



St. Patrick Parish

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 2017

My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to you! As we approach the end of the 2017 calendar year, I am happy to share with you our 2016/17 Parish Fiscal Report. Once again, I am grateful to our Finance Council for their careful review and approval of the report. And I acknowledge the work of Marie Elliott, our business manager, who not only prepared it, but also keeps our books in such good order throughout the year. Thank You.

Fiscal Year 2016/17 was another excellent year for St. Patrick's. For the second consecutive year, we operated in the black: this time closing with a healthy surplus! (Please see the reverse of this page.) A few items to be noted:

- 1) **SUNDAY COLLECTONS.** Our Sunday Collections increased by 9.60% from the previous year. This is of great significance because the Sunday Collection is our main source of income and by all accounts it is the #1 Financial Barometer for a parish community.
- 2) **ELECTRONIC GIVING.** Our electronic giving experienced a 10% increase in enrollment this year. This is a win/win for our parish and those who participate: enabling and ensuring stable and steady giving. Many parishioners even get reward points on their credit cards! So it's a Win/Win/Win!!!
- 3) **SOCIALS/DONATIONS.** This line-item includes such things as memorial donations, gifts and income from our parish ministries. In one year alone, this line-item increased by 81.52%! This is a sign not only of generosity but a sign of a parish growing in activities, ministries, confidence and commitment. This is tremendous. For *confidence in* and *commitment to* are the foundation for the secured growth of a parish.

So, What Now? First and foremost, we acknowledge the blessings. In last year's Fiscal Report Letter, I sounded a call for us to *engage, enhance and enthuse*. In addition, I expressed my hope of "*standing on firmer ground*". If you recall, last year was the first year of the previous three that we had operated in the black. We were able to pay back monies borrowed from the campaign account and in many ways had just turned a corner in our financial situation. With this year's report, one can see, if not "feel" that firmer ground. It is a ground marked with confidence in and commitment to our parish. All of which calls forth from us a greater pride, responsibility and yes, a greater sharing. It's time to be *St. Patrick Proud: Proud of our People, our Parish, our Property.*

Indeed, we have been given a gift. We are ambassadors, recipients, bearers of the Good News and we have a duty to share it. In the coming year, we will engage that duty of sharing by preparing to celebrate our 150th Jubilee which will be a celebration for the entire town. By assessing the health, wellness and needs of our parish ministries and people. And by planning an overdue refreshment and renovation of our Church building.

In closing, I call to mind a scene from Chapter 10 of St. Matthew which is as pertinent now as ever. Matthew tells us that looking at the crowd, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned. So Jesus turned to His disciples and said "*The harvest is abundant the laborers are few.*" At which point, He sent them out with a Mission, instructing them: "*Without cost you have received, without cost you are to give.*"

That's our Mission! May it continue through us in this coming year.

Peace,

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Pastor

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ST. PATRICK CHURCH, KENNETT SQUARE
STATEMENT OF OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

OPERATING INCOME:	
Sunday Collections	\$692,176
Other Parish Income (Christmas, Easter, Census)	152,174
Stole Fees	11,765
Socials and Donations	22,169
Religious Education Income	15,379
Interest, Rentals (net)	17,635
Cemetery Net Income	19,339
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$930,637
OPERATING EXPENSES:	
Diocesan Assessments	\$70,300
Priests Salaries (Includes Sunday Mass Assistance)	41,203
Parish Personnel	254,985
Payroll Taxes and Fringe Benefits	116,491
Real Estate Taxes, Property Insurance	34,663
Pastoral Administration	85,070
Religious Education Programs	20,547
Rectory Operating Expenses	7,079
Maintenance of Property & Equipment	63,012
Utilities	25,049
*Subsidy Payments to Catholic Schools	29,480
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$747,879
EXCESS OPERATING INCOME (EXPENSES)	\$182,758

*Parish Children Attending Catholic Schools