

November 6, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Each year the St. Paul Finance Committee shares with parishioners the financial results of the parish for the fiscal year just completed. Thus, attached are the financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018 with comparative amounts for June 30, 2017. Some highlights of the financial statements are as follows:

- Sunday collections increased approximately 2.4% from fiscal 2017 to 2018 but Christmas and Easter collections decreased slightly.
- Total income received by the Parish increased approximately 3.3%.
- Expenses increased approximately 3.4% with maintenance of the grounds including snow removal being the largest increase.
- To help develop a positive budget, there was a reduction in parish staff. This resulted in a decrease in salaries and benefits of almost 2%.
- The above factors resulted in an excess of revenues from ordinary operations for the current year of \$55,000; almost the exact amount from last year.
- The revenue from the "We Are Living Stones" campaign resulted in additional net income of \$60,650 in the current year compared to \$73,045 in the prior year. However, these funds are earmarked for much needed projects identified during the campaign.
- The Parish had a balance due to the Archdiocese of Newark of \$593,000 at June 30, 2016. This amount was the result of unpaid assessments, insurances, pensions and medical benefits for the lay staff. Because of the net income during the last two years, payments have been made to the Archdiocese resulting in a decrease of the liability and a balance due of \$528,000 as of June 30, 2018.

St. Paul Parish has some exciting opportunities on the horizon: the sale of property gifted to the parish many years ago will generate \$1.8 million in funds to the parish. Once we pay our historic debt, the remaining funds will provide a much needed financial injection to St. Paul Parish and allow us to invest in our physical plant, strengthen our ministries and increase reserves. Although we are only four months into this current fiscal year (2018-2019) some indications are not so promising. Collections have been slightly down since July, especially troubling since we budgeted for a 1% increase in collections this year which we have not seen. Continuation of this trend would necessitate more cuts in staff and ministries next year, something we would like to avoid. We ask all members of our parish family to reflect on their weekly giving to their parish: does it truly reflect God's generosity to us and our desire to build our parish now and secure its financial health in the future? Please note: no funds given to St. Paul Parish have ever been used to settle clergy abuse claims at any time.

It is the hope of the Finance Committee to be as transparent as possible with the parish family. We also want to thank you for your generous support of your parish that have helped us achieve some of our goals. May God continue to bless your generosity as we strive to build God's Kingdom in our community, a kingdom of justice, charity, love and faith. If you have questions of the Finance Committee, please always feel free to reach out to one of the members who are listed at the end of this letter.

Finance Committee:

Ed Finn
Brian Flynn, President
Fr. John Gabriel, Pastor
Sharon Gutierrez
Nathan Little
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Bill Rahal
Jim Rogers, Trustee
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**ST. PAUL'S RC CHURCH
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND JUNE 30, 2017**

REVENUES

	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>
Collections		
Sundays & Holidays	1,059,001	1,033,762
Christmas	130,469	130,095
Easter	79,027	80,500
Maintenance	<u>38,745</u>	<u>39,906</u>
	1,307,242	1,284,263
Donations		
Restricted & Unrestricted Gifts	96,922	49,182
Additional Revenue		
Fundraising	25,315	47,555
Ministry Groups	88,987	69,694
Faith Formation	138,220	150,228
Candles	10,947	7,271
Other	<u>22,651</u>	<u>27,929</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>1,690,284</u>	<u>1,636,122</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	724,476	738,075
Contracted Services	137,315	119,341
Plant Expenses	58,715	55,209
Utilities	97,296	105,496
Supplies & Equipment	144,184	100,544
Archdiocesan Assessments	214,248	219,324
Charitable Donations	31,708	50,848
Fundraising	15,255	26,410
Ministry Groups	97,798	77,106
Faith Formation	38,996	36,778
Other	<u>74,908</u>	<u>51,309</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>1,634,899</u>	<u>1,580,440</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$55,385</u>	<u>\$55,682</u>

ST. PAUL'S BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 2018

ASSETS

Bank Accounts	242,326	
Restricted Accounts	210,368	
Other Assets	<u>18,431</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$471,125

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Trade Payables	18,133	
Due to Chancery	527,675	
Deferred Income	68,750	
Fund Balance	<u>(143,433)</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE		\$471,125