

2026 Lenten Mite Box

This year's Mite Box theme is **Food Insecurity**. Throughout Lent, we are invited to reflect on the reality of hunger and on our neighbors—both near and far—who struggle to meet their daily needs. We will highlight local, national, and international programs that provide food and support. As many will recall, the Mite Box is a meaningful spiritual practice that encourages us to respond with compassion, offering a small monetary gift in support of the non-profit organizations identified by the Service and Social Justice Board.



Beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th** and continuing each day except Saturdays, the St. Mark's daily email will include a brief reflection on the effects of food insecurity or information about programs that serve people experiencing hunger. Many of these reflections will invite you to record a donation in your **Virtual Mite Box**, a ledger you may keep throughout Lent. At Easter, we ask that you total your gifts and donate that amount to St. Mark's SSJ for distributing to local agencies assisting those in need.

If you prefer a more tangible practice, you are welcome to use a physical container—such as a small box or jar—to collect daily contributions. Gifts may be made online at <https://onrealm.org/StMarksDC/-/form/give/mitebox> or by check payable to St. Mark's, with *Mite Box* noted on the memo line.

If you do not receive the Daily Email, sign up for it here:

<https://www.stmarks.net/contact-us/>

Questions?? Contact the SSJ at socialjustice@stmarks.net.



What is a mite?

A mite was a copper coin used during Jesus's time. It was smaller than a fingertip and had the lowest value of all coins. It was worth less than a penny.

DATE - REFLECTION	AMOUNT	DATE - REFLECTION	AMOUNT
Wed, Feb 18-Intro		Sun, Mar 29-Migrant Meals	
Thurs, Feb 19-Food Insecurity Defined		Mon, Mar 30-Good Neighbors	
Fri, Feb 20-# People		Tues, Mar 31-Gaza	
Sat, Feb 21-No Entry		Wed, April 1-Gaza	
Sun, Feb 22-DMV Hunger		Thurs, April 2-Wrap up	
Mon, Feb 23-SNAP			
Tues, Feb 24-DC Schools			
Wed, Feb 25-Seniors			
Thurs, Feb 26-SNAP			
Fri, Feb 27-SNAP			
Sat, Feb 28-No Entry			
Sun, Mar 1-Cap Area Foodbank			
Mon, Mar 2-Cap Area Foodbank			
Tues, Mar 3-Cap Area Foodbank			
Wed, Mar 4-Bread for the City			
Thurs, Mar 5-Martha's Table			
Fri, Mar 6-DC Central Kitchen			
Sat, Mar 7-No Entry			
Sun, Mar 8-DC Summer Lunch			
Mon, Mar 9-DACL			
Tues, Mar 10-DC Central Kitchen			
Wed, Mar 11-Food & Friends			
Thurs, Mar 12-Food Rescue			
Fri, Mar 13-DC Area			
Sat, Mar 14-No Entry			
Sun, Mar 15-Grate Patrol			
Mon, Mar 16-Grate Patrol			
Tues, Mar 17-Everyone Home DC			
Wed, Mar 18-Shirley's Place			
Thurs, Mar 19-Samaritan Ministry			
Fri, Mar 20-Samaritan Ministry			
Sat, Mar 21-No Entry			
Sun, Mar 22-Food Pantry			
Mon, Mar 23-Food Pantry			
Tues, Mar 24-Sustainable Villages			
Wed, Mar 25-Sustainable Villages			
Thurs, Mar 26-CHUMC			
Fri, Mar 27-Respite Dinners			
Sat, Mar 28-No Entry			