

# **Blessed Trinity Parish**

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This report covers the finances for the recent 2025 fiscal year, that ended June 2025. This report was compiled by the Finance and Administration Council that advises Father Peter, Father Joe, and the Parish Pastoral Council on all matters financial.

#### **Operating Income and Expenses**

Here is a summary of the previous 4 years and our budget for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. These numbers do not include the *With One Voice* capital campaign.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Income	1,606,570	1,869,934	1,827,095	1,869,291	2,025,025
Expenses	1,786,369	1,724,172	1,796,556	1,886,896	1,974,322
Net	(179,799)	145,762	30,539	(17,605)	50,703

**FY25 Operating Cash Balance** 

\$452,227

#### **FY2025 Financial Commentary**

Despite the generous support of our parishioners, we finished 2025 fiscal year with a \$17,605 deficit. It is worth noting that the deficit was made smaller by a \$14,000 rebate from reaching the Archdiocese of Boston's 2025 Catholic Appeal target, but we cannot count on that when creating the 2026 budget.

We had a deficit because our offertory was less than the previous year by \$5,986. Coupled with our expectation of an inflationary increase the offertory was actually \$33,152 below budget.

We covered the \$17,605 deficit with a corresponding withdrawal from our cash reserves. The cash reserve balance after this withdrawal was \$452,227.

Not included, but noted here for completeness, we finished the year with \$602,295 still available to the capital campaign with approximately \$505,000 in projects to be fulfilled and more pledges still outstanding (see full capital campaign report online).



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### **FY26 Planned Budget**

We have approved a planned budget for the current fiscal year 2026 and have delivered it to the Archdiocese of Boston. To remain sustainable, we have budgeted a total income of \$2.025M, calculated with \$1.597M coming from the offertory collection, \$240k from the yearend Grand Annual Collection and the remainder from other sources. The budgeted offertory collection is based on a 2-3% minimum giving per parish family/giver, with a goal of 5%. A bit less than 1/3 of our donors used Online Giving for their donations. If you do not already do so, please consider using Online Giving as it improves the consistency of income to the parish.

The 2026 budget reflects an increase in expenses of 10.5% over a 4-year period, which is a little above the official rate of inflation. However, given the cumulative deficit over the last 4 years (\$21,103) and trying to budget for a current year surplus we are budgeting for an increase in our offertory.

### **Your Generosity Supports our Parish**

Thanks to your generous support, the Blessed Trinity parish has supported (among other things):

Religious education to 527 students including 61 first communicants and 71 confirmed

RCIA for adults entering our faith

Audio Visual Ministry bringing our Masses to the homebound

Maintenance of our grounds and facilities

Refreshments for Hospitality Sundays

Monthly meals for neighborhood supper