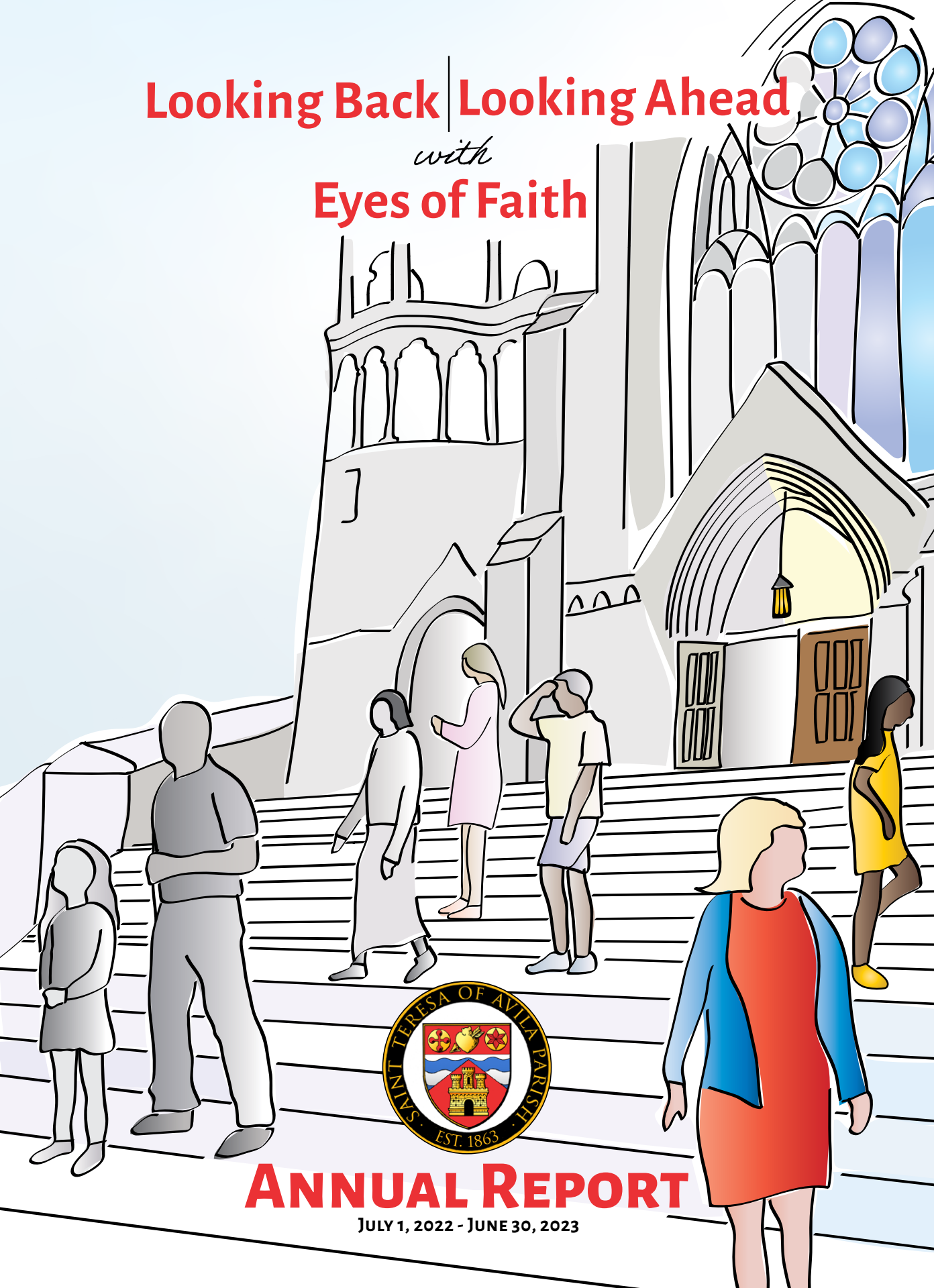


# Looking Back | Looking Ahead

*with*  
**Eyes of Faith**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

JULY 1, 2022 - JUNE 30, 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR MENSAJE DEL PÁRROCO

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 AM

#### HOLIDAYS

9:00 AM

#### SATURDAY

8:30 AM (Confessions following)

4:00 PM (Memorial Hall)

#### SUNDAY

7:30 AM (Church, Quiet Mass)

9:00 AM (Memorial Hall, Family Mass)

10:30 AM (Church)

12:00 PM (Church, in Spanish)

5:00 PM (Church)

Summer Mass schedule takes effect  
Memorial Day through Labor Day.

*Dear Friends of St Teresa of Avila Church:*

Our patroness, St Teresa of Avila said:

*Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with my heart.*

What is contained here in our 2022-2023 Annual Parish Report gives clear testimony to Christ working through you, our dear parishioners and our many friends and dedicated staff. Since 1863 our parish has shared the Good News of Jesus in words and deeds here in Summit and beyond.

While we are so grateful and blessed for what has been, now is the time for us to strategically plan for the future so that we may pass on our incredible legacy to the generations that follow us.

Please take a proud moment to review what we have accomplished. More importantly, please prayerfully consider your commitment to St Teresa of Avila as we move into the future. With God's help, together, we will continue to do great things!

*Blessings and thanks!*

*Queridos amigos:*

Nuestra santa patrona, santa Teresa de Ávila dijo:

“Cristo no tiene otro cuerpo ahora más que el mío. Él ora en mí, trabaja en mí, mira a través de mis ojos, habla a través de mis palabras, trabaja a través de mis manos, camina con mis pies y ama con mi corazón”.

Lo que está contenido aquí en nuestro Reporte anual parroquial 2022-2023, da un claro testimonio de Cristo obrando por medio tuyo, por medio de nuestros parroquianos y de nuestros muchos amigos y dedicado equipo pastoral que trabaja para ti. Desde 1863, nuestra parroquia ha compartido la Buena Nueva de Jesús, en palabras y en obras aquí en Summit y en más lugares.

Mientras que nos sentimos muy agradecidos y bendecidos por lo que ha sido, ahora es momento para nosotros de planificar estratégicamente para el futuro, para que podamos transmitir nuestro increíble legado a las generaciones que nos siguen.

Por favor tómate un breve momento para repasar lo que hemos logrado. Más importante aún, por favor y en oración, considera tu compromiso con tu parroquia, Santa Teresa de Ávila, al movernos hacia el futuro. ¡Con la ayuda de Dios, juntos, seguiremos haciendo grandes cosas!

*¡Gracias y bendiciones!*

**Monsignor Robert S Meyer, Esq**  
Pastor



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### S T TERESA OF AVILA LOST A BELOVED

parishioner, faith leader, and forever friend last summer; Angela Intili-Stokes. Angela was, among many other things, a dedicated musician and cantor at our parish for decades. In honor of one year since Angela's passing, we are pleased to have instituted a music scholarship fund in her name. This is a way for our community to honor Angela's legacy in faith and the arts for many years to come.

The scholarship is open to elementary and high school students who excel in music and the arts and have a passion to share their God given gifts through this medium within our parish community.



### FOREVER LOVED.

*April 19, 1952 - July 14, 2022*



# PARISH VISION



A look back at the last 5 years

## THESE ITEMS REPRESENT VARIOUS INITIATIVES, PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMING

that have helped make St Teresa of Avila the vibrant parish that it is today. While most of these "past" highlights will continue to grow and expand in the future, we are always thinking ahead! We have hopes and plans for new areas of ministry that will provide development and growth for all ages. We are thankful for your support as we strive to foster a faith-filled community rooted in discipleship!



A continuing vision forward . . .

# PARISH OUTREACH

the help we gave to others

\$130,000

## Outside Organizations

- Boy Scout Troop #67
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark
- Coats for Kids Drive
- Friends of Notre Dame de Paris
- Haven Adolescent Community Respite Center
- Loaves & Fishes
- Mexico Mission
- Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children
- Support of Sisters
- The Labouré Society
- The Waterfront Project

\$23,000

## National Special Collections

- Archdiocesan Retired Priests
- Black & Native American CRS
- Catholic Home Mission
- The Catholic University of America
- Churches in Africa
- Churches in Eastern Europe
- Communicating God's Word
- Good Friday for The Holy Land
- Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal
- Peter's Pence
- Retirement for the Religious
- World Mission Sunday



The Waterfront Project



Haven Adolescent Community Respite Center



Mexico Mission



The Labouré Society



Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry



Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids



Boy Scouts Troop 67



Support for the Sisters



Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children



Catholic Charities



Friends of Notre Dame de Paris

# PARISH FINANCE

## 2019 - 2023 Review

revenue	
ORDINARY REVENUE	1,544,752
ADDITIONAL REVENUE	166,657
OTHER REVENUE	530,740
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>2,242,149</b>
expense	
SALARIES & BENEFITS	1,238,144
CONTRACTED SERVICES	79,398
PLANT RELATED	187,888
UTILITIES	99,959
SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	138,701
GENERAL	477,363
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,221,453</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b>20,696</b>

	2023	2022*	2021	2020	2019
<b>PARISH</b>					
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	2,242,149	2,163,339	2,043,218	2,216,008	2,139,400
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	2,221,453	2,098,227	1,918,986	2,326,417	2,467,505
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>20,696</b>	<b>65,113</b>	<b>124,232</b>	<b>(110,409)</b>	<b>(328,105)</b>
<b>CEMETERY/MAUSOLEUM</b>					
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	741,034	862,765	915,540	586,326	697,340
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	870,168	853,351	658,947	406,799	499,990
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(129,134)**</b>	<b>9,415</b>	<b>256,593</b>	<b>179,527</b>	<b>197,350</b>

# Financial Report

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Further detailed and audited results will be published in a future bulletin.

\* FY 2022 updated with audited results.

\*\*Historically, our cemetery/mausoleum ended each year in the black. This year, given the various capital expenses and additional niche expansions, we ended in the red. Some of the bigger expenses were:

- sewer and drainage repairs
- lawn care/beautification
- addition of prayer gardens and paths
- repair to the mausoleum HVAC

Going forward, with cemetery/mausoleum sales, these expenses will be absorbed.

## Archdiocese Annual Appeal 5 year history

YEAR	GOAL	PLEDGED	RECEIVED	VARIANCE	DONORS
2023	122,209	156,430	154,580	32,371	191
2022	123,811	129,413	126,368	2,557	186
2021	142,204	153,420	150,459	8,255	218
2020	151,362	91,061	91,061	(60,301)	143
2019	132,610	86,482	86,467	(46,143)	145

Note: 2023 figures are as of 8/15/23.



# PARISH STAFF

# WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!



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Frank Milbauer, David Millan

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Matt Mucci  
Jeff Petrone

“ Our daughter’s communion was so beautiful and I can’t thank you enough for your hard work and love for the kids. ”

‘ENCOUNTER’ PARENT



My sincere thanks to the Faith Formation team for a beautiful Confirmation Mass this year! I appreciate all the planning and care they took to make the preparation year and a half meaningful and relevant for our young adults! Having had two older children who went through the program about ten years ago who saw it as a chore to be completed, this experience for my youngest was different. Thank you for bringing a fresh perspective to the sacrament and keeping the teens engaged and eager to develop their faith and relationship with Jesus.

‘PURPOSE’ PARENT



Thank you to everyone at St Teresa of Avila for making our wedding day so special! The church itself is spectacularly beautiful. Father Bob made the ceremony feel warm, personal, and engaging. Every one of our guests commented on how beautiful the ceremony was, and what a wonderful job Father Bob did officiating. While my husband and I grew up Catholic, some of our friends did not, and they felt welcomed and at ease. Matthew Still was an immense help throughout the entire planning process. He was a pleasure to work with, and we were excited to have his skills on the piano on our wedding day! The music on the day was incredible! Kristen Hoyt did a beautiful job as the cantor. We are so happy to have the livestream to be able to relive the magic of the day!

MARRIAGE COUPLE

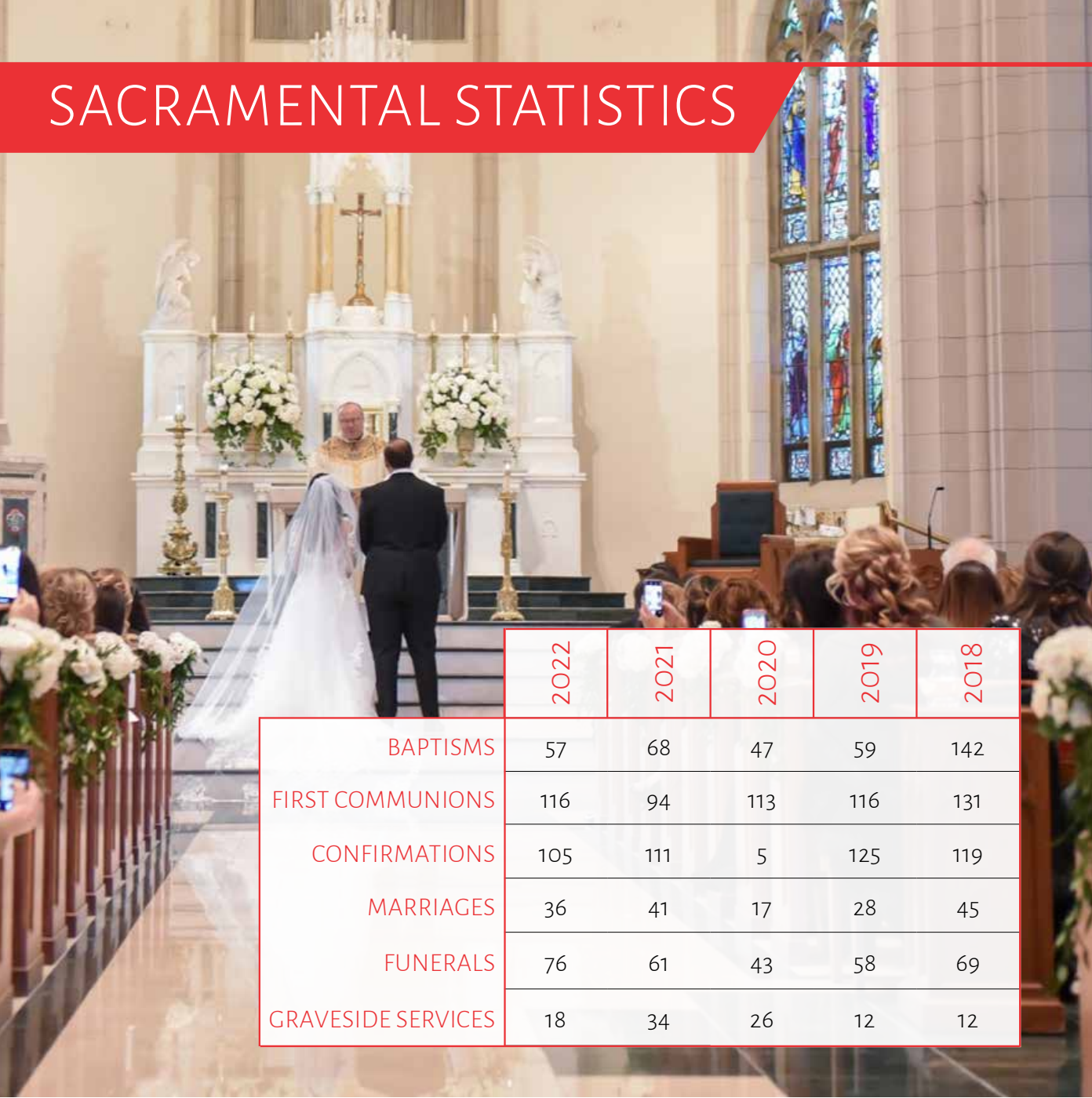


Thanks for the lovely Communion Mass. It was so much more personal than I had experienced at Masses I've attended for other family members. I know it is a tremendous amount of work on your part... [We] had sent the livestream link to my [husband's family]. He received screenshots back from places all over Mexico! It was lovely that his family had a chance to share in one of the big events in the girls' lives.

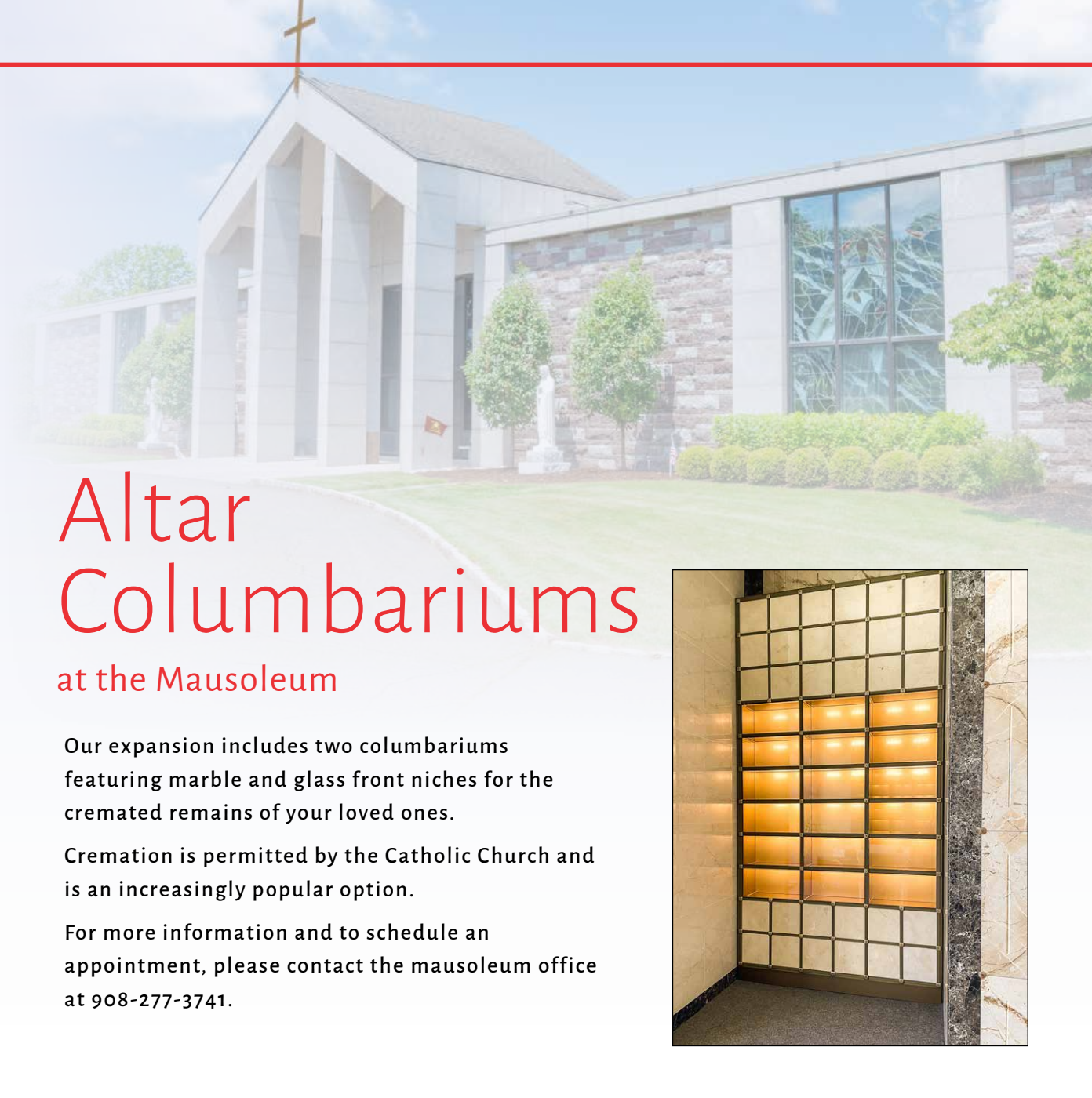
‘ENCOUNTER’ PARENT



# SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS



	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
BAPTISMS	57	68	47	59	142
FIRST COMMUNIONS	116	94	113	116	131
CONFIRMATIONS	105	111	5	125	119
MARRIAGES	36	41	17	28	45
FUNERALS	76	61	43	58	69
GRAVESIDE SERVICES	18	34	26	12	12

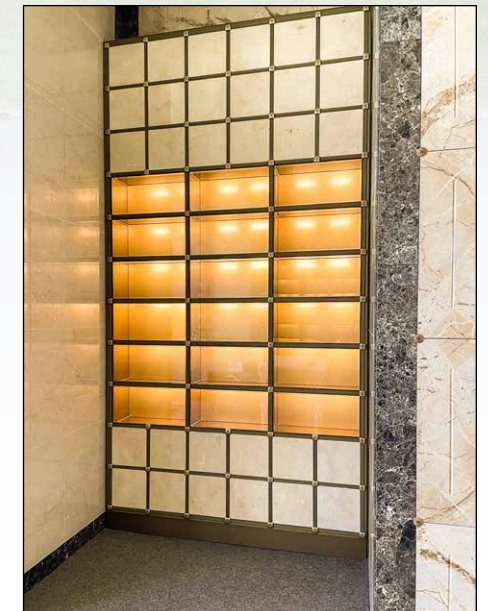


## Altar Columbariums at the Mausoleum

Our expansion includes two columbariums featuring marble and glass front niches for the cremated remains of your loved ones.

Cremation is permitted by the Catholic Church and is an increasingly popular option.

For more information and to schedule an appointment, please contact the mausoleum office at 908-277-3741.





# THANK YOU TO OUR TRUSTEES, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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