



Episcopal Church of the Ascension

“Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven. . . .

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

—Matthew 6:19

October 4, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Ascension:

As the rector of Church of the Ascension, I want to personally thank you for your membership and participation in our faith community. Our mission **“to inspire hope as we care for all through the teachings of Jesus Christ”** is a group effort and I am grateful and humbled that you have chosen Church of the Ascension and are with us. Together in Christ we are strengthened.

In the world we live in today, it's never been more vital for us to unite and share the good news of the Gospel to bring light and hope to our community and within our own homes. In order for us to do this, Church of the Ascension is making a plan for 2024 that is built on the intentions and generosity of time, talent and treasure from our entire faith community.

Since we are now entering our season of preparation for 2024, you'll find an enclosed Pledge Card. While the word “pledge” may seem like a formal commitment, I want to assure you that it is simply an “intention” that I hope you will consider with prayer and reflection. Your intention helps Church of the Ascension develop a strategic plan for the year ahead and informs our decisions on how to best direct our resources to achieve our vision for the future.

At Church of the Ascension, our 2024 vision is to accelerate growth in the following areas: outreach to more families, ministry to our community, improvement to our facilities, and greater engagement and enrichment opportunities for our members.

In order to provide more context and clarity, I ask you to walk with us during these next few weeks as members of our faith community share their personal experiences and stories of gratitude for Church of the Ascension. This past Sunday, October 1, was the first step on this path with a video testimonial from one of our parishioners that was shared during all the services. In case you missed it or would like to watch it again, this testimonial and more will be available via YouTube (see links and QR code below).

Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider Church of the Ascension and how we can continue to grow together in our commitment to love and serve one another as Christ calls us to do.

In faith and fellowship,

Father Jim

The Rev. Dr. Jim Sorvillo



P.S. To watch the video testimonials on YouTube, visit [Bit.ly/CoAPlaylist](https://bit.ly/CoAPlaylist) or scan the QR code.