

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Each year we have our *Parish Grand Annual Appeal* to support our life together here at St. Mary's. Unlike the *Catholic Appeal*, which is for the needs of the Archdiocese of Boston, this *Parish Grand Annual Appeal* is solely about supporting the needs of our own parish. While the Parish Offertory supports much of our regular operating budget, this will allow us to target specific projects of importance for the year.

Our parish family continues to grow. This year we successfully launched two programs that enhance our parish life. One of the programs, *Connected in Christ*, targets those from the ages of 40 to 65ish as we realized that this age group was significantly underserved. The group meets monthly for educational, spiritual, and social programs. The second program, *See Christ in Others*, reaches those in our parish with disabilities. "It is estimated that 16% of the world's population lives with a disability - and is one of the largest, under-reached people groups in the world for the Gospel." {Tim Tebow, former NFL quarterback}. This group meets monthly after the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. We pray the Rosary together after which we have a social that usually includes pizza and ice cream!

I am pleased to report that, because of your generosity, last year we were able to complete *five* repair projects: replacement of the Church boiler (\$80,000), repair and repaint the remaining exterior Church windows (\$16,422), roof repairs for the Church and rectory (\$8,900), trimming and removal of trees at the Church and Cemetery (\$6,800), and replace emergency lights in the Church (\$3,957).

As we look to the year ahead, I would like to officially announce that the *Parish Grand Annual Appeal* will take place on the weekend of October 26th and 27th. This year all donations received will be used to weatherproof and repair the exterior of the rectory (\$55,000) and to repaint the heating pipes in the lower Church Hall {Mary Hall} (\$18,000).

Since many of you have already donated so generously to the Church's air-conditioning project, we have lowered this year's goal to \$75,000. If you were not able to donate to that project, I ask you to prayerfully consider donating to the *Parish Grand Annual Appeal*. Please give what your means allow and be mindful that 100% of your donation stays in the parish. Thank you for your generosity. Please include the pledge from below in your envelope.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Saint Mary's Parish - Grand Annual Collection 2024

Dear Father Wayne:

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

\$50 \$100 \$200 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 other _____

I will make this pledge as a one-time donation.

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

Name: _____

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

Env. No: _____ Email: _____