Saint John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Dear Parish Family,

As we look back on the blessings and achievements of the past year, and with the valuable assistance of our Parish Staff, School Principal and Parish Finance Council, I am pleased to present to you a summary report of the Financial Statement for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (July 1 - June 30). Securing the financial health and stability of our parish is a priority that I take very seriously, as sound fiscal management ensures that our spiritual mission can continue to flourish. On the reverse of this letter, you will find a detailed table of income categories and expenses, along with the Cash Balance Report, for your review.

During the Fiscal Year 2025-2026, our Parish generated $3,034,484.12 of income. This total includes a perpetual endowment from the Fr. Sylvan Capitani estate in the amount of $351,686.79. By strict legal requirement, the yearly interest from this endowment may only be used for tuition assistance for our school. On the expense side, we incurred $3,030,366.56 of expenditures. This includes the Capitani endowment, which is transferred as an expense to the Foundation of Catholics United in Service (or FOCUS) account. This resulted in a small final operating surplus of $4,117.56, closing the year with a Cash Balance of $164,047.98.

As your pastor, I believe in being direct about our challenges. This year, we did not meet our mark on our primary source of income—our Sunday Tithing—falling short by $85,440.83. You may ask, so how did we end up with a final surplus? To overcome this deficit, our Finance Council, Office of Development, Staff, School, and Religious Education Office strategized innovative ways to meet parish and school needs. Through a thorough spending review, meticulous budget auditing, and exceptional community efforts, our total fundraising exceeded expectations, bringing in $159,435.59. My sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers who made our Gala, Boosterthon, Online Auction, Golf Tournament, and Bazaar a success, as well as the staff and volunteers who led our Bingo games supported by our ministries.

Additionally, because of the overwhelming response to our announced cemetery pricing adjustment, we extended the older pricing timeline. This resulted in lot sales of $86,980.00. Half of this amount is recognized as operating income, and the other half is transferred to our perpetual care fund to ensure our Catholic cemeteries are preserved for generations. This also enabled the parish to purchase an additional columbarium for cremations, as our original columbarium had completely sold out. Furthermore, our Christmas and Easter Masses exceeded expectations, and your generosity helped us exceed our Diocesan Annual Campaign (DAC) goal of $195,977. This surplus is returned to the Parish as operating income, protecting us from a shortfall that would have been deducted directly from our operational budget.

Our new Fiscal Year budget carefully balances our mission with rising operational realities. It accommodates increased utility, insurance, taxes, preventive maintenance, lawn mowing, landscaping, cleaning, snow removal, repairs, resources, and other essential services. These mandatory operational expenses are simply the standard cost of running a vibrant, well-maintained parish facility. It also takes into consideration the essential cost of salaries and benefits, alongside new key investments in personnel. This includes a full-time youth and young adult minister, a full-time development director, 2 kindergarten teachers, and 2 first-grade teachers to meet our growing needs. Meeting our current DAC goal—which did not increase from last year—and increasing Sunday Collections are vital to supporting staffing needs and maintaining our infrastructure.

Behind the scenes we continue working with our partners at Conewago Enterprises and our engineers at The Crossroads Group. They have completed the Land Development Plans, which have been approved by York County, and we are now awaiting Borough approval. Our partners are currently coordinating with the Diocesan Solicitor to reach that final step with Borough Officials. Once approved, the Brighten Our Foundation Campaign will immediately proceed with expanding our storm water management basin to meet certification standards, followed by our final goal to completely restore all of our parking lots and driveways.

To sustain this momentum, we must focus on increasing our Sunday Collections (basket collections, mail-in envelopes, and VANCO eGiving), which form the most sizable portion of our Operating Income. In the coming weeks, we will roll out a program designed to meet these financial and stewardship goals. I ask everyone to thoughtfully and prayerfully evaluate and increase their contribution to the Sunday Collection in order to support the active operations and programming of our Parish.

The kindness you show to our parish and school leaves a lasting mark on my heart. Thank you for being a community of true grace, support, and love. May God continue to bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Rev. Philip G. Burger

Rev. Philip G. Burger, Pastor

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Financial Statement
July 2025 - June 2026

INCOME

Operating Income	
Ordinary Income (Sunday & Holy Day Collections)	$1,074,807.18
Christmas and Easter Collections	$77,717.04
Parish Expense Offset Collection	$15,512.00
Memorials, Bequests, & Flowers	$16,442.00
Contributions Individual, Homorarium, Other	$29,099.70
Education Collection	$39,052.65
Scholarships	$41,990.00
Grants	$27,965.00
Total Ordinary Income	**$1,322,585.57**
Tuition	
Tuition Received	$704,535.62
Tuition Assistance	$89,715.00
Total Tuition	**$794,250.62**
General Fund-Raising Activities	
Food Sales (see gaming)	$0.00
Gaming	$159,435.59
Total Fund-Raising Activities	**$159,435.59**
Extraordinary Income	
Registration and Activity Fee /income	$20,164.10
Interest	$6,070.09
Interment, Foundations, Lots, Vaults	$132,130.00
Votives & Candles	$11,307.00
Diocesan Annual Campaign Refund	$47,588.61
Rental Income	$1,700.00
Misc Income/Refunds and Rebates	$10,050.05
Insurance Claim Refund	$0.00
Total Extraordinary Income	**$229,009.85**
Total Operating Income July 20XX-June 20XX	**$2,505,281.63**
Non-Operating Income	
Contribution FOCUS Endowment	$351,686.79
Capital Building Brighten Our Foundation	$29,212.23
Withdrawal from Savings - Building	$4,056.25
Withdrawal from Savings - Operations	$144,247.22
Total Non-Operating Income	**$529,202.49**
Total Income July 2025 - June 2026	**$3,034,484.12**
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07-01-2026 Cash Balance	
7-1-25 Beginning Cash Balance	$159,930.42
Total Income 7/1/2025-6/30/2026	$3,034,484.12
Total Expenses 7/1/2025–6/30/2026	$3,030,366.56
Custodial Funds - SVDP	$0.00
FY 2027 Beginning Cash Balance	**$164,047.98**

EXPENSES

Payroll and Benefits	
Salaries	$1,090,857.86
Employee Benefits (FICA, Medical & Retirement, Hospitalization, Disability, Group Life Insurance etc.	$393,438.56
Total Salaries & Employee Benefits	**$1,484,296.42**
Operating Expenditures - General	
Contracted Labor/Professional Services/Program Expense	$162,789.22
Supplies	$108,657.79
Utilities	$122,474.64
Insurance Costs	$49,473.48
Communications	$14,631.66
Repairs	$88,738.31
Total General Expenses	**$546,765.10**
Operating Expenditures - Assessments/Fees	
Assessments: High School, WAN, MMS, Chaplain	$174,776.44
Conferences and Dues	$20,090.68
Property Taxes	$23,198.16
Business Expenses: Vehicle Repair, Travel, Priest Reimbursement Plan, Fuel, Lodging,	$10,088.06
Diocesan Annual Campaign Shortfall	$0.00
Bank, Egiving, & Miscellaneous Fees Expense	$7,246.59
Total Assessment and Fees	**$235,399.93**
Operating Expenditures - Other	
Fundraising Expenses	$19,612.84
Other Expenses (Advertising, Furnishings, Equipment, Security, Maintenance, Postage, Printing, Misc.)	$76,052.91
Total Other Expenses	**$95,665.75**
Cost of Cemetery Sales	
Cemetery Refunds/Interments/New Columbarium	$58,875.00
Total Cemetery Expenses	**$58,875.00**
Total Operating Expenses July 2025 - June 2026	**$2,421,002.20**
Non-Operating Expenses	
Capital Expenditures Equipment	$8,498.72
Capital Expenditures Building Improvements & Brighten Our Foundation	$27,363.75
Total Non-Operating - Capital Expenditures	**$35,862.47**
Transfers to Savings	
Transfer to FOCUS Endowment	$351,686.79
Deposit to savings-Building & Operations	$43,061.73
Deposit to savings-Restricted Bequest	$97,338.37
Deposit to savings-Tuition	$41,990.00
Transfer to Perpetual Care Savings	$39,425.00
Total Transfers	**$573,501.89**
Total Non-Operating Expenses/Transfers	**$609,364.36**
Total Expenses July 2025 - June 2026	**$3,030,366.56**
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Net Surplus	$4,117.56
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