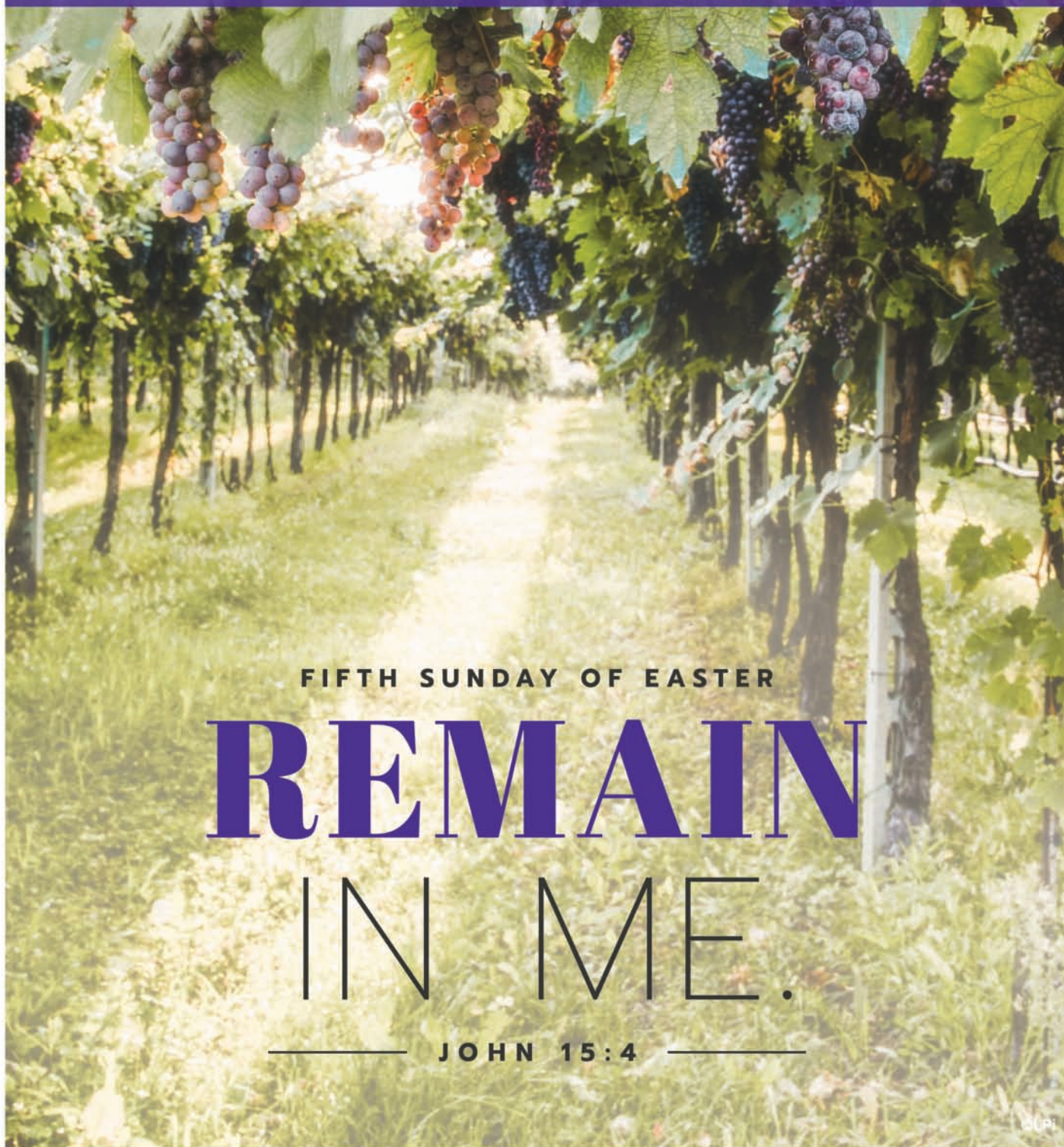


SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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IN ME.

JOHN 15:4

Welcome



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OFFICE HOURS

MON—THURS

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

SUNDAY

9:00 AM — 12:45 PM

*The Church is open during
Parish Office hours
for prayer.*

WORSHIP WITH US

MASS TIMES

SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

31 Asbury Rd., Farmingdale, NJ



WEEKDAY MASS

St. Catherine's Chapel

1 West Main Street Farmingdale

MONDAY 9:00 AM

TUESDAY 9:00 AM

THURSDAY 9:00 AM

FRIDAY 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday's immediately following
Weekday 9 AM Mass at Chapel

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the Month
immediately following Weekday
9 AM Mass at Chapel

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY 3:30—4:00 PM

Church

Other days by Appointment



A Message from our Pastor

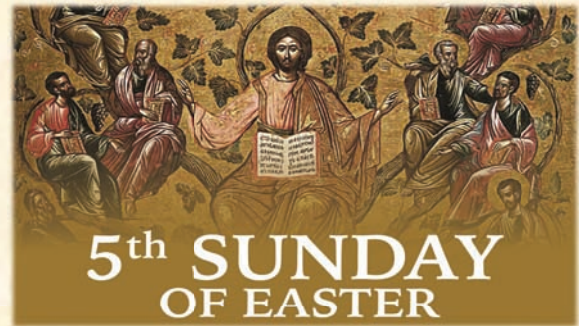
Dear Friends in Christ,

Today's Gospel is one of those meditations of John in which he expresses his own surrender to the risen Lord by writing a parable which he ascribes to Jesus himself. For John, Jesus is like a vine, a gift of God, Father, and Mother, to humankind. We are the branches supposed to bear fruit and God watches over us that we remain attached to the vine and grow to bear more fruit.

It is our challenge of faith to recognize the presence of Jesus' Spirit carrying our life and giving it the breath of life and energy to make it bear fruit. The Gospel of John connects us with the repeated statements of faith in the letters and messages of Paul, "For in him, we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). "I no longer live, but Christ lives in me" (Gal 2:20). "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1).

As Christians, we believe that our lives are encompassed by the grace of God, communicated to us by Jesus' Spirit. "Not only the whole creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved" (Rom 8:23-24).

Can we be attached to something so detached? Is our Christian life simply a surrender?



It is not enough that we believe that we receive a new life in the Spirit by remaining attached to the trunk. Our branches must produce fruit. How can we know?

The Second Reading tells us, "Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." "Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us."

Let us love indeed and in truth and not merely talk about it---- this answer is quite clear and yet we remain somehow caught in a "maybe" ... How do we know that our good deeds are not a show off?" Or what are our intentions, purpose, or goal in doing good work? We are told: Listen to your heart... our heart will tell us if we act in the truth... our heart will tell us "if we remain attached to something so detached."

Brothers and sisters, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep the divine commandments and do what is pleasing to God. Amen.

May God bless us,

Father Angelito

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him. (Acts 9:27)

Psalm:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

Gospel:

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

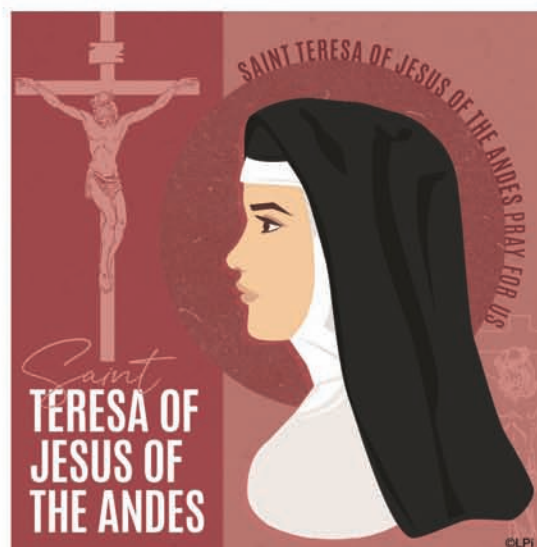
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom.

Observances for the week of April 28, 2024

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday:** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:** St. Pius V, Pope
- Wednesday:** St. Joseph the Worker
- Thursday:** St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; National Day of Prayer
- Friday:** Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
- Next Sunday:** 6th Sunday of Easter



Saint of the week

St. Teresa of Jesus of the Andes was a teenage Chilean Carmelite novitiate. Although she died of typhoid when she was 19, she proved that one's life doesn't have to be particularly long and filled with lofty accomplishments to be an amazing example of the love of Christ.



To speak of the Blessed Sacrament is to speak of what is most sacred.

- ST. EUPHRASIA

Mass Intentions

Saturday • April 27

4:30 PM

† **Maryann Cullen**

r/b Loving Aunt & Sisters

Sunday • April 28

8:00 AM

† **Francine Auclair**

r/b John & Stephanie Harakal

10:00 AM

† **Peter Albanese**

r/b Ellen & Andy King

11:30 AM

† **Ron Snyder**

r/b Loving Family

Monday • April 29

9:00 AM

† **Rhonda Loalbo**

r/b Ed & Denise Davidoski

Tuesday • April 30

9:00 AM

† **Monsignor Ronald J. Bacovin**

Thursday • May 2

9:00 AM

† **Marie Therese Liddy**

r/b Anne Hilker

Friday • May 3

9:00 AM

† **Marie Therese Liddy**

r/b Dennis Sullivan

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ALL THE WAY
TO HEAVEN
IS HEAVEN,
BECAUSE
JESUS SAID,
"I AM THE
WAY."

”

- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

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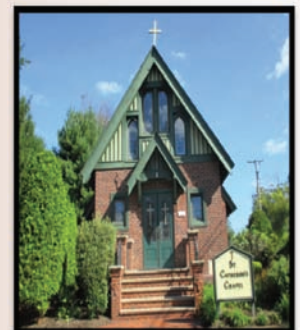
Prayer to St. Catherine of Siena

Father, in meditating on the sufferings of your Son and in serving Your Church, St. Catherine was filled with the fervor of Your love. By her prayers may we share in the mystery of Christ's death and rejoice in the revelation of His glory.

St. Catherine of Siena Pray for Us

IMPORTANT Announcements

Weekday Mass at
St. Catherine's
Chapel is
**moved to the
CHURCH**
until
further notice.



We Celebrate the Sacraments

SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

The godparents, together with the parents, must be willing to help the baptized grow in love for Christ and neighbor. By word and example, the godparents will encourage the candidate to live the Christian life and fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it (cf. Code of Canon Law, c. 872-874).

Requirements to Obtain a Sponsor Certificate/Letters of Eligibility

In St. Catherine's Parish and in all Catholic Parishes in the U.S.

- A sponsor must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, & Confirmation and if married, married in the Catholic Church.
- A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age.
- A sponsor attends Mass faithfully participating in the life and support of the Church, receiving the Eucharist, and leading a life according to the teachings of the Church.

For sponsor requests from St. Catherine's, you must be registered at St. Catherine of Siena Parish and registered for at least six (6) months prior to the request, showing participation in the life & support of the Church.

*Note, if he/she received all his/her sacraments here at St. Catherine of Siena Parish years ago **but now lives elsewhere, he/she is not a member of this parish.***

*Rather, he/she is a member of the parish in whose territory he/she resides. **This is where the sponsor certificate must be obtained.***

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 732-938-5375.

Baptism

First-time parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling the Baptism.

Godparents are required to provide Sponsor Certificates before a Baptismal date is given.

Please call the Parish Office for information.

Matrimony

Engaged Couples should contact our parish at least one year in advance of the proposed date of marriage and before making other arrangements.

Ministry to the Homebound

For Homebound requests, please call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Burial or Memorial Mass

Please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

Reconciliation

3:30 p.m. Saturday
Other days by appointment.

Low Gluten Host

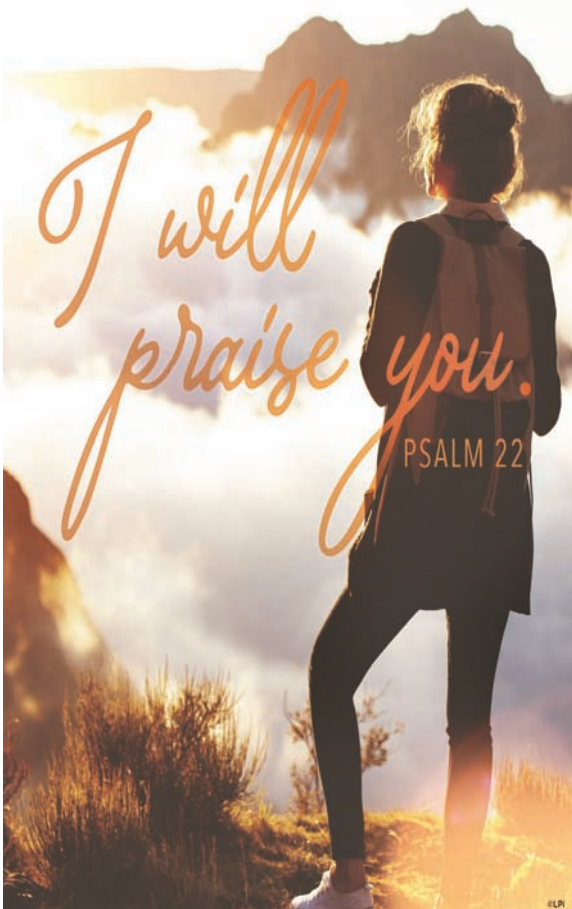
An extremely low-gluten host (37 micrograms) is available for those in need. Please notify the Priest prior to the beginning of Mass.

Altar Flowers for Church & Chapel

Please call the Parish Office to order. Flower orders are not permitted during Lent.

Worship & Meditation

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing."
- Jn 15:4-5



Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday:

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

Our Parish Family

Baptism

*With Joyful Hearts, We
Welcome Our Newly Baptized.*

Ryan James Boldt

*May God bless this
child and the family always.*

Prayer for the 5th Sunday of Easter

Prayer of Fruitfulness

God in Heaven,
Your grace surrounds us every day as
we seek to live and move and grow in
You.

Prune the spaces in our lives that
distract us from You!
Plant Your word more
deeply within us!
Amen.

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Gospel Today Fifth Sunday of Easter | John 15:1-8

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"I am the true vine, and my
Father is the gardener."

John 15:1



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Vine	T	C	A	P	E	G	A	R	D	E	N	E	R
Father	S	F	A	R	O	D	V	L	E	I	Y	S	O
Gardener	E	R	A	H	S	J	I	S	A	R	T	H	W
Branch	T	U	V	L	B	I	N	M	O	A	W	A	Y
Fruitful	A	I	O	T	R	U	E	L	L	D	I	R	N
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Our Parish Religious Education Program will open registration for the 2024-2025 sessions on Sunday, May 5. Online Registration and in-person accepted.

Class begin the week of September 15th. Grades K—8. Classes fill quickly, don't delay!

For further information, please call the Parish Office at 732-938-5375.

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Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France. Our Lady extends her invitation to all. Invite your family, children, and friends. There is no admission fee, however a free-will offering will be taken.

For more information or questions contact the Parish office at 732-349-0018 x2223.



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers - LourdesVolunteers.org

Upcoming Events

2024 DIOCESE of TRENTON

BISHOP'S Anniversary + BLESSING

All couples celebrating 1st, 25th, or 50+ anniversary of Catholic marriage during the 2024 calendar year

Ocean & Monmouth Counties
Oct. 6, 2024
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SCAN TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER ONLINE



or visit the Parish Office to register by September 30, 2024

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St. Catherine of Siena Parish Religious Education Program



With our enrollment increasing, we need MORE volunteers for our Religious Education Program than ever before! Volunteer today for Sunday morning, Monday or Tuesday afternoon, Monday evenings—all grades.

- Catechists
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- Program Volunteers

Contact the Office to learn more: 732-938-5375.

Parish Support

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024

Weekly Sunday Collection		
Saturday/Sunday, April 20-21, 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,277.00	178 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,217.00	123 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,450.00	197 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,613.00	285 People
Online Giving	\$2,403.00	
Total	\$7,960.00	
Second Collection		
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Our Parish Goal: \$40,000.00



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The Catholic Communication Campaign Weekend of May 11- 12, 2024

The Diocese of Trenton will join its sister diocese across the nation in holding a special collection for the Catholic Communications Campaign at all Masses the weekend of May 11-12.

Parishioners are asked to be generous in supporting the faith-based communications & media work that is conducted nationally & locally in the Diocese. Half of all collected funds goes to the USCCB for projects such as production of faith-based documentary films & creation of multimedia content for key campaigns. The remaining 50 percent of donations will remain in the Diocese, where it will be used to subsidize the many forms of communications & media outreach across digital, social & print formats. To learn more about the Catholic Communications Campaign, visit www.usccb.org.

Thank You for Your Generosity.



ONLINE GIVING

Sign up for online giving through WESHARE.

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PARISH ACA UPDATE

Weekly Gift Summary—April 22, 2024

Pledged: \$40,020.00 — **100% of Goal**

Paid: \$36,352.00 — **91% to Goal**

We appreciate all those who have helped our parish reach our 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal goal of \$40,000.00. We have received \$40,020.00 in pledges to date & have achieved 100% of our goal. Our parish will receive 15% of our goal & an additional 50% of funds received over our goal. This rebate helps our parish initiatives & faith formation programs. Please submit your pledges to the diocese or the Parish Office at your earliest opportunity. If you would like to contribute, pledge forms are available in the Narthex & Parish Office. Thank you for your commitment & generosity.

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