



ST. JOSEPH

GUARDIAN OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PARISH

Churches and Chapels of Falmouth

St. Anthony + St. Patrick
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
St. Thomas + St. Joseph

October 6, 2025

Vice-Chancellor Joseph Harington
The Chancery
Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River
450 Highland Av.
Fall River MA

Vice-Chancellor Harington,

On the weekend of October 5, 2025 we presented the State of the Parish Report for the Parish of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family to our Parishioners. At the beginning of each Mass at each of our Churches a member of the Finance Council spoke briefly of the report, the State of the Parish, where in the Parish Bulletin and website that it may be reviewed. It was also stated by the Finance Council Member that for a more detailed understanding of the Parish Finances, anyone may make an appointment with Dan Cunha the Director of Business & Operations to go over the previous fiscal year and to review the 2026 fiscal year budget overview.

The Finance Council has met on April 4, 2025 from 8:30am to 10:00am, July 16, 2025 from 8:30am to 10:00am and September 24, 2025 from 9:00am to 10:30am to discuss Parish Finances, Chancery Accounts, purchases of equipment and to go over the 2026 fiscal year budget overview. On the September 24, 2025, meeting, the 2025 fiscal year State of the Parish Report was approved unanimously by the Council for publication.

It was discussed at our meeting on September 24, 2025 that the Pastor must submit a letter to the Chancery's Vice-Chancellor containing certain information regarding the Finance Council members and their professional titles presently or before retirement, the in person and remote meetings that had taken place and the State of the Parish Report. This information must be signed by the Pastor, Director of Business & Operations and the Finance Council Chairman. This information will be published and located in the Diocese of Fall River's website under *about us, financial information, parish financial reports, financial reports*.

The Parish of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family Finance Council Members and their professional titles are...

Exofficio: Reverend Monsignor Stephen J. Avila: Pastor

Daniel M. Cunha: Director of Business & Operations

Members: Chairman William Malchodi: Senior Vice President and Associate General Counsel
Hartford Insurance Group (retired)

Paul April: Enrolled Agent, The Business Office (semi-retired)

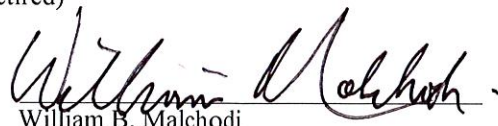
Michael Donly: Director of Development, Diocese of Fall River (retired)

Frank Geishecker: General Manager, New England West Marine Company

Jim McGoldrick: Lieutenant Colonel, Army (retired), Vice President, Chase Manhattan Bank Credit Card Division (retired)

Jim Quinn: Senior Manager, Business Development, Cybersecurity & C4ISR Systems (retired)
United States Coast Guard Commander (retired)


Reverend Monsignor Stephen J. Avila
Pastor


William B. Malchodi
Finance Council Chairman


Daniel M. Cunha
Director of Business & Operations

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My name is _____ and I am a member of St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family Finance Council. Our purpose is to guide and advise Fr. Steve and his staff on financial matters pertaining to our parish. In this week's bulletin, you will find the Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year 2025 (which runs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025) as well as a comparative look at Fiscal Year 2024, the second year of the establishment of our new parish. As you can see, our finances are very stable, thanks to the support of parishioners like yourselves, along with healthy savings from all three parishes.

Because we are blessed to have support from our many parishioners, significant maintenance issues have been addressed in all of our churches and related buildings over the past few years including

- The installation of security cameras at all of our churches and chapels
- Added security features to the Youth Faith Formation building (Fatima Hall)
- The pressure washing and trim painting of both of our chapels
- Significant landscaping projects at St. Anthony Church, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, St. Patrick Church, St. Thomas Chapel and the two Parish cemeteries
- The purchase of a new F-250 with snow and ice removal equipment.
- Installation of a new handicap bathroom at St. Joseph Chapel

We have been able to provide various spiritual and pastoral programs including:

- The hiring of a full time Assistant Director of Youth Faith Formation
- For our youth, we continue to expand programming, reimagining youth faith formation into three exciting programs: **Harbor** for students in Grades 1-5, **Voyage** for grades 6-8 and **Anchor** for our high school program
- Ongoing Bible study for adults

As of this week, this year's Grand Annual Collection raised \$294,568.00 This figure is not noted in this year's report because we are now in Fiscal Year 2026. But with this important collection, we hope to continue capital improvements including:

- The installation of a handicap bathroom in St. Thomas Chapel
- The installation of new roofs for the Mary Garden Bell Tower.
- We will also need to address aging air conditioning units at St. Patrick Church.

You will also see on the report the sacramental statistics for Fiscal year 2025. While we show a healthy and active community, it is apparent that the number of funerals far outnumber our baptisms. While we have a good number of marriages in the parish, many couples are not residents, but have family ties to our former parishes. We try to accommodate them whenever possible as a willingness to serve the greater Catholic community.

While the financial report is only a summary, we believe it gives a good snapshot of our vibrant parish and the fact that the unification of our 3 former parishes has proven beneficial in many ways. Please look it over and if you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to Dan Cunha, the Director of Business & Operations, or you may speak to one of the members of the Finance Council. Thank you for your support of our parish family.



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State of the Parish Report
Fiscal Year 2025

Churches and Chapelsof
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Income	2025 07/01/24 - 06/30/25	2024 07/01/23-06/30/24	Difference
Weekly collections.....	\$1,323,571.22	\$1,296,119.10	\$27,452.12
Grand Annual Collection (calendar year).....	\$305,607.36	\$259,763.69	\$45,843.67
Faith Formation collections and fees.....	\$63,257.18	\$69,248.34	-\$5,991.16
St. Vincent de Paul Society collections & Good Samaritan Fund.....	\$19,748.73	\$21,427.34	-\$1,678.61
<i>Diocesan, National collections.....</i>	<i>\$ 88,661.10</i>	<i>\$75,001.86</i>	<i>\$13,659.24</i>
<i>Diocesan Catholic Appeal.....</i>	<i>\$ 282,105.00</i>	<i>\$299,648.57</i>	<i>-\$17,543.57</i>
Miscellaneous Income: Mass stipends, rent, bulletin advertising, Reimbursements, bank & Chancery interest.....	\$ 340,926.28	\$303,370.29	\$37,555.99
Gifts & Bequests.....	\$592,348.44	\$204,676.26	\$324,672.18
Employee Retention Program (one time IRS tax credit in 2025). \$266,182.68		N/A	N/A
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,911,641.89	\$2,154,605.04	\$427,854.19
Expense			
Administration			
Pastor, Parochial Vicar, Director of Business & Operations, Pastoral Assistant, office staff salaries, retired priests and deacons (stipend).....	\$ 372,653.74	\$373,836.82	-\$1,183.08
Conferences, retreats, contract services, budget envelopes, church & parish office expenses, bulletins, returned checks, computer / technology, business meetings, bonuses.....	\$ 167,085.51	\$81,903.99	\$85,181.52
Transfers			
Saint Vincent de Paul Society & Good Samaritan.....	\$ 19,748.73	\$21,427.34	-\$1,678.61
Diocesan, National collections.....	\$ 88,661.10	\$75,001.86	\$13,659.24
Diocesan Catholic Appeal.....	\$282,105.00	\$299,648.57	-\$17,543.57
Diocesan Assessment.....	\$157,082.76	\$151,680.14	\$5,402.62
Church			
Liturgical supplies, Sanctuary decorations, missalettes			
Social work, charities, School Tuition Assistance.....	\$118,298.00	\$132,764.49	-\$14,466.49
Music Ministry salaries & stipends.....	\$ 128,628.20	\$141,610.16	-\$12,981.96

Maintenance to our churches, chapels, cemeteries, Mary Garden / Bell Tower.....	\$ 7,094.60	\$32,052.51	-\$24,957.91
Capital Improvements to our churches, chapels, cemeteries & Mary Garden / Bell Tower.....	\$ 167,275.23	\$153,001.63	\$14,273.60
Household / Rectories			
Housekeeper's salary, supplies, food.....	\$ 22,975.90	\$21,990.08	\$985.02
Maintenance to building & Equipment.....	\$22,602.77	\$19,600.51	\$3,002.26
Capital Improvement.....	\$ 99,811.80	\$29,260.00	\$70,551.80
Faith Formation			
Faith Formation Directors & Staff salaries, telephone, laity persons retreat, rental of office equipment, supplies & materials, books & pamphlets, audio/visual, computer/technology.....	\$94,601.83	\$87,574.91	\$7,026.92
Custodial & Grounds / Operation & Maintenance			
Facilities Manager, Maintenance Staff salaries, supplies & materials, inspection services, alarm services, elevator services, maintenance of grounds, equipment and buildings, equipment rental, gas and oil for equipment & F-250 purchase (2025)....	\$445,523.33	\$346,533.44	\$98,989.89
Heat, utilities, water & phone expenses of churches, chapels and rectories.....	\$ 121,669.82	\$126,153.31	-\$4,483.49
Snow & Ice removal.....	\$2,812.45	\$2,158.14	\$654.31
Fixed charges			
Employee benefits, payroll taxes, payroll fees, Property, Auto & Workers Compensation Insurance.....	\$383,963.96	\$312,796.14	\$71,167.82
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$2,331,828.63	\$2,034,343.61	\$297,484.23
NET	\$579,813.26	\$120,261.43	\$130,369.96

Parish Statistics 2025 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

Baptisms: 62	First Communions: 18	Confirmations: 26
Marriages: 42	Funerals: 116	Graveside Burials: 42
Adult acceptance into the Church: 2		
Number of registered households: 2,175	Number of registered members: 5,790	

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Parish Council Members Exofficio: Rev. Msgr. Stephen J. Avila Pastor, Dcn. Gus Adams, Dcn. Paul Harney, Dcn. Bill Hayes, Dcn. Peter Guresh, Dcn. Patrick Mahoney, Daniel Cunha, Tom Palanza Jr.
Parish Council Members: Chair: Frank Geishecker, Matheus Araujo, Susan Cronin, Louisa Gagnon, Linda Hamilton, Jane Hopewood, Jeanne Jackman, Bill Laruffa, Matt Lotito, Frank Maloney, Brian Mulhall, Mary Lou Palumbo, Jim Quinn, Jim Roux, Paul Skudder, Paula Tredeau

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