

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Parishioners:

There have been articles recently in the Long Island Catholic and Newsday discussing the financial climate which the Diocese of Rockville Centre is facing and some of the steps contemplated by Bishop Murphy in responding to these difficulties. Whenever a topic as general as this is presented in a limited space many questions surface. A few of our parishioners at St. Matthews inquired about the financial status of our parish in particular. Because of these concerns voiced by some I thought a statement from me at this time might not only answer questions but relieve anxieties on the part of our parishioners.

Due to the responsible efforts of past administrations, and particularly because of the efforts put forth by our present business manager, Jim Vanella, and the parish Financial Committee, we are living within our budget. In addition, because of your generous response to and support of the current capital improvement campaign we will be able to complete the necessary repairs to our buildings and grounds in the next few months.

All of us are living in a precarious financial climate. As the cost of living continues to increase St. Matthews parish needs to have your continued financial support in our weekly collections. I pledge that the parish administration will continue to be fiscally responsible and do everything it can to continue to operate within a responsible budget.

Thank you for your trust and cooperation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor John P. Martin,
Administrator