

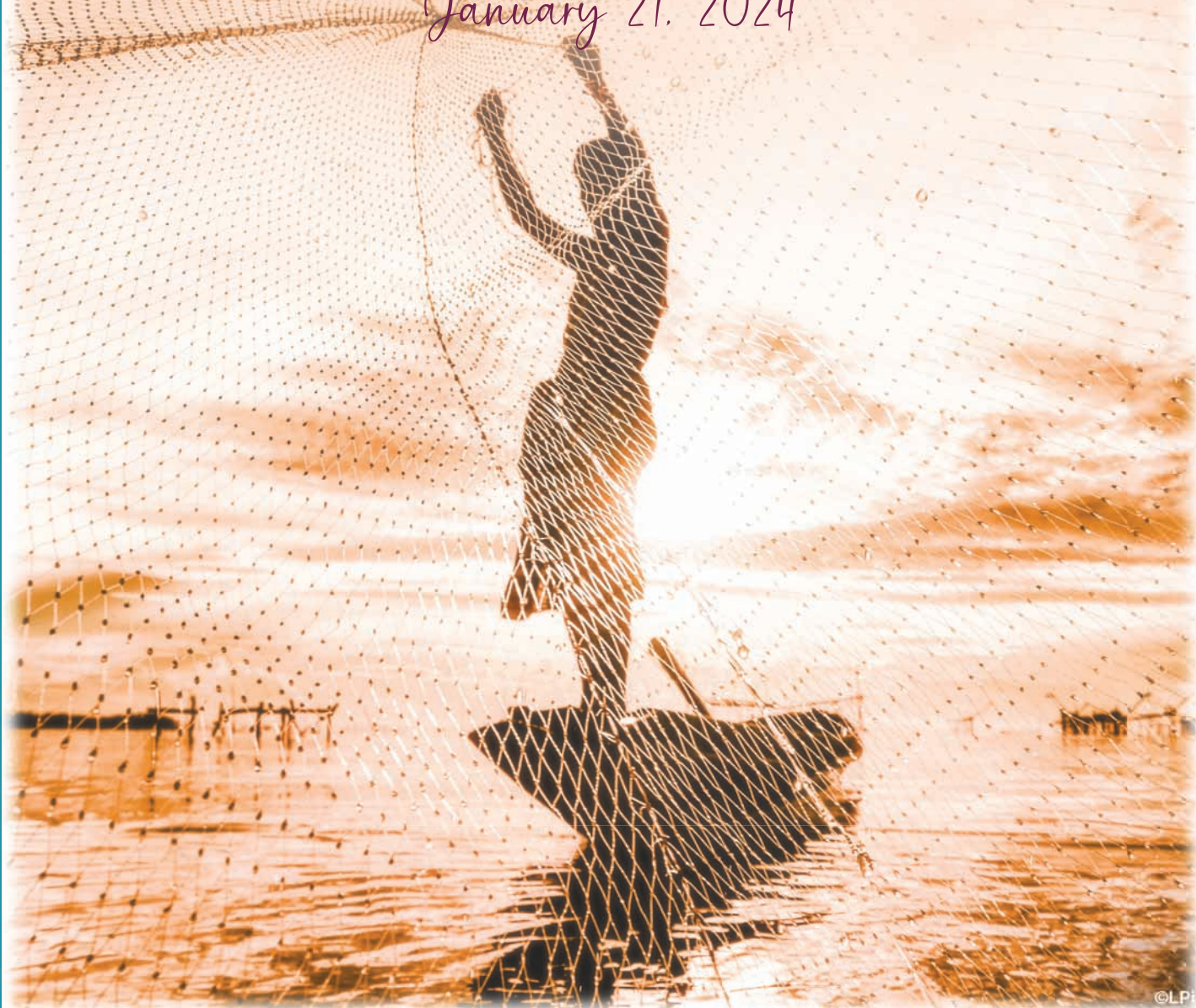
SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# COME AFTER ME.

MARK 1:17

*January 21, 2024*





# 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,

Let us reflect on the first reading... Jonah has the opportunity to repent. He is out of his element, he is in the depths, he must face himself and what is asked of him. He prays, he reflects, he remembers; and then he promises to fulfill the word of God. When that happens, he is delivered out of the depths and the blubber-bus deposits him on the land. When Jonah is back in his element, the Word of God is addressed to him a second time: "Up! Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to."

Jonah obeys. He goes into the city and tells the people that all of them will be destroyed in forty days. There is no ambiguity about his message; it is proclaimed as certain. Everyone pays attention. The king and his ministers command the people to renounce their evil behavior: "Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his furious anger?" They hope that if they repent, so too will God.

God repents when the people repent. Everyone is overjoyed. All except one. While the people rejoice, Jonah leaves the city. To sulk. As he suspected from the beginning, God has a controlling habit of forgiveness. He argues again with God: "That was why I fled... I knew that you were a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness and mercy, relenting from evil." He asks God to take his life. He has been put to shame. The prophet has been proved a failure.

Jonah decides to sit in the hot sun until he dies. But God causes a tree to grow, to shade his prophet. Jonah feels better. But God causes the tree to die, and then Jonah feels sorry for the tree.

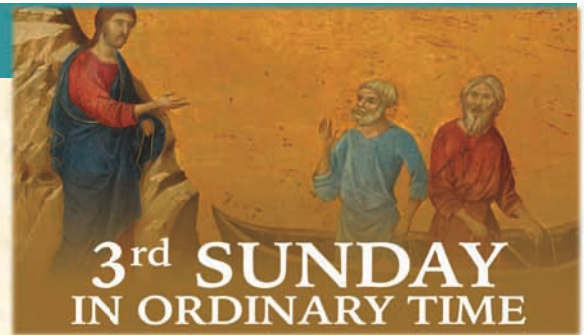
God has the last word: he asks Jonah why he is sorry for the tree. Should God not feel sorry for Nineveh, where many thousands of people live?

With that question from God, the story of Jonah comes to an end. Jonah is obsessed with being right and he is willing to see all the people perish to be proved right. But the prophet must learn that *the point of prophecy is not accuracy but repentance*. True, Jonah has been made to look foolish; but his foolishness is much less important than people's repentance. He must learn that it is never too late to repent, and that is always good when the give-them-hell prophet is proved wrong.

The story of Jonah holds out hope for all of us. In the story everyone repents: Jonah himself, the people of Nineveh, even God. The good news is that no one is tied to a planned fate, no one is doomed to embrace disaster. By choosing to repent we can change our lives. Repentance is good news because it means that nothing is settled, nothing is sealed. Punishment has been planned and can always be cancelled. Things *can* change. If God can begin again, so we can begin again and again and again.

That is Gospel. That is Good News. And repentance need not be crusty, grouchy affair. As Jonah experienced himself, you can still have a whale of time! Amen.

May God bless you.—Father Angelito





# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out. (Jon 3:10)

### Psalm:

Teach me your ways, O Lord. (Ps 25)

### Second Reading:

For the world in its present form is passing away. (1 Cor 7:31)

### Gospel:

Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

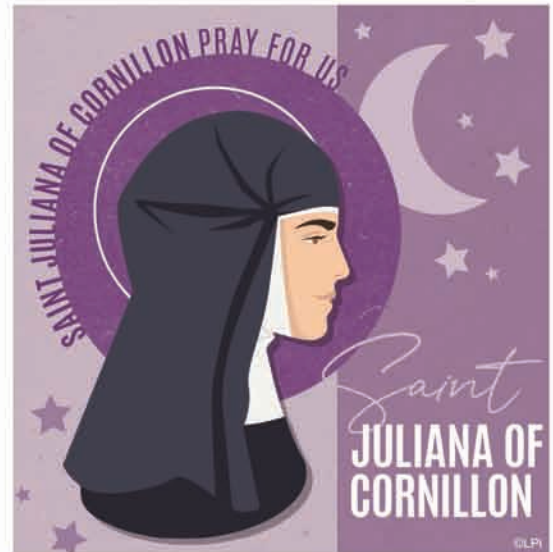
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples were fishing when Christ found them, hard at work to support their families, casting their nets into the sea. Sometimes when God calls us, we are in the middle of something else. Don't be afraid to change your plans to follow Him.

## Observances for the week of January 21, 2024

- Sunday:** 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
- Tuesday:** St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
- Friday:** Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
- Saturday:** St. Angela Merici, Virgin
- Next Sunday:** 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



## Saint of the week

St. Juliana of Cornillon, also known as St. Juliana of Liège, is remembered for her steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and her instrumental role in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi.

## Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,

When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

# Mass Intentions

**Saturday • January 20**

**4:30 PM**

† **Mary Louise Layton**

*r/b Patricia Lacoste*

**Sunday • January 21**

**8:00 AM**

† **Neal Pronek**

*r/b The Neyhart Family*

**10:00 AM**

† **Michael & Jean Burke**

*r/b Carol Jamieson*

**11:30 AM**

† **Florence & Gene Croddick**

*r/b Loving Family*

**Monday • January 22**

**9:00 AM**

† **Francis Randazzo**

*r/b Loving Family*

**Tuesday • January 23**

**9:00 AM**

† **Carole Dougher**

*r/b Palmie Cummings*

**Thursday • January 25**

**9:00 AM**

† **Rev. Joseph A. Radomski**

**Friday • January 26**

**9:00 AM**

† **Angelo Rossi**

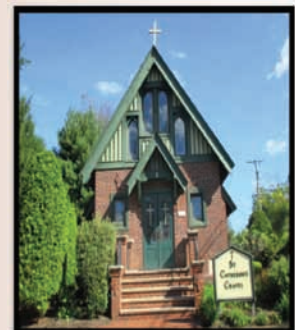
*r/b Loving Niece, Marlene*



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

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

January 22, 2024

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,  
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.

You are the One to whom we owe our  
very existence.

Give us the courage to take that  
unpopular position  
of protecting those who have no voice,  
the unborn child in the womb  
to the person taking his or her last breath.

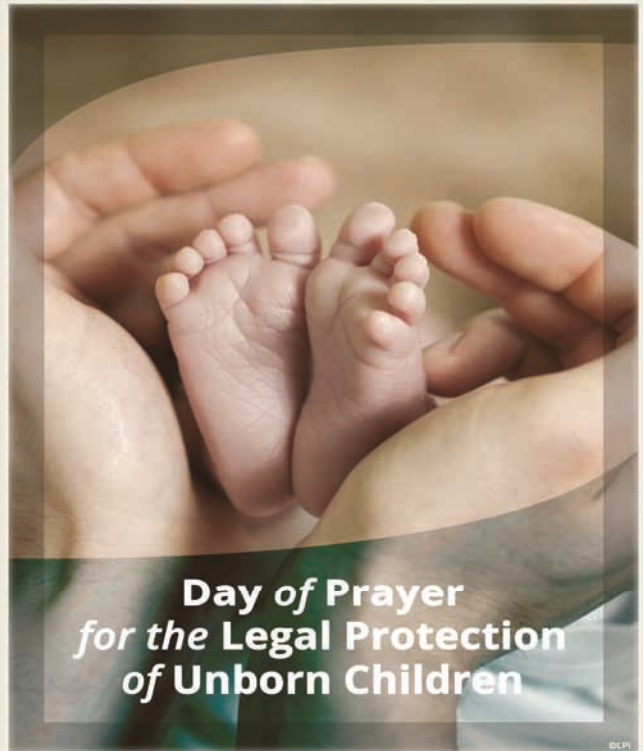
The life you have given us is a gift  
beyond measure.

Embolden us to speak the truth  
about protecting the child, the elderly,  
and the one without a voice in the  
public square.

With thankful hearts,  
we ask all this of the One God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.



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# Our Parish Family



## INFANT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

God bless you in choosing to have your child baptized. In doing so you are taking your vocation as a parent seriously by giving your child the life of Christ!

Our parish holds baptismal preparation classes every month. First time parents are required to attend.

Contact the parish office today for information on the next class.

Visit our website at [www.stenachurch.org](http://www.stenachurch.org) for online registration.



## Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

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Our Family of Faith.

### Hymn of the Week

#### Christ Be Our Light

Text - Bernadette Farrell b. 1957

Music: Bernadette Farrell. 1993

"Christ Be Our Light" is a hymn composed by Bernadette Farrell. The hymn emphasizes Christ as the guiding light in our lives. The tune is commonly associated with the text and creates a reflective and uplifting atmosphere. Scriptural references in the lyrics draw inspiration from passages like Isaiah 58, focusing on themes of compassion, justice, and the transformative power of Christ's light in our hearts.

The text also reflects the text of John 8:12. Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." There are written texts for both ordinary time and for Easter Vigil. This contemporary hymn has clearly stood the test of time and remains ever popular.



# Children's Liturgy of the Word



Sunday Morning  
at the 11:30 AM  
Mass  
Ages 4—8



Children are called forward after the opening prayer, and follow our CLOW Leader to the gathering room to hear the Gospel at their own level.

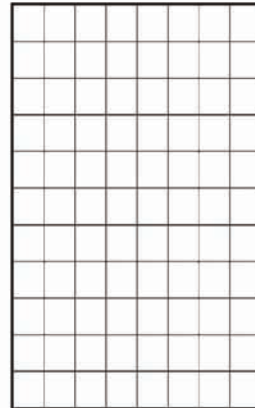
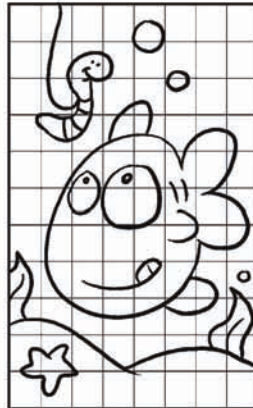
They return for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Just sign-in with the CLOW Leader before the start of Mass.

### Sharing the Gospel

There's a colorful envelope addressed to you on the kitchen table. You see it's from your friend. You open it and find a party invitation inside. You parents say you can go! When Jesus invited Peter, Andrew, James and John to come along with him, they were just as excited to go. Jesus was the Savior and a good friend. They couldn't wait!

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**THE DIOCESE OF TRENTON** is committed to the initiative outlined in the U.S. Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines regarding the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

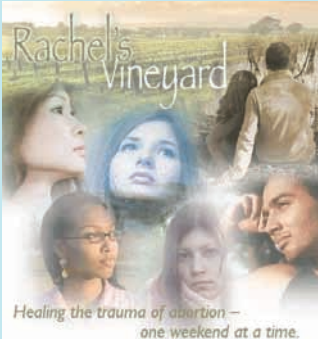
If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know of someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at [abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org](mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org).

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.

# Upcoming Events

## Healing the Wounds of Abortion

The psychological and spiritual wounds of abortion can be sharp, deep and crippling. You may feel a deep numbness and may not be able to name the pain or recognize any of the symptoms. It can also have a devastating impact on the father or grandparents of the aborted child and friend/s of the mother.



You do not have to continue to hide in shame and fear.

Rachel's Vineyard's Retreat is a chance to focus on this painful time in your life through a supportive non-judgmental process, in an atmosphere of confidentiality, understanding, and compassion. It is designed to help both women and men experience the mercy and compassion of God.

If you have suffered through an abortion and have isolated yourself from healing and forgiveness, you might consider attending one our retreat weekends. For more information, contact Judy Warenkiewicz at 732-536-6871. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### 2024 Weekend Retreats

**February 16-18, 2024**

**November 15-17, 2024**

**Offerings at Francis House of Prayer  
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**All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.**

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For more information, call Melanie Decker, Director of Senior Services at [732-938-4500](tel:732-938-4500) x 2550.



### **INFORMATION NIGHT DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY**

*St. Leo's Parish in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry entitled, "Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics.*

*We are having an **Information Night on Thursday, February 1, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm** at St. Leo The Great in the Parish Center Meeting Room, located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft.*

*If interested, please email: [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com) with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.*

*Visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry> for more information about the program or call/text Michele Coppola Wilson at 201-753-8485.*

*Thank you for taking the first step towards healing!*



# Parish Support

Weekly Sunday Collection Saturday/Sunday, January 13-14 2024		
4:30 PM Mass	\$1,048.00	85 People
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,148.00	101 People
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,304.00	152 People
11:30 AM Mass	\$1,114.00	121 People
Online Giving	\$1,760.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,374.00</b>	
Second Collection		
Diocesan Assessment		\$699.00

## UPCOMING COLLECTIONS

**On January 28, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latina America.**

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith.

Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

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# ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023

DIOCESE of TRENTON



We are the **BODY of CHRIST**  
2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**Parish Goal: \$40,000**

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

### Parish Update

As of January 16, 2024

**Pledged: \$46,811.00 117% of Goal**

**Paid: \$46,781.00 117% of Goal**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

The 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal has concluded. Thank you to all who made a gift to get our parish to 117% of goal!

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