

# Pastor's Message – Financial Report 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our call to discipleship begins the day of our Baptism when we are claimed as His sons and daughters. Each day of our lives, God manifests His presence to us in many and various ways. He continually invites us into a deeper relationship with Him, with the Church and the with the beauty of creation.

**Do we take the opportunity to acknowledge His presence and loving call?  
How do we respond with a spirit of openness and love?**

This Financial Report provides you with a basic overview and accountability of how your generosity of time, talent and treasure is a living witness of Our Mission. This report is our opportunity to share the financial status of our Parish for the past year with everyone. During this past year we were fortunate to surpass our Goal of \$42, 108.00 for the Annual Appeal. As of June 30, pledges have totaled \$46, 884.75 and as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have \$43, 904.75 in funds collected. Since we have surpassed our Goal, we have recently received a rebate check of \$898.38. We will eventually be receiving another rebate check in the amount of \$1,490.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Annual Appeal. During this year we have also repaired the roof of the Church and the Rectory. As you know, since St. Joseph Academy closed in 2020, we have leasing the school building to the Bogota Middle School. To pay off the historical debt of the parish, the rent from the Bogota Middle School goes directly to the Archdiocese of Newark. We are also very fortunate that the Parish Festival brought in \$19, 872.00. St. Joseph's will soon become the location in Bergen County for Mercy House. Mercy House will pay the Parish rent on a monthly basis. Going into the future, there are a few maintenance projects that we are looking to do such as fixing the stairs in front of the Church, painting the inside of the Church and repairing the Church columns, replacing the refrigerator in the School Cafeteria and replacing the air conditioning unit in the school gym. This Financial Report provides you with a basic overview and accountability of how your generosity of time, talent and treasure is a living witness of Our Mission. Please keep in mind that numbers tell only part of our story. Our faith cannot be quantified and the call to discipleship and ministry lies in the hearts of God's holy people. Taken individually, each activity our parish sponsors is significant. Collectively, we work together to grow in faith, hope and love.

. The St. Joseph parish family is dedicated to helping the life of Christ grow within each of us. Our faith is enriched through worship, faith formation, hospitality, and service. We welcome you wherever you may be on your faith journey. We are blessed to have a community committed to stewardship, which allows us to offer many opportunities for fellowship and spiritual development. Our parish family is dedicated to growing in Christ and building God's Kingdom. We strive to create a community where we grow closer to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, engage in service, and lead others to God through compassion and joy.

As your Pastor, please know that I am most grateful to all who are dedicated to selfless stewardship of prayer, finance and ministry which contributes to the life of St. Joseph Catholic Church. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your presence and prayers. I hope that you will review the Financial Report as individuals and as a family to reflect on your response and level of commitment to your baptismal call. May God continue to inspire us to grow in our love for Him, the Church, our parish and the beauty of creation!

God Bless,  
Fr. Scott