



Dear Parishioners, Family, Friends and Community,

It is the Grace of God that has kept me these 90 years and with His grace I will continue to call on Him for the rest of my days. So many wonderful people I have met and loved through the years, happy moments and sad moments. This year was especially dear to me reaching 90 years and being able to still do the Festa 2025 for my church family and community and to celebrate with them. It has meant a lot to me.

Our wonderful +Bishop Edward Schafenberger, whom Fr. Carlino had surprised me as the Celebrant at the Mass on June 22, touched my heart. I thought I was too old for birthday celebrations but I certainly enjoyed the beautiful day.

Fr. Carlino, I thank you for allowing me to minister to the community through Festa's, Bake Sales, dinners and special events we hold at the church. You have always been gracious toward me in what I would like to plan. I thank Bro Ron, who has always been there alongside to assist me in way that I needed him to, through prayer, visiting the homebound and hospitals. I thank the Venerini Sisters, Sr. Juby and Sr. Christeena who have been like the story in the Old Testament Aaron & Hur holding up my arms and assisting me when I did not think I could go on. I am no Moses but I have been eternally grateful for their help and care.

I wish to thank everyone who sent me cards and good wishes, kind words, gifts of flowers, Masses, prayers, smiles, hugs and even monetary gifts, and donations to the food pantry. How blessed I have been and want you to know how grateful I am. I'm too along in my years to write notes to everyone, so I am doing it this way.

As the Apostle Paul wrote in the book of Philippians 3:14 "We will press on toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Thank you for your kindness and love.

My prayers are with you all.

Respectfully,

Sr. Maria Rose Querini, MPV