Dear Friends,

Happy Easter!

It's so nice to see the grass turning green, buds on trees, flowers coming up and the weather is… well, it's not too bad. Spring is definitely here, and it is certainly a welcomed sight.

Our elevator is almost complete. We have a list of final details that need to be completed, but we are really just a few weeks away. When we know for sure that we can dedicate the new elevator and building, the date will be set, and I am sure the grand opening will be a great event.

Over these past few months since we kicked off the Welcoming at New Levels campaign I have been mightily impressed by the outpouring of generosity of those who have made contributions. Our economy is not as strong as it was even one year ago, and everything costs so much more. Still, people who have made pledges are doing a great job of keeping the commitments they have made. It has been fascinating to see that there are quite a few people who have not made pledges but are making payments through the monthly envelopes. Thank you, everyone, for all the generosity and support you have shown.

Thanks be to God we had the money we needed before the project was started. We had the money because there were so many people who gave memorials before I came to St. Catherine of Genoa. Another reason we had the money was because of the fact that we kept putting money into savings over the years, since the debt for the church was paid off. In so many ways, my predecessors showed good stewardship of the finances for our parish. I am so grateful to all those who, in years past, did so much to help our parish and to make the new elevator project possible.

I am so glad to be here in this parish. I have learned so much from your generosity and kindness. I feel that this parish has helped me to become a better priest and shepherd of souls. I pledge to keep doing my best to be a good pastor, and I thank God that you are in my life.

In joyful hope,
Fr. Tim Seigel