

BLESSED SOLANUS CASEY FOOD PANTRY

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Dear brother Knights,

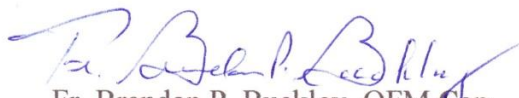
Praise be to Jesus Christ. Now and Forever!

I greet you with these words as I thank you for your generous gift to help our parish begin a food pantry. Although we were not surprised at the need for food assistance for the immigrant population of our neighborhood due to the current crisis, we were somewhat taken-a-back by the depth of the economic impact of Covid 19 on families here. The 'pop-up' food pantry which we sponsored recently with Catholic Charities demonstrated to us the intensity of that need.

The Parish of St. Michael has served immigrants in Brooklyn since its founding in 1860 by the German families that had settled here. Wave after wave of new and hope-filled people have arrived here over the decades. Our families are now mostly from Latin America, but they are no different from those that settled here before... they yearn for the freedom that our country offers and they desire a better life for their children. The Capuchin Franciscan friars who staff the parish have been blessed to journey with these different waves of immigrants. Our new food pantry will be named the Blessed Solanus Casey Food Pantry, in honor of Fr. Solanus Casey, a Capuchin friar who was recently named 'blessed' by Pope Francis and who was stationed here at St. Michael's for a short time. Fr. Solanus was the inspiration for the famous Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit which was founded during the Great Depression.

Thank you for assisting us in this moment of particular and unexpected need. I pray that the Lord will bless you for your generosity. Please pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ and St. Francis,


Fr. Brendan P. Buckley, OFM Cap.
Pastor

So many of the knights come to assist at the Catholic Charities event and now we receive this donation from each year for your care for those in need!
