

September 2014

Dear Loyal Parishioner:

I write to you today with a sense of urgency.

For the past twelve months our parish weekly Offertory Giving has decreased per week.

As I reported to you in January 2014, we were able to balance the 2013 "Operation Report" through two extraordinary gifts. We also used accrued interest and reducing costs wherever possible. We limited the parish secretary position from full-time to part-time and closed the office on Thursday. We prudently adjusted the role of custodian and domestic. We vigilantly follow the procedure of seeking bids for any contracted services, such as, landscaping, snow removal, electric and plumbing. Yet, as the eight month enclosed financial report indicates we are experiencing a substantial deficit.

WHAT CAN WE DO AS A FAITH-COMMUNITY? I humbly ask you to consider increasing your weekly giving to your parish. An individual increase of \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00 will enable us to meet our responsibilities. Also, some parishioners attend weekend Liturgies infrequently. If at all possible, I personally ask you to make an annual, monetary gift to your parish.

I ask you to give prayerful consideration to this urgent 'Increased Giving' request. Please return the card indicating your weekly giving increase and/or your annual gift. I ask that you begin your increase weekly giving next weekend.

The Finance Council and I pledge to work diligently and prudently to oversee the financial responsibilities of your parish. Please help us in this urgent undertaking.

With gratitude for the privilege to serve as your priest for these past twenty two years, I am

Your friend,

Father Gene

Note: Available (under the Pastor's Corner section in our website) is our 6 page Financial Report (Jan through Aug 2014) for your review.