



Saint Mary's Catholic Church

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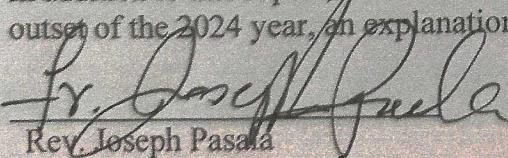
Dear Bishop,

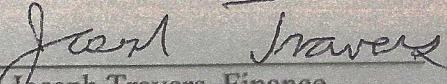
Enclosed, please find the Fiscal Year Ending June 2024 annual financial report of St. Mary's, Norton MA. It was delivered to the parishioners over the week-end of December 1, 2024. The report was developed by the Finance Council using the Management Report provided by Anne Paone-Nihtila, the Parish Bookkeeper.

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In addition to this report, a FY to Date financial summary is included in our weekly bulletins. At the outset of the 2024 year, an explanation of categories was provided to the parishioners.


Rev. Joseph Pasala


Joseph Travers, Finance
Council Chair

**St. Mary's Parish
Norton, MA**

Financial Summary

Periods ending FY June 2023 and FY June 2024

| | FY2023 | FY2024 | YOY Change | Change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | | |
| Weekly Collection | \$ 375,877 | \$ 368,693 | \$ (7,184) | (1.9)% |
| Second Collection (St. Mary's Fuel, Maintenance, Snow Removal) | 26,118 | 37,227 | 11,109 | 42.5% |
| Annual Appeal Collection | - | - | - | 0.0% |
| Diocesan Assessment Collection | 11,203 | 10,386 | (817) | (7.3)% |
| Diocesan/National Collections | 26,543 | 21,208 | (5,335) | (20.1)% |
| Faith Formation | 22,711 | 19,062 | (3,649) | (16.1)% |
| Gifts/Donations/Fundraising | 64,739 | 90,672 | 25,933 | 40.1% |
| Holy Days (Including Christmas) | 22,326 | 18,579 | (3,747) | (16.8)% |
| Sacramental (Candles, Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals) | 8,051 | 6,230 | (1,821) | (22.6)% |
| Bingo Revenue | 150,465 | 157,572 | 7,107 | 4.7% |
| Other - Sale of Property | 415,055 | - | (415,055) | (100.0)% |
| All Other Income | 13,713 | 13,705 | (8) | (0.1)% |
| Total Income | \$ 1,136,802 | \$ 743,334 | \$ (393,467) | (34.6)% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Salaries and Benefits | \$ 293,751 | \$ 317,828 | \$ 24,077 | 8.2% |
| Property Insurance | 24,783 | 28,618 | 3,835 | 15.5% |
| Utilities | 59,463 | 59,359 | (104) | (0.2)% |
| Repairs and Maintenance | 40,918 | 62,352 | 21,433 | 52.4% |
| Supplies (Administrative, Custodial, Liturgical) | 59,461 | 56,270 | (3,191) | (5.4)% |
| Diocesan Assessment | 54,230 | 54,230 | - | 0.0% |
| Diocesan/National Collections Paid | 22,433 | 18,005 | (4,428) | (19.7)% |
| Religious Education/Youth Activities | 2,409 | 6,018 | 3,609 | 149.8% |
| Bingo Expenses | 3,685 | 8,349 | 4,664 | 126.6% |
| Mortgage on Church | 120,000 | 120,000 | - | 0.0% |
| New Rectory Expenses | 242,098 | 318,269 | 76,171 | 31.5% |
| All Other Expenses | 8,114 | 18,427 | 10,313 | 127.1% |
| Total Operating Expense | \$ 931,345 | \$ 1,067,725 | \$ 136,380 | 0.0% |
| Net Surplus/(Shortfall) | \$ 205,456 | \$ (324,391) | \$ (529,847) | (257.9)% |



*Saint Mary's Financial Summary
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024*

A parish is not just a house of worship; it is also a non-profit business. Saint Mary's business year runs from July 1st to June 30th. As a business, financial statements are a necessary part of running the parish. A brief summary is provided in the weekly bulletin.

For St. Mary's, most revenue comes from donations and fundraising. The Financial Summary enclosed provides more detail to allow parishioners to better understand the types of donations/fundraising we track separately from the cost to run the business of St. Mary's.

Within the summary are a few special items which started years ago in relation to the new church. Just in time for our 100 year anniversary, we are on one property. We have sold the former properties and now have to plan for maintaining this great parish for the next 100 years.

Weekly Collection: Donations the parish receives for the first collection, your envelope or loose money. This also includes anything we receive by mail. Note: Many parishioners give monthly, this will show as larger numbers on the week received. This account included online contributions.

Second Collection-St. Mary's: Collections that remain with our parish such as: energy and maintenance, outside maintenance, winter fuel and debt reduction excluding those items separately.

Annual Appeal Collection: St. Mary's has not had an annual appeal since we moved to the "New Church" over 10 years ago.

Diocesan Assessment Collections: The Diocese is funded by the parishes within it. We have a fixed expense each year and are permitted to use our Second Collection to seek donations towards this expense. See Expenses – Diocesan Assessment for the most recent annual charges.

Second Collection-Diocesan: The diocese envelopes are money that we collect, **however**, we send the money to the diocese. When we send the money, it is listed as an expense. The Diocesan collections include: Church in Latin America, Catholic University, Evangelization, Catholic Relief Services, Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Holy Land, Retired and Infirm Priests, Ecclesiastical Students Education Fund, Catholic Communities, Peter's Pence, Catholic Home Missions and Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Schools Financial Aid Scholarship (FACE), Cardinal Medeiros, World Mission Sunday, Campaign for Human Development and National Drive for Funds to Support Retired Religious.

Faith Formation: Both the tuition and a second collection are counted in this income.

Gifts/Donations/Fundraising: Deposits from all fundraising events (excluding Bingo) are shown here. In addition, gifts to the Parish whether earmarked for specific needs, or as general extra giving are recorded here.

Holy Days (including Christmas): The parish tracks Holy Day and Christmas giving separately from normal Sunday collections.

Sacramental: Revenue for sacramental Masses including offertory collections.

Bingo: While Bingo is a weekly fundraising event, run by volunteers, the magnitude of the revenue it generates warrants its own line. The kitchen is also open each Friday to offer food to the Bingo players and volunteers. The revenue it generates is also included in this line.

Other – Sale of Property: These are unique and seldom repeated events. The original Church property was sold years ago. During FY 2024, the land on Rt 123 next to the Parish parking lot was sold. Since July 1st the former rectory property was sold. FY2025 should be the last year with activity in these accounts.

All Other Income: Includes interest on the bank accounts and deposits without a category noted above.

Salary and Benefits expenses: The salaries, stipends, payroll taxes and benefits for the employees within the parish including that of the Clergy, Secretary, Bookkeeper, Faith Formation Staff, Musicians, Operations and Maintenance Staff.

Property Insurance: Property Insurance.

Utilities: The Parish is comprised of the Offices, School & Gym in the Parish Center, the Church, and the Rectory. Utilities include the phone system, cable, water/sewer, heat, and electricity.

Repairs and Maintenance: This is all inclusive of the repairs and maintenance of the former rectory & grounds, the church and parish center building and grounds. It also includes all snow removal expenses.

Supplies (Administrative, Custodial, Liturgical): All supplies used by Parish & Faith Formation staff through custodial supplies and Church items like altar décor and liturgical supplies.

Diocesan Assessment: Annual fee charged monthly by the Diocese.

Diocesan/National Collections Paid: This payment to the Diocese for the Second Collection- Diocesan. There is always a slight timing difference between when we receive the donation and when we pay it to the Diocese. Over time, it is a net \$0 even though one is counted as income and the other as an expense.

Religious Education/Youth Activities: Expenses of the Faith Formation program including book purchases.

Bingo Expenses: This is primarily the Meals Tax payment for the Kitchen revenue but also has some food purchases.

Mortgage on Church: The monthly mortgage on the Church is \$10,000/month (\$120,000/year.) As of June 30, 2024, the outstanding loan balance was over \$2,000,000.

New Rectory Expenses: Over the past two years, the New Rectory was built. This expense will not repeat going forward yet the sale of the former rectory property will be counted as income in FY2025.

All Other Expenses: Postage, mailings, bank fees and any items not grouped above.

Net Surplus/(Shortfall): This is as simple as donations and funds coming in less those going out.

Thank you for your continued generosity!