

# *Palm Sunday*



## PALM SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

The Church of St. Mary is issuing a challenge to our parish members and friends to take action during this holy season with a heart open to helping those most in need. Our neighbors and friends who frequent the Olneyville Food Center continue to benefit from our efforts with weekly food donations, and this generosity must go on in earnest as we all prepare to celebrate Easter.

This year, we are planning our first major food drive that will be taken up on Palm Sunday. In advance of that special day on the church calendar, you will be provided with St. Mary shopping bags to carry non-perishable groceries you wish to donate.

Among the items you may want to consider giving are peanut butter, jelly, tuna, corn, peas, carrots, soup, rice, beans, mac and cheese, pudding and dessert mixes, pasta, tomato sauce, canned fruit, and the like. The choices are yours and endless.

There are two ways that you can contribute monetarily if that is more convenient for you: First, write a check to the Church of St. Mary and indicate on the memo line that this gift is intended for the Mary, Mother of the Poor fund. Or, write and mail a check to the RI Community Food Bank located at 200 Niantic Avenue in Providence, RI 02907; on the memo line indicate that this is a donation for the Olneyville Food Center.

Remember -- our celebration of Holy Week begins with the triumphant entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. As you receive your palms, imagine that you are part of that vast crowd and let the palms remind you to praise him with a true and lasting devotion. What a fitting way to honor our Lord on this day with an act of love and kindness.

When you give people food, you give them hope!