



Saint Paul Roman Catholic Parish Phoenix

April 5, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Paul Parish,

I sincerely hope that you are safe and well. This is a very trying time for each of us and for the Parish.

I pray and hope that you are able to find ways to practice your faith without the Masses and the regular spiritual events typically ongoing at the parish. This is a Lenten season we will never forget.

The primary role of the Finance Council at St. Paul's, is to help Father manage the fiscal responsibilities of the parish, including developing procedures to ensure that the Parish can continue to serve the parishioners and the community. We are very proud of our Church and the beautiful facilities. None of this could happen without the generous support of the congregation.

I continue to be impressed with St. Paul's being such a strong parish in a strong community, even through trials and changes. The core strength of the parish is intact. I know firsthand that that is how St Paul's is viewed in the Catholic Community.

You, the parishioners, have answered every call of the Parish. We know that we are blessed to have that support.

At this time, with only live stream Sunday Masse, we have evaluated the best methods to maintain financial stability. Strategies include:

- 1) Reduce operating expenses to a minimum.
- 2) Request reduction in current payments on debt.
- 3) File for relief of certain costs as provided by the U.S. "Care Act" recently approved.
- 4) Offer parishioners options on how to make their contributions, including,
 - i) A mailing of prepaid envelopes to parishioners for weekly contributions.
 - ii) Encourage and assist parishioners in setting up on-line giving.
 - iii) Develop secure "drop boxes" or mail slots for easy drop off of contributions.

It is my prayer that we continue to support our parish the best way possible by sharing our time, talent and treasure. St. Paul's will continue to be a strong parish through the generosity of its members.

God bless you.

Mike Wagner

Mike Wagner, Chair Finance Council