next social or community gathering.

#### **Volunteers**

The Food Pantry is managed and staff entirely by volunteers who contribute hundreds of hours of their time each month to the operation of the Pantry and food distribution. Volunteers are welcome, but must complete the Catholic Charities volunteer application process first. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please contact Mary Kase 330-762-2961 X232.

#### **For more information**

If you are interested in making a contribution of any kind to the Food Pantry, please call **330-475-0321** for Pantry Hours.