

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

197 Kingsland Avenue
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

March 18, 2022

Dear Parish Family,

As we journey through the holy season of Lent, the Church invites us to devote time to the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. As we reflect more deeply on the meaning of this season, we become aware of God's blessings bestowed upon us, we are called to share those blessings with others, especially the poor, as well as the ministries of our parish and those of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Last January, the parishioners in the Archdiocese of Newark received an invitation from Cardinal Tobin to participate in the Annual Appeal. The Annual Appeal is an opportunity for all of us to express our gratitude, and to consider our support of the vital ministries that are central to our Catholic mission and our beautiful Archdiocese. In doing so, we continue serving so many people in Christ's name. Your financial support of the Appeal provides our Archdiocese the resources to minister to the poor, welcome those on the margins, provide seminarian education to our future priests, and much more. Be assured that 100% of the funds collected are solely used to support the ministries in the Annual Appeal materials. I am extremely grateful to all of you for making last year's Annual Appeal so successful. Because of your generosity, the Parish received \$6,880.00 in a rebate for 100% of the pledges above our goal. Again, I thank you and I am sure you will make this year a huge success. Please remember we must meet our Goal in collected funds by June 30th 2022.

Your pledge and gift to this year's Appeal will also help Our Lady of Mount Carmel receive possibly two financial incentives. Pledges made by June 30, 2022, that exceed the Stretch Goal of \$22,896.00 will make our parish eligible for a 100% rebate. As mentioned above, our parish received \$6,880.00 which will be used to help defray the cost of repairs for our church and parking lots, which as you are aware, is necessary this year and will be costly. The actual rebate amount will be based on the funds collected by December 31, 2022.

Also, if we meet or exceed this goal in funds collected by June 30, 2022, Our Lady of Mount Carmel will receive a 2% assessment rate reduction in our parish assessment for Fiscal Year 2023. This is a potential savings of approximately \$1,000 for our parish. Our Lady of Mount Carmel will use any rebate money or savings towards our parish needs such as a new handicap door entrance, parking lot repairs, refinishing of the main entrance doors, etc.

I have made my pledge to this year's appeal. I invite you to join me and many of your fellow parishioners to consider making a pledge as well. You may fill out the enclosed pledge card and mail it back to the Office of Development and Stewardship, place it in our collection basket or bring it to our parish office.

To make a gift online, visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Please don't forget to select our parish name when making an online gift. You are also invited to submit a prayer intention by going to www.rcan.org/submit-prayer-request. Thank you for all that you do for our parish and for the ministries of our Archdiocese. You are in my prayers. I ask you to keep me, our parish and the success of this year's Annual Appeal in yours as well.

Sincerely yours in Christ, with gratitude,



Rev. Ernest G Rush, Pastor

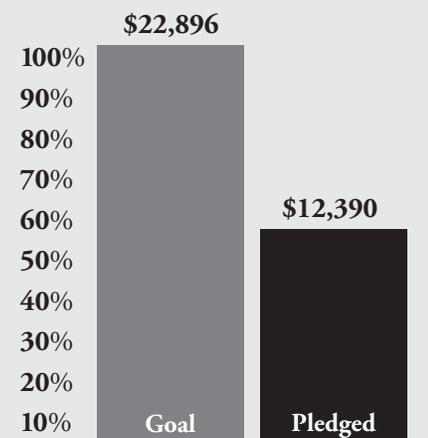


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2022 Progress

Pledged as of March 4, 2022



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