

Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask your support for an Archdiocese-wide initiative that Cardinal Tobin has launched to support our parish community, outreach to those in need, and parishes in response to the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on everyday life.

We are partnering with the team at GoFundMe, a leading online giving organization, to provide one online platform for the faithful to support outreach to those most in need as well as cover the critical needs of their own and other parish communities during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This is a coordinated and unified effort. The first place people often go in time of need is the local parish. Under the current conditions brought on by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, parishes are limited in the services they can offer to the faithful.

Cardinal Tobin has temporarily waived the usual archdiocesan assessment in support of this initiative, meaning that the donations are not taxed by the Archdiocese as the regular collection would be.

Therefore, I ask you to please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to our parish. Visit our parish page: [Guardian Angel Church Go Fund Me](#).

The funding flow for this initiative offers both simplicity and transparency for our parish community and others who choose to contribute:

- All money raised through individual parish GoFundMe pages will flow into a central archdiocesan fund, and the Parish Business Services team will aim to release all funds to parishes in the amount raised for the parish within the week
- Pastors, parishioners, and the public can track how much each parish has raised in total on their individual parish GoFundMe pages
- All money raised through the *Parishes in Need* fund will be distributed to conduct outreach to those in need and to those parish communities unable to meet their critical needs alone
- Contributions are tax-deductible, and contributors will receive tax receipts automatically

You may also continue to give through your typical methods if you prefer:

- For those who would like to continue to give through envelopes or cash during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, please: either mail your donation to the Rectory (320 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NJ 07401) or drop through the mail slot in the red Rectory door.
- **For those who give through our existing online giving platform, you may continue to do so at: [Faith Direct](#).**
- Please also remember the Annual Appeal among your options for contributing

I will be celebrating Mass each Sunday (as well as every other day). The Masses are recorded and uploaded early each day to our [YouTube page](#). Subscribe to that page when you get there so that you can easily return.

Thank you for generosity to our parish and to those parish communities unable to meet their critical needs alone.

For a message from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., the *Parishes in Need* fund, and more on how this initiative will support the critical needs of our parish communities, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/parishsupport>

For more information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the Archdiocese of Newark's response, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/COVID19>

In Christ,

Fr. Robert