



St. Mary Parish

313 Court Street · Plymouth, MA 02360

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October 4, 2010

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the many ways in which you generously support the life and mission of St. Mary Parish. I write to ask for your support of this year's Grand Annual collection. Last year our goal was \$30,000.00 and we received **\$33,786.00**. Given the continued economic downturn and its effects that each of us feels in our daily lives, we have kept our goal for the Grand Annual Collection at \$30,000.00 and trust in your ability and desire to do the best you can to strengthen our parish community.

All proceeds from this collection remain at St. Mary's and contribute directly to the life of the parish. Not only does the Grand Annual Collection help defray operational costs that are not met by the weekly offertory, it also allows us as a parish to make necessary changes in staff, and repairs to our buildings and grounds.

This past year, we hired Matthew Vavalle, a new Director of Music, who is responsible for the coordination of music for all liturgies, the formation of a choir, teaching music in our Religious Education Program and the training of cantors as an unpaid ministry in the parish.

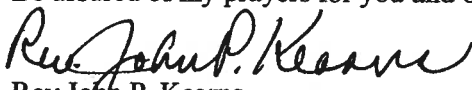
The Parish Center has undergone a complete audit by the parish Facilities Team. They proposed a prioritized list of changes for this important facility. The repairs and upgrades include heating, cooling, duct work, sprinkler system, storage space, flooring, kitchen, and the parking lot. Two doors have been replaced so as to ensure security and safety. Additional changes are needed to reduce energy costs, to ensure the safety of all who use the center, and to meet the needs of a future generation.

Improvement projects for the Church are ongoing. A group of dedicated volunteers labored to dig trenches around much of the church's perimeter in order to resolve problems of drainage in the parking lot and flooding in the church's basement. In an effort to save energy used in the cooling and heating of the church, automatic door closers were installed in the entrée. A new chimney for the furnace has been installed to meet codes for safety and efficiency. Projects scheduled to begin in the fall include painting the furnace room and sacristy, repair of the parking lots, and raising the air conditioning units.

In these changing times, a parish's future viability is based on the strength of its worshipping community and the stability of its financial foundation. St. Mary Parish depends on your vibrant and active participation and continued generosity of your time, your talent and your treasure to grow stronger now to ensure a secure future.

This past year we were just \$800.00 over budget. This year's budget is printed on the reverse side of this letter. A Grand Annual envelope is enclosed for your donation. It may be put in the weekly collection, mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Be assured of my prayers for you and our beloved St Mary Parish.

  
Rev John P. Kearns  
Pastor

Saint Mary Parish, Plymouth  
 Fiscal Budget  
 July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011  
 Rev. John P. Kearns, Pastor

**Revenue**

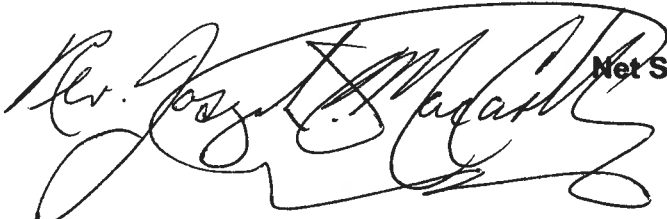
Offertory Income (including Brazilian Community)	\$	239,250
Grand Annual Collection		33,750
Shrines, Candles & Flowers		11,460
Sacramental Offering		21,530
Religious Education		7,000
Bequests and Other Contributions		40,000
Fundraising (net of expenses)		20,760
Investment Income		4,300
Rental Donations		11,250
Other Revenue		6,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>395,800</b>

**Expense**

Lay Salaries	\$	157,920
Lay Benefits		56,970
Clergy Stipend and Benefits		67,580
Professional Services		5,620
Office		6,490
Telephone		2,730
Office Equipment Maintenance		5,900
Books and Pamphlets		4,345
Printing		6,150
Dues and Subscriptions		1,500
Household		4,950
Utilities		31,390
Property Insurance		14,300
Equipment Repair and contracts		6,355
Maintenance of Building and Grounds		16,415
Alter Supplies, Music, etc.		4,675
Parochial School Support		12,490
Professional Development		3,000
Religious Education and Youth		6,940
Parish Hospitality, Charity (Incl. Youth Activities ) and Events		2,725
Flowers		1,560
Hospital Chaplaincy Program		3,170
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>423,175</b>

**Net Surplus/(Deficit)**

**\$ (27,375)**



Rev. Joseph A. Madala