



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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Thank you, thank you! Our ambitious goal for the dinner-dance attendance this year was 275. But you have overwhelmed us with support, for the parish, and for our honorees. We currently have over 400 registered attendees! I am inspired especially by the many people who offered to buy tickets for other members of the parish who would not otherwise be able to attend. This is how healthy families relate. I am grateful to Mike Mongiovi, Rita Calabro, Elizabeth Mannini, and the other committee members who invested countless hours making this event a success, which will be measured not by the amount of money raised but rather by the strengthening of our parish family bonds.

This week I will be giving the homily at all weekend masses to kick off an "Increased Giving Campaign", which the Archdiocese invites parishes to do every four years. Rather than make this campaign just about increasing our collections (which, by the way, have been up in the last several months, year over year, by an average of 30%. Amazing!) I think this campaign can be an opportunity for SPIRITUAL growth. It will be a time for us to discern before God how each of us is using the resources he has entrusted to us.

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Let's keep in mind that in God's eyes, one parishioner's weekly donation of \$1 may be more meritorious than another's donation of \$1000. Remember the "widow's mite"? God doesn't want anyone to give more than he should. That being said, a long tradition in both Christianity and Judaism has been the "tithe", to give back to God through charity 10% of our personal earnings. Are we close to that? Our median weekly offering on a given Sunday is now just over \$3 per mass attendee. What is our weekly income?

I believe it is my responsibility to show you how the parish is using its income and preparing for our future. That's why today we are distributing a two page summary of our financial status prepared by our accountants. If there is interest, we will put together a question and answer session with our accountants and finance committee.

God bless you!

Father Jonathan

