

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are truly blessed to be able to walk the journey of faith with one another as members of Prince of Peace Parish Community! No matter what may be taking place in the world around us whether it is the pandemic, challenges in our culture, or social strife, our parish community is our safe haven. It is a place we come together as God's people to celebrate the Eucharist, to worship and live the Gospel in service to one another. As Jesus says, 'we are to love and serve one another.'

As we gather here to serve on another, it is here that we are united in God's love, for we are the Body of Christ and together we can accomplish many things. Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, as a parish community, we are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ each day. We value our faith formation and sharing our faith with others through evangelization. We know how important it is to bring the love of God to our neighbors through acts of charity and service. Through our ministries we put into action the truth stated by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

Keeping this in mind, I invite you to respond to Prince of Peace Parish's new stewardship program: *Moving Forward Together in Faith*. I ask each of you to please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can play an active role in continuing the work of Jesus Christ through our parish community. Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions to bring Jesus Christ to as many people as possible. This is no easy task in today's world, but I am confident that our dedicated parishioners are up to the challenge.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, the parish along with the finance committee will be holding a special Commitment Weekend, inviting members of our parish community to engage with one another and to make a financial commitment that will allow Prince of Peace Parish to continue its important work of proclaiming the Gospel. **We are counting on you!** Please participate in our 'Moving Forward Together in Faith' program and help us respond to God's great gift of love by loving and serving one another with the same welcoming Spirit of Jesus.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to Prince of Peace Parish!

Respectfully yours in Christ,



Rev. August A. Ricciardi

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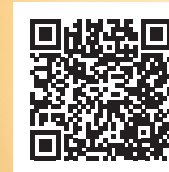
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## Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and  
bring it to Mass next weekend  
**or**  
scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill  
out your Commitment Card online.



## Fulfilling your New Commitment



Use your **offertory envelope**  
and bring it to Mass  
or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax-advantaged  
charitable gifts** such as IRA  
Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or  
remembering the parish in your will.  
Contact the parish office at  
570-457-5900.

**Online Giving is coming soon!**

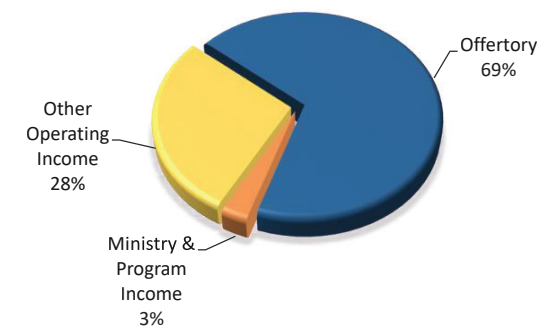




## 2022/2023 Fiscal Year

### Operating Income

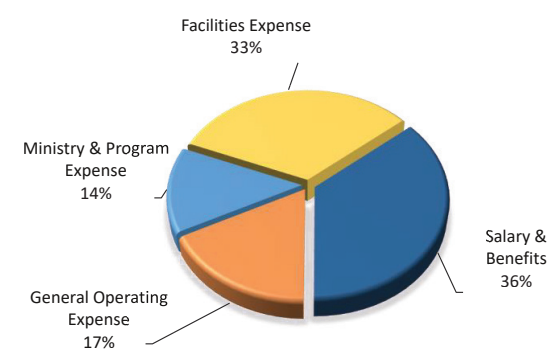
Offertory	\$254,076.00
Ministry & Program Income	\$10,568.00
Other Operating Income	<u>\$103,311.00</u>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$367,955.00</b>



### Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$125,267.00
General Operating Expense	\$59,948.00
Ministry & Program Expense	\$47,409.00
Facilities Expense	<u>\$112,913.00</u>
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b><u>\$345,537.00</u></b>

**Net Operating Surplus/Deficit** \$22,418.00



## Our Mission

Coming together around the table of the Lord we are a visible sign of the Body of Christ. We are nourished by Word and Sacrament, to go forth to proclaim God's presence and love in the community. Members of our parish community share a partnership to live and celebrate the Gospel message and grow in relationship with Jesus.

# 1,028

Families in our parish

# 17

Baptisms

# 15

First holy communions

# 11

Confirmations

# 50

Funerals

# 24

Catholic School Students

# 102

Children in religious education

# 1

RCIA candidates and catechumens

## Our Community

Through Baptism we enter into a relationship with the Lord. We are all God's children created in His image and likeness. Jesus calls us to become humble children, faith-filled and trusting. As we strive to live our lives as God's children, good stewardship plays an important role in allowing our faith to grow. Stewardship is about doing the work of Jesus and carrying out the many different ministries of our Catholic Community to further the Church's ministry and mission.

# 421

Masses celebrated in our church each year

# 16

Parishioners as Eucharistic Ministers and/or Lectors

## Our Witness

We know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors. Through the way we exhibit our faith we put into action the words of St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

# \$7,360

Contributed to special collections

# 50

Volunteers maintaining our parish