



Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de la Medalla Milagrosa

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SÉPTIMO DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

19 DE FEBRERO DE 2017

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY
5 pm — Vigil

SUNDAY
8 am & 11 am
La Misa en español — 2:30 pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY
8 am

WEDNESDAY
6 pm

HOLY DAYS
Check Bulletin

PARISH INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

CLERGY

Carmen A. D'Amico, *Pastor*
Anton V. Mobley, *Permanent Deacon*

PARISH STAFF

Rosalie Eckels
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Jennifer Derrick
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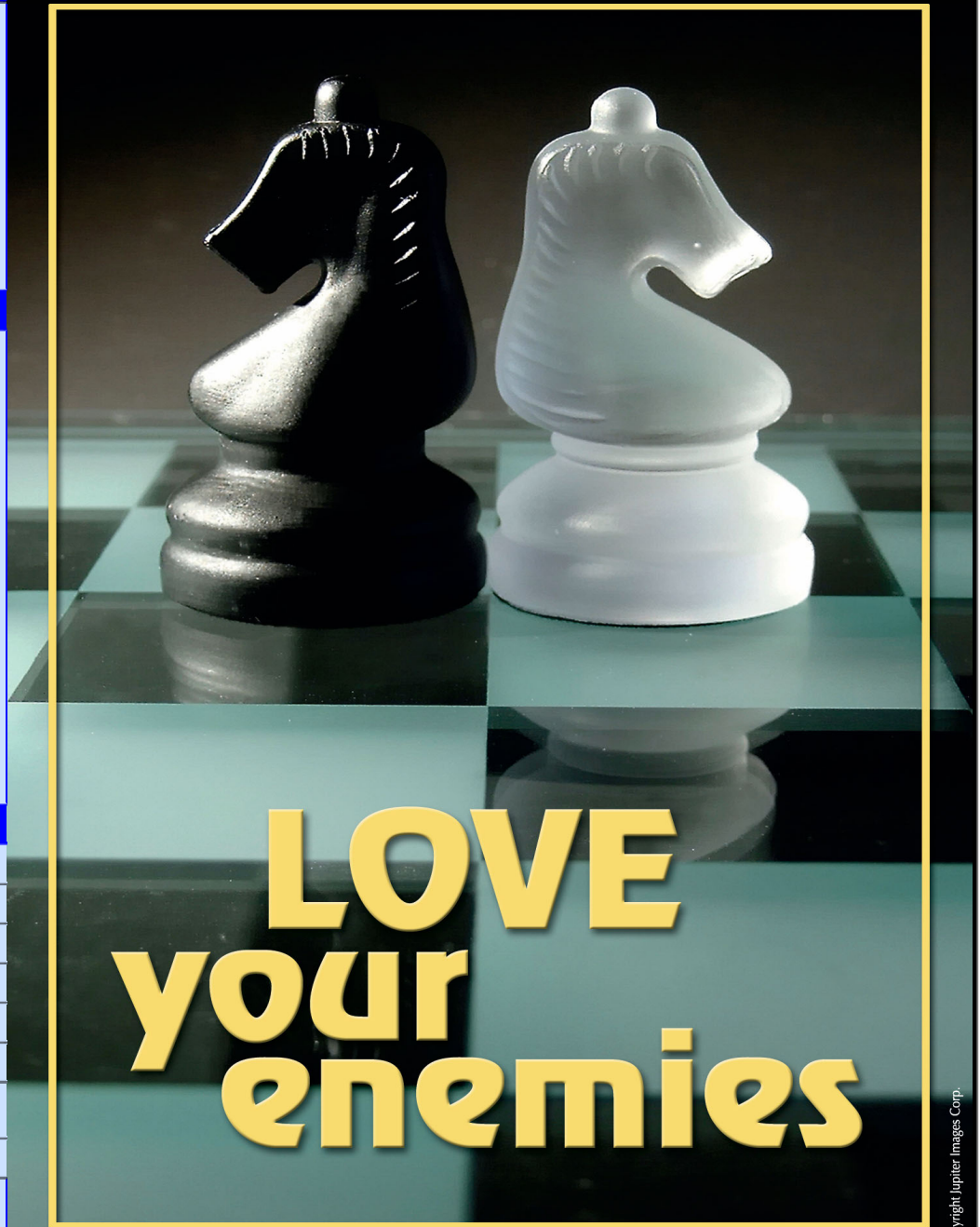
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Safe Environment Coordinator
Ed Holmes 724-886-1484

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If you are a victim of abuse, Call the Diocesan Toll-Free Number for Abuse Response: 1-888-808-1235

For suspected child abuse, call 1-888-808-1235

AND the State of Pennsylvania child abuse number: 1-800-932-0313

DAY / TIME	CONFESSIONS / EVENTS	OBSERVANCES / MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18		BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
10:00 am -1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Leadership Workshop, Church Hall Confession Mass	Father John O'Shea, req. Holy Name Society	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19		SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:00 am 9:00—10:30 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm—2:30 pm 2:30 pm 6:00 pm—7:30 pm	Mass CCD, CCD Ctr. Mass Spanish CCD, CCD Ctr. Spanish Mass Youth Group, CCD Ctr.	Katherine & John Mruk + (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) Req. Thomas Mruk Bingo Workers (In Appreciation), req. Parish PARISHIONERS	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20		PRESIDENTS' DAY	
10:00 am 10:45 am	Mass Miraculous Medal Novena	Lawrence Oliveri +, req. Virginia	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21		ST. PETER DAMIAN	
10:00 am	Mass	Jo Penrose +, req. Donna	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22		THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE	
11:00 am 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Staff Meeting Mass RCIA	Teresa Rumanek +, req. Mack Picknick	WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23		ST. POLYCARP	
10:00 am	Mass	Matthew Piacenza +, req. Sam Gaido	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24			
10:00 am 10:45 am	Mass Divine Mercy	Josephine Calabro +, req. Larry & Kathy Walsh	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25			
4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Confession Mass	Anthony Vallone +, req. Shirley Mahaffey	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26			
8:00 am 9:00—10:30 am 11:00 am 1:30 pm—2:30 pm 2:30 pm 6:00 pm—7:30 pm	Mass CCD, CCD Ctr. Mass Spanish CCD, CCD Ctr. Spanish Mass Youth Group, CCD Ctr.	Debbie & Joe Testa (Wedding Anniversary Remembrance) Req. Gene Yoest Marie Nagy +, req. Jean Prandini PARISHIONERS	Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34



LENTEN FISH FRY

We will be having our Lenten Fish Fry,
starting **March 1st, Ash Wednesday**
and every Friday during Lent
at our CCD Center


Volunteers needed!
Please call Joe Carothers at: 724-873-1386

**ALPHA COURSE
STARTING DATE CHANGE**

The starting date of the Alpha Course
has been canged to **Monday, March 6.**

NEW CHURCH DOORS

Thank you to the parishioners that paid for the new
church doors. They have been paid in full. We are very
grateful for their generosity.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK	OS CUMPLEAÑOS DE ESTA SEMANA
	Daniel Johnson, Michael Palfreyman Jr., Matthew Sauer, Janet Schneck, Carol Wockley, Ray Clore, Brayden Elias, Zoe Anahi Gutierrez, Peggy Lackner, Steven Leon, Matt Oblock, Judith Zanolli, John Chase, Wanda Hirsch, Jeff Klug, David Martinsky, Peggy Trefnoff, Edward Crawford, Tiffany McGranahan, Edward Happe, Robert Kocian, Abraham Ordaz, Sherry Brozinski, Lois Gidley, Virginia Luisi, Nickol Marino, Richard Oliverio, Kristen Sroka, Luke Starcevic, Robert Bruno and Donna Dragan.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD FOR NEEDY FAMILIES

During the harsh winter months of January and February, we are asking our parishioners to help some of our families in the parish who are in need of assistance for food. If you are able to donate, the following it would be appreciated:

**Flour, sugar, rice, beans, tortillas
and assorted canned goods.**

You can bring these items to the church on Sundays, or to the rectory during the week, from 9 am to 2 pm. Thank you so much for your generosity.

La Comida para las Familias Necesitadas Durante los meses de enero y febrero, estamos preguntando nuestros feligreses que ayuden a algunas familias necesitadas. Si pueden donar algunos de la sientes productos:

**arroz, frijoles, tortillas, harina,
azucar y otros productos enlatados.**

Pueden dejar las cosas en la iglesia los domingos o en la rectoria duponte la semana de 9 am to 2 pm

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS & GUILD

Christian Mothers & Guild will meet **Tuesday, March 7th. at 7:00pm. in the Church Hall.** Members are reminded to bring their bible for the selected **scripture reading.** Small group discussion to follow. **Suggested donations for the Washington Food Pantry are canned meat and fish or paper products such as paper towels, etc.**

Chair ladies for the evening are Mary Ann McClory and Toni Vallone.

SAFETY MINISTRY

The Safety Ministry needs to recruit help and increase it's membership to continue to be effective in dispensing it's duties. As of today we are a Ministry of 3. We would like to advertise to the parishioners **the need to volunteer 1 hour a month for the success of the tasks** we have been charged with. Please assist us with putting the word out that we need more members!!!

With every best wish,
Scott A. Moore,
Chairperson—OLMM Safety Ministry

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of
Larry Hauser, parishioner

May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.



RESPECT LIFE COAT DRIVE

The Respect Life Ministry
will be having their **Annual Coat Drive.**

Please leave Coats, scarves, gloves, hats and socks in the Church Hall **every weekend after all Masses, until the last weekend in February.**

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 SCHEDULE CHANGE MASS AND ASH DISTRIBUTION

Mass —7:30 am
Mass — Noon
Bi-Lingual Mass 7 pm

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEALING MASS

We will be having a Healing Mass with Fr. Bill Kiel officiating on March 15th at 6:00 pm. Fr. Kiel has Mass and then after the Mass, lays hands on and prays for people. Some people react to this praying by doing something called being "Slayed in the Spirit" and fall backwards.

We need at least six healthy and strong people who would be willing to be catchers of these people. If you are interested, please contact Deacon Tony at 724-746-3788.

SUPER BOWL PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thank you to everyone who helped, baked or attended the Super Bowl Pancake Breakfast.

It was a great success.

The winner of the 50/50 was Joe Mikota.

MARCH FOR LIFE

A special thank you to **Deacon Tony Mobley, Dee Coyle & Rosemary Kosiorek** for helping on the **March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 27th.**

With appreciation, Jan Chehovin. Thank you also to Jan Chehovin for organizing the March.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

2017 GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT DINNERS FEBRUARY - JUNE

Rev. Cathy Peternel will host a monthly dinner for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

The dinners will be at 6 p.m. on the following dates:
February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16
McNary Conference Center - Canonsburg Hospital

These are Pot Luck Dinners.
RSVP so we can co-ordinate the dinner menu.

**To make reservations for this event,
please call 724-745-6100, Ext. 4118**

2017 GRIEF AND LOSS SEMINAR WEDNESDAYS - APRIL 12TH - MAY17TH

McNary Center - Canonsburg Hospital
100 Medical Blvd, Canonsburg, PA 15317
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

"When Mourning Dawns"

To make reservations, call 724-745-6100, Ext 4118
There is no cost for the Seminar

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saint Hilary Parish, 320 Henderson Avenue, Washington, PA will host **The Living Stations of the Cross.** They will be presented by **The Saint Ferdinand's Church Youth Ministry, Cranberry Township.** The service will begin at **7:30 p.m. in the Church on Sunday, February 26, 2017.**

There is no charge, but a free will offering will be taken to help the Youth Ministry offset their cost. All are invited to join us as we prepare ourselves for the Season of Lent.

PARISH FAITH

DIVINE WISDOM

The Lord's message, through Moses, was to "take no revenge and cherish no grudge . . . love your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). We might think, "Great in theory, but not always realistic!"

Then Jesus in today's Gospel goes even further. Take a slap in the face and then turn the other cheek? Treat enemies the same as friends? Again, we're tempted to think that those are nice ideals, but not very practical in the "real world."

Paul echoes Jesus when he tells the Corinthians that what passes for human wisdom is absurdity to God. Divine wisdom casts sunshine on the good and the bad, showers rain on the honest and the dishonest—without distinction. We must examine our wisdom and common sense to see how they compare to the wisdom of God, and make adjustments accordingly.

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LA FE DE LA PARROQUIA

SABIDURÍA DIVINA

El mensaje del Señor, por medio de Moisés, fue "no te vengarás ni guardarás rencor . . . , ama a tu prójimo como a ti mismo" (Levítico 19:18). Podríamos pensar, "Excelente enseñanza pero no es muy realista".

Y en el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se adelanta. ¿Si te golpean, pon la otra mejilla? ¿Tratar a los enemigos como si fueran amigos? Y así otra vez, estamos

tentados a pensar que son bonitos ideales, pero no muy prácticos en el "mundo real".

Pablo hace eco a las palabras de Jesús cuando les dice a los corintios que lo que parece ser sabiduría de los hombres es absurdo para Dios. La sabiduría divina brilla sobre los buenos y los malos, llueve sobre los honestos y deshonestos, sin distinción. Debemos examinar nuestra sabiduría y sentido común para ver cómo estos se comparan con la sabiduría de Dios, y hacer los ajustes correspondientes.

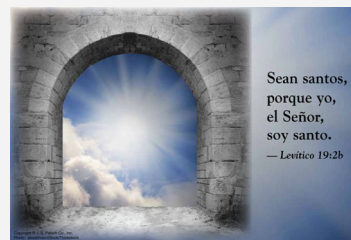
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In brushing up for "Catholic Jeopardy," it might help to know that there is only one feast on the calendar for a thing, rather than a person or mystery. It's for a chair: Saint Peter's chair in fact

After the Resurrection, there can be no doubt that the disciples reserved a special place for Simon Peter in the upper room. Later, Peter became the bishop of Antioch in today's Syria, the place where we were first called "Christians." From there, he went to Rome, the center of the Empire, where it is said that Peter sat in a chair in the house of Priscilla and Aquila to instruct his flock. Jesus, in entrusting the keys of the Kingdom to Peter and his successors, entrusted his compassion and mercy to them, and charged them with pointing to the Kingdom of God. Compassion and mercy are to resonate through their teaching.

Since the ancient sign of a teacher is the chair ("disciple" literally means one who sits at the feet of a teacher), Peter's chair has long been treasured. Today there is a symbolic shrine of Peter's chair above the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This monument is the last work of Bernini, a huge bronze throne supported by four doctors of the Church: Augustine and Ambrose from the Western Church, and Chrysostom and Athanasius from the East. High above it is the alabaster window of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE



Sean santos,
porque yo,
el Señor,
soy santo.
— Levítico 19:2b

Aún lo recuerdo, estaba viajando en el metro de la ciudad de Roma cuando subieron dos mujeres con niños. Vestían como si fueran a una fiesta de disfraces. Noté que todas las personas las evitaban. Eran gitanas, esas a las que mi mamá y mis tías me iban a dar si no me portaba bien. Los gitanos no tienen una buena reputación entre las naciones. Tienen la misma reputación de los pastores de Palestina que vivieron en tiempos de Jesús. Se piensa que son ladrones e inmorales, gente a la que hay que tenerle miedo.

Sin embargo, decimos que Jesús es nuestro Buen Pastor. En Jesús, todas las personas que jamás creeríamos capaces de alcanzar la santidad, lo logran. Tal es el caso del Pelé o Zeferrino Jiménez, un gitano que en 1936 fue fusilado por militares españoles. El motivo de su muerte fue la enseñanza y difusión de la fe en Cristo. Su muerte fue la cumbre de una vida de fe como franciscano seglar. El ejemplo de vida que este gitano nos dio, logró hacer que los españoles lo respetaran y olvidaran sus prejuicios en contra de su gente. Además de eso, evangelizó a sus hermanos gitanos.

THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

For those who have completed an **Alpha** and want to continue on their spiritual journey and anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith, we are presenting:

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained is a stunning video series that systematically presents the **BIG picture of the Catholic Faith**. Filmed on location in **Rome, the Holy Land, Calcutta**, and in the Augustine Institute studios in Denver, dozens of nationally-known teachers clearly present the beauty and brilliance of Catholicism. We will be presenting the videos and then have a following discussion.

Starting on **Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 pm** and following on every **Tuesday during Lent**, we will be presenting the **Symbolon series in the Church Hall**. All are welcome and as our Lord says, "**Come and see...**"

PASSIVE AGGRESSION OR ACTIVE LOVE?

I wonder how many people read today's Gospel and said, "You expect me to do *that*?" Aren't we supposed to resist evil? Yes, we are; but Jesus makes an important distinction between evil acts and the person who commits them. Why? Because God does just that. As Jesus says, God sends sunshine and rain on both good and bad people. So how do we resist evil? We do as Jesus did—we conquer it with love.

When Jesus died on the cross, this was the victory over sin and death because he gave his life for us out of love. This love was for everyone, especially those sinners who need it. You might say he loves sinners most of all. Why? Because they need his love the most. All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.

Now when we read the examples in the Gospel (Matthew 5:39–42), we may be tempted to say that they just encourage people to be bad, that the way to stop evil is to make people suffer for doing evil. But Jesus didn't say to let people run over you. Instead of a weak passivism, we actively offer the other cheek, hand over the cloak, or go the extra mile. And that's just for the ones who occasionally annoy us. Later in the same Gospel, Jesus tells us to love and pray for our enemies—those who hate us and continually try to harm us.

But notice what he doesn't say. He never promises that we will change these people, that our actions will eventually cause them to repent or become our friends. No, he only asks his disciples to change, to become "perfect" as the Father is perfect. Of course, we can never be infinitely good, all-knowing, and all-powerful like God. But Jesus calls us not to perfectionism but to holiness. That kind of holiness comes only from God, just as changing evil-doers or enemies is up to God. God can work through us to change the hearts of others, but God always respects their freedom. Perhaps the love we show to our enemies will at least open their hearts to the possibility of receiving the love of God, who can help them to become holy, too.

SIN PEDIR LO IMPOSIBLE

La última frase del Evangelio de hoy puede parecer confusa: "sean perfectos, como su Padre celestial es perfecto". "Perfecto" algunas veces se le imagina como sin error, así como un diamante cortado a la perfección. Pero esta palabra, en la traducción en griego de la Biblia de hace muchos siglos, y que como se usa en el Nuevo Testamento significa algo totalmente diferente: lograr cierta madurez, ser una persona íntegra o saludable.

Jesús no nos pide ser perfectos, ni tampoco él quiere decirnos: "Bueno, eso es imposible, ¿por qué molestarse?" Él está invitándonos a crecer en una madurez cristiana. Para muchos de nosotros, las palabras de Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy son muy desafiantes. Necesitamos resistir la tentación de evadir su desafío llamándolo imposible.

RESISTIENDO EL MAL

La enseñanza de Jesús en los primeros versos del Evangelio de hoy también ha confundido a muchos. Algunos interpretan a Jesús de decir que no debemos resistir el mal, sino al contrario ser completamente impasibles. Sin embargo, la Ley de Moisés llamó a Israel vigorosamente a resistir el mal. Dentro de esta sección del Sermón de la Montaña, podemos ver cómo Jesús interpretó la Ley "no para suprimirla sino para llevarla a su pleno cumplimiento" (Mateo 5:17).

Jesús enseñó que la resistencia violenta hacia el opresor tiende a sostener y expandir la forma de odio y maldad. La violencia engendra nueva violencia. Pero aquellos que ponen la otra mejilla, dan su abrigo, o caminan una milla más, resisten el mal al exponerlo dentro del corazón de la persona hacedora de mal. Jesús no fue ingenuo en cuanto al mal y la violencia. De hecho, él experimentó ambos en su muerte. En la cruz, Jesús de manera radical resistió el mal y manifestó su impotencia. En la cruz, él amó a sus enemigos y oró por aquellos que lo persiguieron. Así como Jesús perdonó a sus enemigos, él dio testimonio de la Buena Nueva que él predicó, que Dios nos ama y nos perdona. Cuando perdonamos y amamos a nuestros enemigos, nos liberamos del odio que hay en nuestros corazones. La fuerza del mal se desvanece y un camino se abre para terminar sus formas de violencia y opresión.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

On the last Sunday of each month at 6 pm, our parish prays a Patriotic Rosary for those we know who are serving in the military, particularly those who are serving overseas. We are trying to update this list to include other individuals known to our parishioners. If you would like us to add a servicemember's name to our list, please contact Janet Pecharka @724-503-4083 or by email to pecharkajanet@gmail.com. In addition, if there is anyone's name currently on the list, and you have information that they are no longer serving, please let us know that as well. Thank you for remembering those who have given so much to our country

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Average Weekly Expense	\$ 6,100.00	Parish Share Goal 2016	\$ 69,201.00
Collection for Sunday February 5, 2017	\$ 7,241.45	Parish Share as of February 5, 2017	\$ 59,620.00
Surplus	\$ 1,141.45	E-Offering for January 2017	\$ 1,620.00

Anything collected over our Parish Share assessment will go into our savings.