



Our Lady of Consolation Church

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Dear Parishioners,

I thank you for your continued commitment to your parish. There has never been a more important time to take our commitment seriously and I don't think I have to explain the reasons why. ***The parish exists because of you*** and it will continue to flourish with your ***prayers, commitment*** and ***deep faith***.

I want to thank all those who continue to minister to others, even in limited ways, as best they can during this uncertain time. Our Liturgical Ministers and Video Staff are but the most obvious of many ministries which continue to function and provide needed service to others. I also give the highest commendation to our Parish Staff who have never wavered in their support and love of our parish. I profoundly thank them in your name for all they have done for the well-being of our parish in difficult circumstances.

As you consider your commitment of treasure, I want to thank you for your continued support of our parish throughout the pandemic. Your commitment is deeply gratifying and I cannot thank you enough for going above and beyond in the midst of this crisis. Please also note that commitment time recognizes gifts of Time and Talent on an equal basis with Treasure.

The "Offertory Giving Chart" has been calculated based upon real and current income for Wayne Township by referencing average income levels and overlaying giving trends among our parishioners. In the past, the chart was based on standard ***stewardship assumptions*** of 5% through 10% donations of income. Experience has told us that these giving percentages were unrealistic and so we set about constructing our own percentages of income offertory chart. The chart you see on the commitment page, as I mentioned before, represents the actual offertory giving profile of our parish cross referenced with the actual range of household income in Wayne. We are producing it as a guide in the midst of our Stewardship Renewal.

I thank you for whatever you can do at this time. You are profoundly in my thoughts and prayers and I wish you all God's Blessings now and in the days ahead.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael D. Lombardo
Pastor