



***St. Francis' Episcopal Church is a diverse community, accepting all.  
We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship.  
We go out to serve Christ by serving others.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE!***

Dear St. Francis Family and Friends,

It has continued to be our privilege to serve you as Senior and Junior Warden again this year. More than being the chairs of our leadership team, we have had the opportunity throughout the year to witness the many ways that you contribute to the church and to our neighbors. Some of our more significant campaigns are Episcopal Community Services (ECS), St. Paul's Food Pantry, Fresh Start, and St. Hubert's Animal Shelter. While we do spend a lot of time in our vestry meetings talking about our own finances and operations, we spend even more discussing how we can serve our neighbors and focus our work on the world.

*More Than Enough*, our theme for this year's campaign, calls us to remember that when we share what we have with the world, miracles happen. Our giving comes from the abundance already in our lives and focuses on the three-legged stool of *Wealth, Works, and Wisdom* – the ways in which we make our gifts to the world. In today's letter, we would like to focus on *Works*.

In his epistle, St. James reminds us that our faith and our works are both necessary to activate our true calling as Christians [James 2:14-17]. It is not enough to simply believe, but we must act on that faith to serve our neighbors and change the world. That is the mission of St. Francis and all of Christ's Church. In the enclosed brochure, called "St. Francis Church – Narrative Budget 2022", you can see that the parish budget is a place where our faith and actions intersect. **All** our expenditures go towards fulfilling our mission and funding the ministries we have in place that do the work we are called to do.

Your works are not just limited to the ministries of St. Francis, or the things we pray for on Sundays; they are also about the way you raise your family, pursue your career, participate in the civic life of our community, and volunteer your time in schools, shelters, and to social causes. We are called to be the body, and we have seen you be the hands, heart, and head of Christ in our community. Inspired and informed by your faith, you give so much to our neighbors in Dunellen and beyond.

Thank you. Thank you for all that you do for the Church and for the world. In a couple of weeks, you will be receiving an invitation to commit your gifts for the year to come. We ask that you pray with us as we launch our annual gathering of gifts and gratitude, and consider how you will contribute your gift of work.

With humble thanks,

*Pam Maiolo, Senior Warden  
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