

Saint Mary of the Assumption
25 Avery Street
Dedham, MA 02026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Catholics, we are often drawn to our faith as we seek answers to life's challenges. This is especially true during times of sadness as we grieve a senseless or untimely loss, and also during times of great joy when celebrating life's treasured moments with loved ones. It is then that we experience the sustaining grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. His unconditional love guides us, renews us, and inspires us when we need it most.

At St. Mary's, we value these times and are honored to host so many grace-filled moments for our brothers and sisters. These are most meaningfully witnessed in the Sacraments. These experiences define what it means to be a parish family. Each year, through the wonder of Baptism, the innocence of First Holy Communion, the strength of the Spirit in Confirmation, the forgiveness of Reconciliation, the joys of professed love through Marriage vows, the healing received through the Anointing of the Sick, and the peace celebrated at Holy Mass, our parishioners and countless families share in life's truly meaningful moments. These sacramental moments manifest who we are, what we value, and the traditions that we hold dear. They truly define what it means to be a member of St. Mary's Parish Family.

Please call to mind the important role our parish has played in your life and the life of your family through the years and prayerfully consider making a donation to this year's *Grand Annual Appeal*. Last year, through your generosity we raised \$100,000. With that, we repaired the Church Bell Tower, repaired and replaced over 110 slate tiles from the Church roof, and repaired the roof on the Parish Center. This year, I would like to use the *Grand Annual* to complete the interior Church painting. To that end, I have set our goal at \$100,000.

Our Grand Annual Collection is scheduled for the weekend of October 14th & 15th. Please carefully consider how much you can afford this year and include the pledge form (below) in your envelope. I ask you to give as your means allow. I would like to ask that if you gave in the past, could you give the same amount if not a slight increase? If you were not able to give last year, would you think about doing so this year? Based on last year's results, I am confident we can meet this goal.

Please forgive me for this focus on money and please continue to pray for me. I will do my absolute best for you and for Saint Mary's. Be most assured of my love and prayerful best wishes to you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Saint Mary's Parish - Grand Annual Collection 2017

Dear Father Wayne:

I would like to help with our Grand Annual Collection and pledge the following amount:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$300 \$400 \$500 \$1,000 other _____

I will make this pledge as a onetime donation.

I would like to make three monthly installments of \$ _____ per month.

I will make an online donation with ParishPay by going to the parish website www.stmarysdedham.com

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____