

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How blessed are we to be able to walk this earthly pilgrimage with one another as members of Our Lady of the Abingtons, St. Patrick, and St. Mary of the Lake! No matter what is happening around us — be it a pandemic, challenges in our culture, or social strife — Our Lady of the Abingtons, St. Patrick, and St. Mary of the Lake **are our safe havens**. It is the place where we can come together, gathered around the Eucharistic table, to worship and serve our Lord.

It is also the place where we serve one another. **Here, united in God's love, we are a visible sign of the body of Christ and together we can accomplish amazing things.** Nourished by prayer and the sacraments, members of our parish community are journeying on the path of discipleship and growing in relationship with Jesus Christ each day. We value formation in the faith and sharing our faith with others through evangelization. We also know the importance of bringing the love of God to our neighbors through acts of charity and service. Through our many ministries, and our social and service-oriented outreach programs, we put into action the truth stated so eloquently by St. John the Apostle: "If God so loved us, we also must love one another" (1 Jn 4:11).

With this in mind, **I invite you to respond to Our Lady of the Abingtons, St. Patrick, and St. Mary of the Lake's new stewardship program: "In Giving we Receive."** Please review the contents of this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can play an active role in continuing the work of Jesus Christ through our parish community. Our goal is to increase our Sunday offertory contributions **in order to bring Jesus Christ to as many people as possible.** This is no easy task in today's climate, but I am confident that our dedicated parishioners are up to the challenge.

On February 18th and 19th, 2023, the parish will be holding a special Commitment Weekend, inviting members of our community to connect with one another and to make a financial commitment that will allow Our Lady of the Abingtons, St. Patrick, and St. Mary of the Lake to continue its important work. **We are counting on you!** Please participate in our "In Giving we Receive" Program and help us respond to God's great gift of love by loving one another with the heart of His Son.

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to Our Lady of the Abingtons, St. Patrick, and St. Mary of the Lake!

In Christ,



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Making your Commitment

Fill out the enclosed Commitment Card and bring it to Mass next weekend

or

scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out your Commitment Card online.



Fulfilling your New Commitment

Three simple and secure ways to do so:



Sign up for **Online Giving** or update your current online gift amount at nepacatholic.com



Use your **offering envelope** and bring it to Mass each Sunday or mail it to the parish office.



Explore using **tax advantaged charitable gifts** such as IRA Distributions, Gifts of Stock, or remembering the parish in your will. Contact the parish office at 570-563-1622.



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CHURCH OF OUR
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ST. MARY
OF THE LAKE

ST. PATRICK

DALTON, PA

Our Lady of the Abingtons



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Families in our parish

2

Baptisms

6

First Communions

8

Funerals

20

Children in Religious Ed



As we strive to love one another better, good stewardship plays a key role. Stewardship isn't a code word for financial support. Stewardship is about doing the work of Christ and engaging our many resources to further the ministry and mission of Our Lord. Remembering that everything we have is a gift from our creator.

256

Families in our parish

8

Baptisms

11

Confirmations

7

Funerals

25

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RCIA Candidates

St. Mary of the Lake

St. Patrick

Financial Snapshot: 2021/2022 Fiscal Year

Our Lady of the Abingtons

Operating Income

Offertory	\$116,946.37
Ministry & Program Income	\$5,880.00
Other Operating Income	\$12,664.58
Total Operating Income	\$135,490.95

Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$51,467.19
General Operating Expense	\$36,698.82
Ministry & Program Expense	\$12,464.79
Facilities Expense	\$37,929.92
Total Operating Expense	\$138,560.72
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$3,069.77

St. Mary of the Lake

Operating Income

Offertory	\$113,719.65
Ministry & Program Income	\$14,694.34
Other Operating Income	\$7,810.97
Total Operating Income	\$136,224.96

Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$41,509.28
General Operating Expense	\$50,496.61
Ministry & Program Expense	\$625.00
Facilities Expense	\$37,165.93
Total Operating Expense	\$129,796.82
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,428.14

St. Patrick

Operating Income

Offertory	\$113,959.07
Ministry & Program Income	\$24,184.32
Other Operating Income	\$4,376.00
Total Operating Income	\$142,519.39

Operating Expenses

Salary & Benefits	\$48,713.41
General Operating Expense	\$53,319.49
Ministry & Program Expense	\$450.00
Facilities Expense	\$43,055.62
Total Operating Expense	\$145,538.52
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	-\$3,019.13