



St. Mary Parish

313 Court Street · Plymouth, MA 02360

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October 2025

Dear St. Mary 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 Mary, 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.

Here at St. Mary there have been a number of projects funded by the Grand Annual Collection in recent years. Last year we were able to insulate, patch and paint the inside of the Church and Rectory, repair a portion of the roof and kitchen ceiling at the Parish Center and, after a few hiccups, secure a new organ for the Church that we hope to have installed in November. In August we began work on a couple of projects for this year. We have started to update the bathrooms at the Parish Center and will eventually update the flooring in the main Hall as well. In September we refinished the Church floors and pews. While the work caused a bit of inconvenience requiring us to move the daily Masses and Funerals to Saint Joseph, your flexibility and patience were very much appreciated. Without your generous donations, none of this work would have been possible.

This year Saint Mary Church is 110 years old. As many of you know, the parish was founded to minister to the needs of the immigrant population that had arrived, mostly from Portugal and Italy, to work at Cordage Park. Many of you are the descendants of those immigrants. It is my hope that this parish will continue to be a fixture in this community for 110 more years and beyond. I believe that we have the responsibility of caring for what has been handed on to us. Maintaining a 110-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 Mary's and contribute directly to the life of the parish. To achieve our goal of \$40,000, 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 at the Church and Parish Center. 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 8 and 9 following all Masses**. Should you have any questions or thoughts, I would love to hear from you.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not comment on the extraordinary gift we received last year that is reflected on the attached financial statements. The life changing generosity of these parishioners will have a long-lasting impact on the life of this parish. As Paul teaches us in Acts, *it is more blessed to give than to receive*. With this in mind, the Finance Council has decided to use a portion of the interest on this gift to support charitable efforts in our community. Our parish has been richly blessed and I can't think of a better response than to share our blessings with those in need. Thanks be to God for this amazing gift!

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 Mary Parish,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being more prominent than the last name "Graham".

Rev. John J. Graham, Pastor

**St. Mary Finance Council Members**

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## ST. MARY PARISH BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON FY2026

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	BUDGET FY2025	ACTUAL FY2025	BUDGET FY2026	VARIANCE OVER \$10,000 COMMENTS
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>				
<b>Collections</b>				
Offertory	262,000	262,689	285,600	
Offertory Monthly	29,500	41,481	35,000	* Continuing to Trend Upward
Grand Annual	45,000	28,024	40,000	* Fell Short of Goal
Dizimo - Brazilian Community	47,800	51,730	50,000	
Offertory Online Giving	60,000	61,628	64,400	
Offertory Monthly Online Giving	14,500	16,315	15,000	
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>458,800</b>	<b>461,867</b>	<b>490,000</b>	
Catholic Appeal Rebate		10		
<b>Donations</b>				
Rental Donations	5,000	5,580	5,500	
Gifts	10,000	8,461	12,000	
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>14,041</b>	<b>17,500</b>	
Fundraising Revenue	11,500	32,191	22,500	* Brazilian Festival surpassed projection
Religious Education	8,000	8,296	8,000	
Interest Income	14,400	16,433	16,200	
Sacramental Offerings	30,000	30,094	30,000	
Shrines, Candles, & Flowers	8,000	7,324	8,500	
Other Revenue		233		
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>545,700</b>	<b>570,489</b>	<b>592,700</b>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>545,700</b>	<b>570,489</b>	<b>592,700</b>	
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Lay Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>273,373</b>	<b>264,260</b>	<b>310,593</b>	
<b>Clergy Stipends &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>72,758</b>	<b>90,654</b>	<b>90,723</b>	* Fr. Lima Move and Priest fill-ins resulted in higher than budgeted costs
<b>Program Activities</b>	<b>6,938</b>	<b>7,306</b>	<b>5,323</b>	
<b>Office Expenses</b>	<b>14,327</b>	<b>13,739</b>	<b>15,500</b>	
<b>Insurance Expenses</b>	<b>45,621</b>	<b>42,043</b>	<b>45,223</b>	
<b>Facility/Utilities Expenses</b>	<b>54,130</b>	<b>87,958</b>	<b>58,900</b>	* Organ, Carillon Bells and Parish Center Roof Repairs resulted in higher than budgeted costs
<b>Household &amp; Food</b>	<b>6,450</b>	<b>4,683</b>	<b>7,050</b>	
<b>Other Expenses</b>				
Central Ministries Tithe	38,811	39,258	41,388	
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>38,811</b>	<b>39,258</b>	<b>41,388</b>	
<b>Pastoral/Liturgical</b>	<b>16,042</b>	<b>13,170</b>	<b>16,000</b>	
<b>Fundraising Expenses</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>2,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>533,700</b>	<b>568,092</b>	<b>592,700</b>	
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>2,397</b>		
<b>Non-Operating Income</b>				
Bequests		2,638,150		* Gift(s)
Investment Interest		54,528	100,000	
<b>Total Non-Operating Income</b>		<b>2,692,678</b>	<b>100,000</b>	
<b>Non-Operating Expenses - Capital Improvements</b>				
Parish Center Bathrooms	12,000			
Parish Center Renovation			30,000	
Church Benches & Floor Refinishing			45,000	
Paint Church and Rectory Interior/Patch Insulation Holes		27,850	8,250	
<b>Total Capital Improvements</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>27,850</b>	<b>83,250</b>	
<b>NET NON-OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>(12,000)</b>	<b>2,664,828</b>	<b>16,750</b>	

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<b>ST. MARY PARISH BALANCE SHEET FY2025</b>			
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	<b>June 30, 2025</b>		
<b>ASSETS</b>		<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Checking</b>		<b>Liabilities</b>	
· Main Operating - Parish	161,745	<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
<b>Total Checking</b>	<b>161,745</b>	· Accrued Payroll	14,998
		· Accounts Payable	15,497
<b>Savings</b>		<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>30,495</b>
Depository at RCAB			
· Depository at RCAB - Savings	155,002	<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
· Bruna Belle Estate	15,270	· Deferred Revenue - Faith Formation	240
· 6 Month Certificate of Deposit	393,135	<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>240</b>
<b>Total Depository at RCAB</b>	<b>563,406</b>		
		<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>30,735</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>725,151</b>		
		<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>30,735</b>
<b>Investments</b>			
· CIF Account - Restricted	1,307,106	<b>Equity</b>	
· IOF Account - Unrestricted	1,020,766		
· FIF Account - Unrestricted	298,501	· Fund Balance	665,829
· Dividend Reinvestment - Unrestricted	12,267	· Net Income	2,667,226
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>2,638,639</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>3,333,055</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,363,790</b>	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>3,363,790</b>