# New Bedford Food Pantry List



by Michael Silvia

Recently, The Standard Times reported that several food pantries were dangerously low on food items with some even forced to close their doors to hungry visitors. The story boosted the food stocks temporarily, but more can be done for the long-term. I'm certain most of us have a few items that we can spare sitting in our cupboards. Also, the next time you go grocery shopping, you can spend a few extra dollars and pick up a few additional items. If you see some deep discount items buy a bunch and stop by the closest food pantry on our list on your way home. You can also donate money so that the pantries can purchase perishable items they need the most. Your generosity will go a long way.

I coordinated with the Mayor's office and they provided me a list of food pantries that provide services throughout New Bedford. I also discovered a Southcoast, Massachusetts food pantries list that provides details on pantries in New Bedford and the surrounding towns. I suggest calling ahead to confirm the drop off times, what they accept and most importantly what they need the most.

# City of New Bedford Provides Pantry List



#### Mercy Meals and More

634 Purchase Street 508-728-1489 Mon—Thurs 7-7:30am

#### Braz/Bean Community Center

508.979.1737

360 Coggeshall St.

Mon—Thurs 9-1 p.m. (available 1x every 30 days). ID and/or MA Health card required.

#### Catholic Social Services

508.997.7337

238 Bonney St. (in back of O. L. of Mt. Carmel R. C. Church) Wed. & Thurs. 10-12 p.m. (available 1x every 30 days). Min. 18 years-old, proofs of income & residency, pic. ID, MA Health ID required for all children. Bread, non-perishable foods and fresh produce.

# **Grace Episcopal Church**

508.993.0547

133 School St.

Wed. & Fri. 9:30-10:30 a.m. (available 1x per month / 12 x per yr. Photo ID required and children's insurance cards.

# MO Food = Life Pantry

508,992,5978

724 Pleasant Street Wed. 10-Noon (available 3 x every 30

days). For adults, picture ID & proof of income, ID for family members.

#### Mobile Loaves and Fishes

Food/clothing available at sites across the city: Sat: Salvation

Army parking lot 11:30 AM, Th: NB Main Library 12:00 PM, Fr: PAACA 5:30 PM, Tu and Th: NB Bus Terminal 5:30 PM

#### P.A.C.E.

508.999.9920

166 William St.

Mon-Fri (new walk-ins or received no service w/in past yr.: 9-11, all others by appointment). Available 1x every 3 months, if PACE client, 1x per month. Referral, Picture ID & verification of dependents required.

#### The Salvation Army

508.997.6561

619 Purchase St.

Mon-Fri 8:30-Noon & 1-3 (available 1x every 3 months). Required: ID for household members & proof of residence for appt. 3-5 days of food / clothing vouchers for fire victims only.

# St. Anthony's Church

508.993.1611

Nye St. Entrance (enter through church basement door). Thurs. @ Noon (1x every other week) Picture. ID and MA Health.

# Missionaries of Charity

508.997.7347

Appt. required. Accepting referrals from service providers only.

#### St. Martin's Church

508.264.1520

136 Rivet St.

2nd and last Saturday 10-11 and last Tu 5-6,  $(1 \times per month)$ .

#### **Veterans Transition House**

508,991,8791

20 Willis St.

Veterans only! (1 x per month) Copy of DD214 and proof of residency required Contact: Moe Mann X 24.

#### St. Paul's United Methodoist Church

884 Kempton Street

New Bedford, MA 02740

Tel. 508-993-0614

Mobile Loaves Fishes is a mission of St. Paul's Church

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#### Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

230 Bonney Street New Bedford, MA 02744

Phone: (508) 993-4704 Fax: (508) 991-5536

### Shepherd's Pantry

1215 Main St Acushnet

Saturdays from 9-11AM.

508-763-9289

# St Martin's Pantry

Open the 3rd Saturday 10-11am and the Last Tuesday 5-6pm.

# Mount Carmel Church (Rivet Street)

Did I miss a food pantry? Post a reply and we'll add it!