



Supporting Those In Need

## Who We Are

### Our Ministry

Bart's Pantry is an outreach ministry of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Oakland NJ. It is supported mainly by parishioners who donate not only food, but their time as well, each month to help assist the food pantries of St. Mary's Church in Newark NJ, Our Lady Help of Christians (OLHC) in East Orange NJ and those in need in our local community. On the Saturday after the third Sunday of each month, one of our three teams of volunteers load up their cars with the donated nonperishable food items and deliver it to the food pantries of St. Mary's and OLHC.

### Our Mission & Purpose

Our ministry acts as a conduit between those who have food and/or the funds to spare and share, and those who need our help to put more food on their table than they can currently afford to purchase themselves.

Bart's Pantry's mission is to reach out and ask not only our parishioners, but anyone who wants to provide food so we can assist people in need in an atmosphere of dignity and respect.

With the recent addition of our Change For A Change program, we are able to buy additional food for both St. Mary's and OLHC each month, plus purchase some Shop-Rite gift cards for those in our community in Oakland. Unfortunately, what we have been able to donate is barely enough to help the number of families they both support due to the recent state cutbacks. Both pantries have had their funding reduced to such a degree they are now almost 100% dependent on donations from ministries like us.

### Our Goal

Bart's Pantry has a few goals they would like to reach. First, we want to be able to expand our ministry and accept donations from not only the parishioners of OLPH but from anyone who wants to help us fight hunger. Second, by trying to reach out to anyone who wants to make a difference, we hope to increase our food donations so we can deliver enough food each month to both pantries so they do not have to turn anyone away, plus assist those right here in Oakland and the surrounding towns.

We are planning to do more awareness with events such as Food Drives and Raffles to promote our ministry and get it in the forefront of people's minds so when they go shopping each week, maybe they will pick up an extra can of tuna fish or box of pasta and drop it off to us.

Our goal is to have such a vast amount of food donations each month that we can help out not only St. Mary's, OLHC and local residents each month, but also other pantries as well.

### Our Team

Bart's Pantry is made up of volunteers from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. We have (3) teams that consist of a team leader, drivers, packers/sorters, and helpers. Each month, one of the three teams' packers sorts all the donated items by type a few days before the delivery date. Then, the drivers and helpers of that same team meet at the church around 8am on delivery day. Together they load all the sorted bags of food in their cars and

deliver them to either St. Mary's in Newark or OLHC in East Orange. Each team is responsible to take the food (4) times a year.

**Our Team Leaders are:**

Team 1:

Team 2:

Team 3 – Joel Patron

Move Against Hunger: Celia Riggio

If you would like to become part of our Team, please contact Joel Patron at [bartspantry@olphoakland.org](mailto:bartspantry@olphoakland.org)

**WHAT WE NEED**

Pasta & Sauce	Peanut Butter
Canned Tuna	Jellies/Jams
Canned Soups	Cereal
Canned Vegetables	Canned Fruit

Items listed in **RED** are needed the most

We can ONLY accept  
Non-Perishable Items at this time.