St. Paul Parish
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

October 2026

My dear friends in Christ,

When Pope Leo XIV visited Cameroon this past April, he exhorted the community present that "faith does not spare us from tumult and tribulations. At times, it can seem that fear has the upper hand. However, we know that even in these moments, Jesus does not abandon us." The Pope's words, spoken to the young church of Cameroon, ring true for us in Wellesley as well. Amid the storms of life, Jesus remains ever present and we, as the Church and the People of God, are called by our baptism to reveal the hope Jesus promises with joy and steadfast love to everyone we encounter.

This is exactly what we as a parish - both as individual members and as a body - aim to do each day: to be present, as Jesus is present, in the pivotal moments of people's lives.

For the last decade, I have been privileged as your pastor to be present for so many pivotal moments. From Baptisms and First Communions to Confirmations, weddings, and funerals, I have seen our community grow and flourish. I have seen our pastoral staff accompany those in need and watched as our community has listened to God's call to put the faith we profess into action. Each of these moments reveals God in our midst, inviting us to hold on to Jesus and to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance with faith, hope, and love.

At the end of September, amid a literal storm, Archbishop Andrew Nkea Fuanya of Bamenda, Cameroon joined us for our Collaborative Mass, where not even a Nor'easter could dampen our community's spirit. At the end of Mass, while expressing his gratitude for our Collaborative's 2025 Lenten Gift to Build the Faith, which was instrumental in the building of a new church in his diocese for a community that had none, the Archbishop said, "Thank you for your boundless generosity… your faith is a real testament to us."

It is this generosity that allows our parish to be present in the pivotal moments of people's lives, and it stretches far beyond our parish to the wider Wellesley community and around the world.

Last year at this time, I explained that parish expenses were beginning to outpace parish giving, and you responded generously with an increase in giving that erased a projected budget deficit, sustaining parish operations and ministries. We watch parish expenses carefully and do our best to control them, but as you know prices are continuing to rise, and to maintain a healthy financial balance our collections need to keep pace. I ask all parishioners to prayerfully consider their ability to increase their giving to St. Paul Parish, so that our parish may continue to thrive. *(While St. Paul does receive income from the lease of the school building, these funds are earmarked for capital projects and critical repairs, such as this past year's replacement of the school roof at a cost of more than $215,000.)*

As we face the storms of life together, let us hold fast to Jesus. And may the prayer Pope Leo offered as he left Cameroon this spring echo in our hearts: "May the strong winds, which are never lacking in life, be an occasion for growth in the joyful service of God and your brothers and sisters through sharing, listening, praying and the desire to grow together."

With this prayer in our hearts, we marvel at the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Thank you for all the ways you give life to the Spirit. It is my privilege not only to be your pastor, but to be a member of this community of faith!

With love and gratitude in Christ,

Reverend James J. Laughlin, Pastor

Notes to the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2026

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS *(actual results for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025 and 2026, and budgets for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and 2027)*

- **For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2026**, the Parish reported an Operating Surplus of $23,703, primarily due to a 14% increase in Giving for Operations. Our parishioners' generosity more than offset the 6% growth in Operating Expenses. The Parish received net income from the St. Paul School building lease totaling $262,004. The lease income, a component of Non-operating Revenue and Expenses which contributes to the Total Change in Net Assets of $77,360, is utilized to pay for the capital needs of the parish.
- **Operating Revenue** grew by $124,915 from $1,059,940 in fiscal 2025 to $1,184,855 in fiscal 2026. Giving for Operations increased by $132,838; Sacramental Offerings increased by $13,794, and Interest Income grew by $3,662. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of $19,808 in Children's Faith Formation Revenue, a decrease of $5,273 in Miscellaneous Revenue, and a small decrease of $298 in the Catholic Appeal Rebate.
- **Operating Expenses** increased by $69,815 from $1,091,337 in fiscal 2025 to $1,161,152 in fiscal 2026. Consistent with prior years, the largest increases occurred in Salary and Benefits, mostly due to the wage and health insurance increases, and in Property Maintenance, due to a $25,700 increase in the cost of snow removal. Children's Faith Formation Expenses decreased by $7,644 due to programmatic changes. All other line items combined for a net decrease of $4,996.
- **Net Assets Released from Restrictions** reflects the use of donor restricted funds for their intended purpose, and is shown as an increase in Net Assets without Donor Restrictions and as a corresponding decrease in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions.
- **Capital Expenditures** are funded by the income from the leasing of the St. Paul School building. Fiscal 2026's capital expenditures mainly consisted of $215,533 to replace the roof of the St. Paul School building and $24,364 to upgrade the church's lighting system.
- The **FY2027 Budget** targets a break-even Operating Result. The Total Operating Expenses budget recognizes the continually increasing costs of running the parish and its many programs and ministries, as well as prioritizes maintaining parish property and facilities. In order to achieve these objectives, the parish continues to rely upon an increased level of giving. The fiscal 2027 budgeted amount for Total Giving for Operations is 9% higher than the fiscal 2026 budget, while the fiscal 2027 Total Operating Expenses budget is 3% greater than the fiscal 2026 budget.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION *(as of June 30, 2025 and 2026)*

- **Cash & Cash Equivalents** grew by $108,327, reflecting the parish's Total Change in Net Assets of $77,360. Also contributing to the increase in Cash & Cash Equivalents is the $22,444 decrease in Accounts Receivable & Prepaid Expenses and the $10,740 increase in Liabilities, both of which represent cash received.
- **Long-term Security Deposit** of $59,604 in the Assets grouping is the investment of the security deposit paid by Star Academy, plus related interest, in accordance with the terms of the St. Paul School lease. The corresponding **Deposits** of $54,611 in the Liabilities grouping is the amount, less any damage charges, that must be repaid to Star Academy in 15 years upon lease termination.

As required by the Archdiocese of Boston, the unaudited financial statements have been prepared using a basis of accounting that is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; the property, plant and equipment of the Parish are not reported in the Parish's Statements of Financial Position, and improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred. This has been done over the years to more accurately reflect the annual cash costs to maintain and upkeep the property and facilities in the Parish.

Parish financial staff maintains the books and records of St. Paul Parish and prepared the accompanying Financial Statements and Notes. The St. Paul Parish Finance Council met quarterly during the fiscal year to provide advice and counsel to the Pastor, including review of financial results, development of the budget, monitoring the progress of capital projects, and cash management.

ST. PAUL PARISH
Statements of Changes in Net Assets
for the years ended June 30

	2025 Actual	2026 Budget	2026 Actual	2027 Budget
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions:				
Operating Revenue				
Giving for Operations				
Weekly Offertory	$ 495,600	$ 485,000	$ 516,652	$ 470,000
Annual Appeal	306,908	295,000	427,512	375,000
Gifts and Donations	128,878	146,000	120,060	165,983
Total Giving for Operations	931,386	926,000	1,064,224	1,010,983
Sacramental Offerings	19,870	14,800	33,664	15,300
Children's Faith Formation	37,348	20,000	17,540	17,500
Catholic Appeal Rebate	38,039	37,600	37,741	45,000
Interest Income	26,436	27,000	30,098	30,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,861	2,500	1,588	2,500
Total Operating Revenue	**1,059,940**	**1,027,900**	**1,184,855**	**1,121,283**
Operating Expenses				
Salary and Benefits Expense	699,454	728,995	753,772	725,658
Administrative Expenses	43,821	46,750	45,700	48,940
Pastoral, Liturgical, and Music	23,285	22,550	25,604	23,600
Children's Faith Formation	18,290	12,950	10,646	11,750
Rectory and Household	17,379	17,500	15,220	18,000
Property Maintenance	211,107	188,872	229,715	215,684
Parish & School Tithes	70,894	70,966	70,966	73,236
Miscellaneous Expense	10,727	3,415	9,529	4,415
Net assets released from restrictions	(3,620)	-	-	-
Total Operating Expenses	**1,091,337**	**1,091,998**	**1,161,152**	**1,121,283**
Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before Non-operating Items	**(31,397)**	**(64,098)**	**23,703**	**-**
Non-operating Revenue and Expenses				
Lease Income, net	271,674	262,004	262,004	257,249
Capital Expenditures and Transfers	(93,150)	(20,000)	(238,497)	-
Net assets released from restrictions	42,180	-	29,668	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit) in Assets without Donor Restrictions	**189,307**	**177,906**	**76,878**	**257,249**
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions:				
Restricted Gifts for Capital Use	42,180	-	30,150	-
Net assets released from restrictions	(45,800)	-	(29,668)	-
Net Surplus/(Deficit) in Assets with Donor Restrictions	**(3,620)**	**-**	**482**	**-**
Total Change in Net Assets	**$ 185,687**	**$ 177,906**	**$ 77,360**	**$ 257,249**

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current year presentation.

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Statements of Financial Position
as of June 30

	Jun 30, 2025	Jun 30, 2026
ASSETS		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	$ 1,137,694	$ 1,246,021
Accounts Receivable & Prepaid Expenses	28,356	5,912
Long-term Security Deposit	57,387	59,604
TOTAL ASSETS	**$1,223,437**	**$1,311,537**
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable & Other Current Liabilities	$17,587	$28,327
Deposits	54,611	54,611
Total Liabilities	72,198	82,938
Net Assets		
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	1,139,279	1,216,157
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	11,960	12,442
Total Net Assets	1,151,239	1,228,599
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	**$1,223,437**	**$1,311,537**