



ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

TORRINGTON, CONNECTICUT



Parish Life Report

Fiscal Year 2025 *July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025*

From your pastor: What we have achieved and what lies ahead

***Dear Parishioners and Friends
of St. John Paul the Great,***

As I reflect on this past fiscal year, my heart is filled with gratitude. This *Parish Life Report* is more than numbers on a page—it is a living testimony to the faith, sacrifice, and love you have poured into our community. Every Mass celebrated, every homebound visit offered, every child formed in the faith—all of these moments are possible because of you.

From July 2024 to June 2025, we have walked together through both blessings and challenges. We have seen the hand of God at work in the sacraments, in the life of our school, and in the outreach of our parish. We also continue to face financial pressures and the challenge of engaging younger families. Yet, with your prayers and generosity, our parish remains strong.

May this report serve as both a reminder of all we accomplished together this past year and a call to continue building a parish that is vibrant, welcoming, and faithful to Christ.

Thank you for being part of this journey of faith.

Yours in Christ,

Father Emmanuel Ihemedu



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Key Highlights: Discipleship, Outreach, Stewardship

I. Discipleship & Outreach

How We Lived Out Our Faith for God

- **Sacramental Life:**
 - » 45 baptisms
 - » 34 First Communions (including 2 at the Easter Vigil)
 - » 26 Confirmations (17 at the Cathedral, 9 at the Easter Vigil)
 - » 6 convalidations and 2 marriages
- **Funeral Ministry:** 61 funeral Masses, 12 funeral home services, and 18 graveside prayers—serving 91 grieving families.

How We Lived for Our Neighbors

- **Homebound & Nursing Home Ministry:**
 - » 265 homebound visits by Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
 - » 99 phone calls to the homebound
 - » 40 nursing home visits and 23 rosary services led by the Legion of Mary
- **Community Meals & Fellowship:**
Kevin's Place, Dinner Club, and parish societies provided food, fellowship, and service to many in our community.

II. Stewardship

- **School Support:** Our parish contributed **\$34,042** to St. John Paul the Great Academy, helping sustain Catholic education in Torrington.
- **Parish Ministries:** The Holy Name Society, Holy Rosary Society, and others continued cherished traditions of service, fundraising, and community building.
- **Capital Repairs & Maintenance:** **\$65,549** invested in essential upkeep across church, rectory, parish center, and school facilities.
- **Safety & Security:** Continued investment in security staffing and systems to ensure our worship sites remain safe and welcoming.



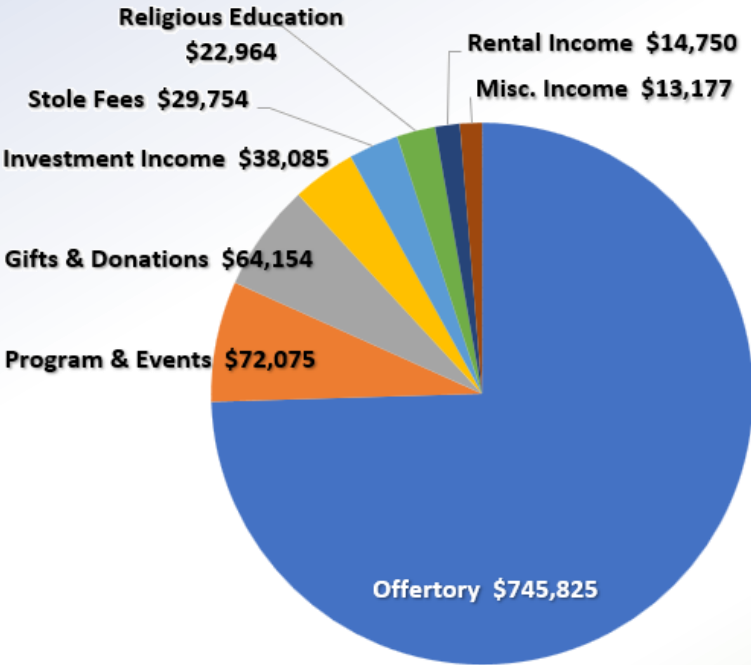
III. Financial Snapshot (FY 2024–2025)

- **Total Offertory:** **\$745,825** (above budget by \$39,125)
- **Operating Revenue:** **\$1,000,784** (slightly under plan)
- **Operating Expenses:** **\$1,128,975** (over budget by \$14,615)
- **Operating Result:** Deficit of **\$128,191** (budgeted deficit: \$108,035)
- **Final Net Revenue:** **+\$123,258** (helped by one-time state grant & investment gains—not sustainable for annual operations)
- **Parish Support to School:** **\$34,042**

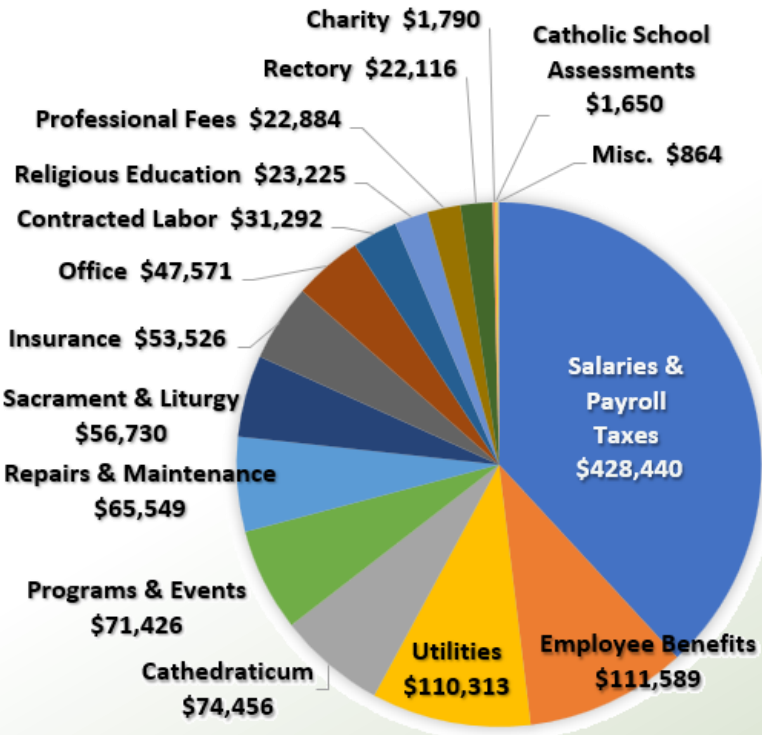
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This financial overview provides transparency, showcasing our stewardship of parish resources and illustrating our commitment to fiscal responsibility.

Total Income \$1,000,784



Total Expenses \$1,123,421



Challenges & Goals

IV. Current Challenges & Future Goals

Challenges:

- 1. **Loss of rental income** (\$50,000 shortfall) following departure of EdAdvance.
- 2. **Rising ministry and program costs**, especially in Religious Education.
- 3. **Engaging younger families** while serving our aging parishioner base.

Goals:

- 1. **Repurpose St. Peter School Space** or develop new sources of parish revenue.
- 2. **Expand youth and family ministry** to bring vitality to our parish life.
- 3. **Launch stewardship initiatives** encouraging recurring online giving and planned gifts.
- 4. **Continue capital upkeep** to ensure our buildings remain safe and welcoming.
- 5. **Capital Campaign for the 100th Anniversary of St. Peter's Church Building**



Parish Statistics 2024-2025

Homebound Visits:	265
Phone Calls to Homebound:	99
Nursing Home Visits:	40
Legion of Mary Rosary Visits:	23
Funeral Families Served:	91
Baptisms:	45
First Communions:	34
Confirmations:	26
Convalidations:	6
Marriages:	2

Every baptism, every funeral, every sacrament celebrated and every meal shared is a story of faith made possible through your generosity.

Thank you for your sacrificial giving. Thank you for making St. John Paul the Great a parish of hope, service, and prayer.

Together, let us continue to build a future rooted in Christ.

Community, Volunteers & Ministries

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