

**Saint Joseph the Worker
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Dear Parishioner,

Each year at this time, our parish engages in the *Grand Annual Collection*. As Pastor of Saint Joseph the Worker Parish, one of my responsibilities is to ensure a solid financial foundation for our parish. While our weekly Offertory supports our day-to-day operations, the *Grand Annual Collection* each year affords us the opportunity address repairs and improvements to the parish property and assists in meeting the operating budget.

This past year recent improvements to our facilities included extensive mold abatement in the Rectory basement; removal of diseased trees in front of the Rectory; upgrading our security system with cameras in the church; parking lot repairs with crack sealing, seal coating and line striping; refinishing of the church front doors; and the purchase of a 75" LCD TV for the parish hall to enhance the Faith Formation programs and youth movie nights.

There still remains much needed repairs to the decaying parish hall (old church) exterior entrance stairway; fixing the concrete sidewalk entrances to the church on the Pembroke side and surrounding areas; replacing the rotting woodwork around the large stained glass widow of St. Joseph and the Child Jesus in the church and other areas; and additional security cameras for the parish hall. Please keep in mind that the "new" church is now already 15 years old! During the next few years, we also need to carefully consider a new roof for all buildings. Despite normal wear & tear, we are already losing shingles.

My hope is that we could raise as much as \$60,000 to keep our parish in good financial order. If possible, I ask you to consider a gift of \$300 or more. Some have the ability to do much more and some less. I ask only that you give to the best of your ability. Please prayerfully consider a gift according to your current means and circumstances to the *Grand Annual Collection* that says thank you to God for the Blessings you have already received. For those who have found challenges and struggles recently in your lives, I would encourage you to worship here at Mass every weekend. Participation in our community is most important for one's spiritual health and the vitality of our parish family. Together as God's Family of believers, we are better able to meet one another's needs and to allow God to draw us all more closely together through God's infinite Love. Please be sure to read the weekly church bulletin or the parish website at www.stjosephtheworker.org for ongoing information about the parish.

I have enclosed a commitment card with suggested amounts and an envelope that can be returned in the collection basket or through the mail. If you wish, you may pay your contribution over the next few months. I am so pleased that there are those of you who generously share your time, talent and resources in continuing to support our parish. Thank you for you continued support!

Sincerely yours in our Lord,



Rev. Michael A. Hobson

Pastor, St. Joseph the Worker Parish