

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This past June marked the seventh anniversary of my coming to Saints Mary & Joseph Collaborative. My life changed in significant ways on the day I arrived as Pastor of this new Collaborative. In my other assignments, as a Parochial Vicar, I had little concern for the details of the day to day running of the parish. All I knew was that when I flipped the light switch, the lights went on; when I turned up the thermostat, the heat came on. If there was a leak in the roof, or if a piece of equipment broke down, I simply told the Pastor. When I became Pastor, it became my responsibility to make sure that the electric bills were paid and the tanks were filled with oil for the heat. It was now my responsibility to fix the roof or replace the broken equipment.

As Pastor of Saint Joseph, I have been very fortunate. Because of your commitment to the parish and your generous support, we have been able to not only meet the pressing needs of the present, but we have also been able to look ahead to the future. The weekly offertory allows us to pay our regular bills, to literally keep the lights turned on. The Grand Annual Collection allows us to do so much more than just what is necessary to maintain our properties. Today I am asking for your support of the Grand Annual Collection.

Over the past year, there has been a whirlwind of work done at Saint Joseph. After several years of planning, we were finally able to paint the interior of the Church. While the work caused a bit of inconvenience requiring us to move the daily Masses and Funerals to Saint Mary, the final product is absolutely beautiful. Following the painting of the Church, the doors of the Church were refinished. At the end of August, we began work on a couple of projects for this year. We spent two weeks refinishing the Church floors and in the near future will be sanding and refinishing the Church pews. In addition to that, while the Church floors were being done, we ripped up the old carpet in Our Lady's Hall and installed new flooring. You may have also noticed a good deal of work being done on the outside of the church where we are in the process of painting the trim and resealing the windows. At the Cemetery, the final Columbarium was installed and street signs were added to help with navigating the grounds. We were able to do all of the Church projects because of the Grand Annual Collection. Without your generous donations to that collection, none of this work would have been possible.

Saint Joseph Church was built in 1935. For ninety years it has been the spiritual home for so many in and around the Kingston and Plympton communities. It is my hope that this parish will continue to be a fixture in this community for another ninety years and beyond. I believe that we have the responsibility of caring for what has been handed on to us. Maintaining a ninety-year-old building can be expensive. It is my hope that we can do so much more than just maintain what we have. I hope that we can also do things that improve upon what we have been given.

That being said, I now write to ask you, once again, for your support. All proceeds from the Grand Annual remain at Saint Joseph's and contribute directly to the life of the parish. To achieve our goal of \$53,000, I would ask each family to consider a monthly gift of \$25 or \$300 annually. This goal

allows us to meet our operating needs and also complete the projects inside the church. I realize that for some families, this will be too great a sacrifice. Others will be able to give more. Know that I am grateful for any amount that you are able to give.

I'm also excited to introduce a new partnership we'll be announcing soon with Hallow. Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that offers countless ways to grow in our individual prayer lives. This unique digital platform also offers the prospect of extending our community beyond the walls of the church. I hope that this initiative will provide each one of us with an opportunity to invite someone we know back to the faith. My favorite part about the app is that the content is 100% Catholic. I can't wait to get this transformative spiritual companion into your hands!

In an effort to be as transparent as possible, I will speak briefly about our financial well-being as well as the Collaborative as a whole the weekend of **November 1 and 2 following all Masses**. Should you have any questions or thoughts, I would love to hear from you.

In closing, I mentioned above how my life changed when I became a Pastor. One of the most moving changes has been this: because I am now the one who asks for your help, I am also the one who sees how people respond to those requests. When I see the generosity of the people of this parish, I am humbled. I cannot adequately express to you my gratitude for the generosity that I have experienced as your Pastor. All I can say is Thank You.

May God bless you, your loved ones and our beloved Saint Joseph Parish,



Rev. John J. Graham, Pastor

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ST. JOSEPH PARISH BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FY2026

272 Main St. Kingston, MA 02364

	BUDGET FY2025	ACTUAL FY2025	BUDGET FY2026	VARIANCE OVER \$10,000 COMMENTS
OPERATING INCOME				
Collections				
Offertory	230,000	234,208	246,500	
Offertory Monthly	20,000	26,997	22,860	
Grand Annual	45,000	42,329	53,000	
Offertory Online Giving	132,000	140,987	138,500	
Offertory Monthly Online Giving	10,000	7,499	13,140	
Total Collections	437,000	452,020	474,000	
Donations				
Rental Donations	1,500	416	1,500	
Gifts and Bequests	5,000	73,150	18,000	* Extraordinary Income
Total Donations	6,500	73,566	19,500	
Fundraising Revenue	32,500	31,472	23,000	
Religious Education	33,000	34,551	33,000	
Interest/Dividend Income	36	33	28	
Sacramental Offerings	26,625	29,720	26,625	
Shrines, Candles, & Flowers	4,500	4,181	4,750	
Youth Ministry Income		8,825	4,000	
Other Revenue	1,500	2,249		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	541,661	636,617	584,903	
OPERATING EXPENSE				
Lay Salaries & Benefits	262,867	257,296	292,704	
Clergy Stipends & Benefits	34,702	46,137	52,868	* Weekly Priest fill-ins resulted in higher than budgeted costs
Program Activities	5,083	5,187	5,500	
Office Expenses	24,614	21,216	24,000	
Insurance Expenses	58,206	53,155	57,645	
Facility/Utilities Expenses	69,020	63,659	69,365	
Household & Food	5,000	4,823	5,750	
Other Expenses				
Central Ministries Tithe	42,534	42,731	40,531	
Catholic Appeal Assessment	5,000	4,257	2,500	
Emergency Line of Credit to Archdiocese	16,680		0	* PAID IN FULL
Total Other Expenses	64,214	46,988	43,031	
Pastoral/Liturgical	11,355	10,827	15,000	
Youth Ministry Expenses		11,373		* Youth Ministry events during the year
Total Pastoral/Liturgical	11,355	22,201	15,000	
Fundraising Expense	6,250	5,987	1,000	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	541,311	526,649	566,863	
NET OPERATING INCOME	350	109,968	18,040	
Non-Operating Income - Gifts				
Church Ramp Project		5,600		
Church Boiler Replacement		40,000		
Carillon Bells		14,000		
St. Vincent de Paul Barn Project		12,837		
Investment Income	250	167	250	
TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME	250	72,604	250	
Non-Operating Expenses - Capital Improvements				
Interest Payments	600	94		
Church Painting Project		52,250		
Church Ramp Project		5,558		
Church Boiler Replacement		37,000		
Carillon Bells		13,299		
St. Vincent de Paul Barn Project		12,837		
Refinish Church Pews and Floor			45,000	
Replace Hall Carpeting			8,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	600	121,038	53,000	Remaining balance will be paid using
NET NON-OPERATING INCOME	(350)	(48,434)	(52,750)	existing funds in the Capital Improvements
NET INCOME	-	61,534	(34,710)	* Account (see Balance Sheet Assets)



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ST. JOSEPH PARISH BALANCE SHEET FY2025

272 Main St. Kingston, MA 02364

June 30, 2025

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Checking		Liabilities	
Restricted Use Accounts **		Current Liabilities	
· Adoration Chapel	24,360	· Accounts Payable	6,408
· Capital Improvements	34,781	· Accrued Payroll	13,163
· Youth Ministry	12,071	· Second Collection Obligations	805
· Transformed in Love	5,717	Total Accounts Payable	20,376
Main Operating - Parish	134,671		
Total Checking	211,599	Total Liabilities	20,376
Savings			
Depository at RCAB			
· Depository at RCAB - Savings	3,778		
Total Depository at RCAB	3,778		
Investments		Equity	
· RCAB Common Investment Fund	2,389	· Fund Balance	135,879
· Dividends Receivable	23	· Net Income	61,534
Total Investments	2,412	Total Equity	197,413
Total Checking/Savings/Investments	217,789		
TOTAL ASSETS	217,789	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	217,789

** Restricted Use funds can only be used for specific purposes
and not for operating expenses such as payroll or maintenance



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ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FY2026

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	BUDGET FY2025	ACTUAL FY2025	BUDGET FY2026
Operating Income			
Foundations		1,000	
Openings	23,375	13,629	20,465
Receipt for Perpetual Care	2,500	6,580	5,000
Sale of Lots	21,250	18,950	21,250
Markers		2,505	
Sale of Niches	3,750	8,870	3,750
Total Income	50,875	51,534	50,465
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	50,875	51,534	50,465
Operating Expense			
Lay Salaries & Benefits	26,427	29,894	31,365
Maintenance Expenses			
Office Expenses	1,100		
Maintenance Supplies		2,015	
Grounds Maintenance Supplies			
Utilities		382	
Grounds/Utilities Expenses Total	5,348	2,397	5,800
Contract Services - Burials	18,000	14,600	13,300
Total Maintenance Expenses	50,875	46,891	50,465
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	50,875	46,891	50,465
NET OPERATING INCOME	-	4,643	-
Non-Operating Income			
Market Gain(Loss) Investments	15,000	9,489	1,000
Total Non-Operating Income	15,000	9,489	1,000
Non-Operating Expense			
Capital Improvements - Final Columbarium	35,000	34,400	
Total Non-Operating Expenses	(35,000)	(34,400)	
Total Non-Operating	(20,000)	(24,911)	1,000
NET INCOME	(20,000)	(20,268)	1,000



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		June 30, 2025	
ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Assets		Liabilities	
Checking		Current Liabilities	
· Main Operating - Cemetery	61,466	· Accounts Payable	1,336
Total Checking	61,466	· Accrued Payroll	1,070
		Total Accounts Payable	2,406
Investments		Total Liabilities	2,406
· RCAB Common Investment Fund	15,865		
· RCAB CIF 2	124,075		
· Dividends Receivable	1,313	Equity	
Total Investments	141,253	· Fund Balance	220,581
		· Net Income	(20,268)
		Total Equity	200,313
TOTAL ASSETS	202,719	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	202,719