

Dear Parishioners,

As part of our efforts to bolster our operating income, I, along with members of the parish Stewardship Committee, are initiating an annual parish appeal. To that end, we secured gifts totaling \$50,000 from a handful of donors, that will be matched with donations from the parish at large. This is where you come in - we need your help.

It is not easy to ask for more, especially from those who have already given so generously both throughout the year and to our Capital Campaign. But historically we have struggled with an operating deficit that is projected to be \$87,000 for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. Moreover, the parish, with the help of the Finance Council, is taking seriously the need to examine its operations in light of two realities. First, the Pastoral Plan, which was truly a collaborative effort on the part of the parish to examine its own life and mission, has given birth to a renewed sense of openness, life, and activity here. That activity comes with a cost. Second, through a newly formed Buildings and Grounds Committee, the parish is trying to grapple with the major maintenance needs of a 100-year-old facility, which lie above and beyond its capital improvement needs. Major maintenance, which includes the replacement of an antiquated electrical system and falling churches doors, needs to be strategized over, prioritized, and planned for properly to avoid potential safety issues.

Again, I feel the need to explain this parish appeal in the context of reassurance that we are trying to make Blessed Sacrament, a beautiful and alive place, for this year and many years to come. While I am asking each of you therefore to consider a gift of \$1,000 (some may be able to do more), whatever you can do for the appeal will be greatly appreciated. Donations may be made by cash, check or through WeShare on-line giving.

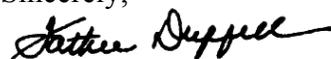
<https://blessedsacramentnyc.churchgiving.com/ParishAppeal>

Please make sure to donate through the "Parish Appeal" tab so we can properly track our progress.

An annual report on the finances of the parish for the just completed fiscal year will be forthcoming in early December.

Thank you again for your presence here and for your generosity.

Sincerely,



Father John P. Duffell
Pastor