

# Prince of Peace

## Roman Catholic Church



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### **FOOD PANTRY GENESIS**

In June 2010, the Prince of Peace community celebrated Father Romy's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination. The Parish chose the occasion to honor Father Romy for his commitment to the service of God by serving others. Because of his loyalty to the Church and his unending compassion for others, the parishioners felt it was only appropriate that the Food Pantry be named the Father Romeo D. Jazmin Food Pantry and it was dedicated as such on Sunday, October 24, 2010.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To reach out to parishioners and non-parishioners living in designated zip code area, who are in need, of food to carry them over during hard times

### **OBSERVATIONS OVER THE YEARS OF OPERATION**

There has been a steady increase in the number of visits to the Food Pantry and the number of individuals served during the last four years.

In 2011- There were 1,129 visits to the Food Pantry, and 3,066 individuals served. In 2014- These numbers increased to 1,944 visits and 4,393 individuals served. Since 2011, the number of visits has increased by 42% and the number of individuals by 30%.

### **DONATIONS**

Food donation times schedule are found in the Sunday Bulletin. The first full weekend of each month is generally scheduled to drop off bags of food (before Mass) on the tables located in the Church Commons. Any time during the week the church office is open you can also drop off bags.

Financial contributions such as checks (memo/Food Pantry), made out to Prince of Peace. E-Giving, and cash are encouraged. Checks can be put in the offertory baskets at each Mass or along placed in the Food Pantry Contribution box located in the Church Commons. The Church Office, when open, will accept all donations of cash check and credit card. If you like, you can even mail your contribution.

### **ITEMS ALWAYS IN NEED**

Peanut butter, jelly, juice, canned: fruit, vegetables, meats and tuna; hamburger helper, cereal, spaghetti and sauce, Jell-O, rice, and toilet paper.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Contact the Church Office, leave your name and phone number, and a member of the Food Pantry will get back to you. Let the Light of the Lord shine through you...take action and reach out to those in need.

**NO INDIVIDUAL WILL BE DENIED FOOD BASED ON RACE, GENDER, AGE, OR RELIGION.**

