

WHY WE GIVE

There's no better investment in the world than the local parish. It is where people meet Jesus and lives are changed. *"Where your treasure is, there will your heart also be."* Matthew 6:21

Giving Draws Us Closer to God – When you invest in what matters to God, you strengthen your relationship with Him.

Giving Grows Our Character – Giving helps us to better reflect the character of God. He has given us everything – not even withholding his own Son! God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son.

Giving Expresses Love For People – Our giving makes it possible for people to hear the Good News of God's love for them. It also helps us provide, through our Ministry partners, critical care to the poor and those in need. *"I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God offerings which cost me nothing."* 2 Samuel 24:24

How We Give

Reflect on the concept of the four P's

Planned – Growing in generosity means being intentional about our giving. Planning our giving means that we intentionally set aside money from our budget to give away. An efficient way to plan our giving is to give electronically.

Priority – Making giving a priority means giving it first place in our budgets. Growing in generosity requires that we don't give leftovers. We give our "first fruits" back to God.

Percentage – In planning our gifts, we pick a percentage to give away, keeping in mind the biblical standard of the tithe or giving ten percent back to God. Identify a percentage of your income to give away.

Progressive – Our goal over time is to increase the percentage of our income that we give away. As God blesses us financially we recognize that we have been blessed to be a blessing.

ONLINE GIVING

giving.parishsoft.com/holyeucharist

Text to Give

609-224-1774

Download the  App

Why offer an online giving option?

The online giving option is a simple, elegant solution whose time has come. There are several advantages to offering this option to churchgoers:

Wide acceptance – Many people have indicated that the only checks they write are the ones for their church. They have switched to paying bills online for almost all other activities.

Stability in collections – Most online giving programs offer a recurring giving feature that allows online donors to schedule their church donations weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. When all the options to give are available and donors are free to set their own dates or days to give, 40% of them choose monthly option while 30% prefer to give weekly or biweekly. Now the church has a steady inflow of funds that it can count on throughout the year. Many churches have reported a significant increase in collections, especially during summer when many families go out of town or are simply too busy with other activities.

Convenience – This is probably the biggest advantage for the family. You can schedule your donations at any time during the week from the convenience and safety of your home. You do not have to be concerned about missing out on your commitment to the church if you cannot attend the services for any reason. You also do not have to worry about forgetting your checkbook or not having enough cash in your wallet when come to church. You can also manage your budget better since you will know exactly how much you are committing to during the year. Making options to donate more convenient leads to overall increase in total collections for our church.

Giving Back To God

Steps to take to achieve increased revenues:

I invite you to reflect and to make a commitment to increased giving for next year. We are convinced that God has financially blessed us to different degrees. It follows that the Lord calls us to prayerfully decide what our financial commitment to the church should be. Because we want to plan for next year in an orderly way, we are informing our membership now of our stewardship intentions.

The finance council continues to discuss the areas of ministry that are very important to the parish namely

- children's ministry
- faith formation ministry
- evangelization ministry

We want to strengthen and grow these ministries because they are central to our parish mission. Ministry is central to growing disciples which is part of our vision for the parish. Our goal is pragmatic, to run and build an amazing parish by growing disciples. Let us never forget that God owns all as Psalm 24 states so beautifully realizing that we must always put God first.

*"The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it."*

Your giving is a faith moment. The finance council asks in the next few days that you take the step to prayerfully consider what your first fruits giving should be for the upcoming year. While stewardship is a personal matter between you and the Lord, we ask that every member consider your gift as part of your family budget, think about a goal and then give a percentage of your goal, increasing it over time. Please participate with us in the gifts of giving and of fulfilling our stewardship responsibility as a community.

We realize that your financial situation may change in the coming year, enabling you to give more or less to support the parish. However, because stewardship relates to our very identity as Christians, the challenge to plan our giving remains an important one. Because all believers are called to be God's stewards, our church's goal during Stewardship Weekend is to encourage every member to participate meaningfully.



Our vision as we plan for the future is to Make Church Matter by growing disciples who are among Catholics in Tabernacle, Southampton, Vincentown, Chatsworth, Shamong and Woodland Township. Our strategy is to bring a fresh and relevant presentation of the life changing message of the Gospel. We want to assist you on a journey to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Key to this experience is the weekend experience of Message, Music and Ministers working together to create an irresistible environment of energy and excellence in which newcomers feel welcome. Also our plan is to create excellent weekend programs for kids and students where the message usually parallels the adult message.

Holy Eucharist is part of a cohort of parishes entitled "Faith in our Future." Faith in our Future is a process through which the Diocese of Trenton, its parishes and ministries, will plan to meet challenges and respond to new opportunities for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ for years to come. We as a parish have consistently been moving forward to make that happen through our vision and our mission. We continually strive to be a welcoming and amazing parish. Finances are crucial for a strong foundation for any parish. We cannot exist as a parish nor can we be effective ministers in growing disciples if we do not have the finances to assist us. Finances are vital to the future of a healthy and dynamic parish.

We as a parish must continue to strive for a new level of giving and a new outlook for evangelization.

The logo for 'the amazing parish' features the words 'the amazing parish' in a lowercase, cursive script font. The word 'the' is smaller and positioned above 'amazing'. The entire logo is set against a solid green rectangular background.