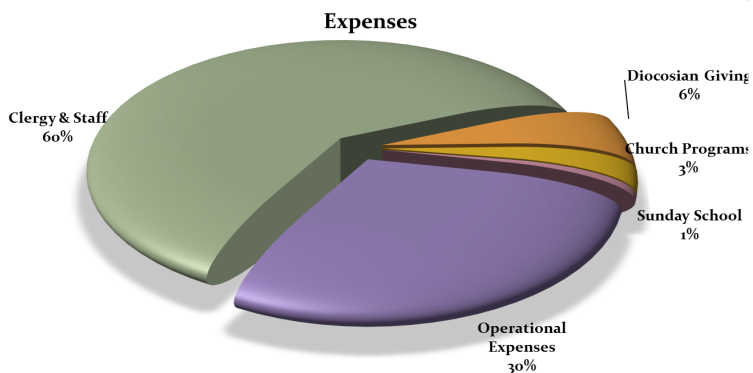
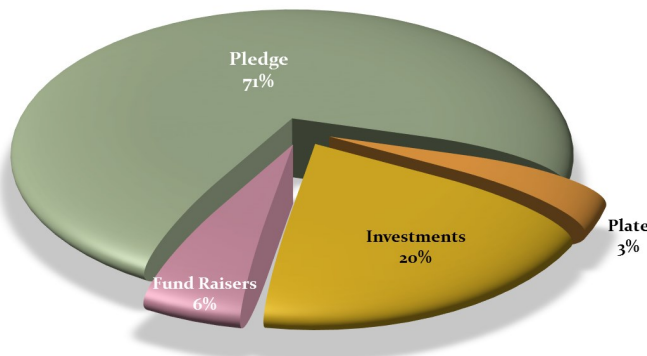


Prayers Can Work Miracles But They Can't Pay the Bills



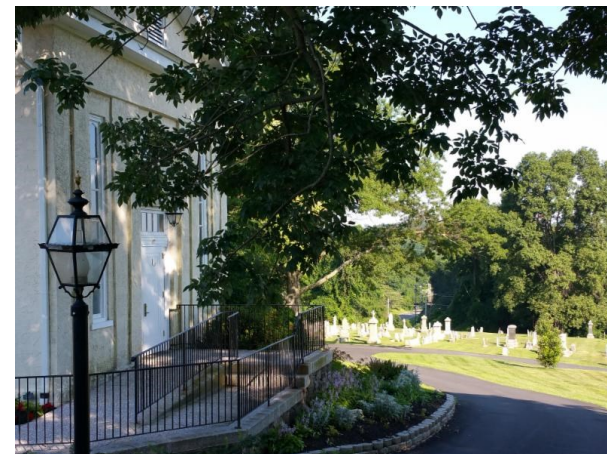
Our annual budget is now about \$389,450 and has remained stable in recent years. About 4% of our budget is spent on discretionary items such as Outreach and Church Programs such as Youth and Sunday School education and music. Our biggest expenses are clergy salaries and benefits and general overhead to operate (insurance, utilities, etc.)

Pledging is by far our biggest source of income. Investment income and fund raisers really help, but pledging covers about 71% of our needs. It is also vital because the church can plan its spending for the year responsibly. We are not increasing the budget this year.



With Grateful Hearts

Stewardship



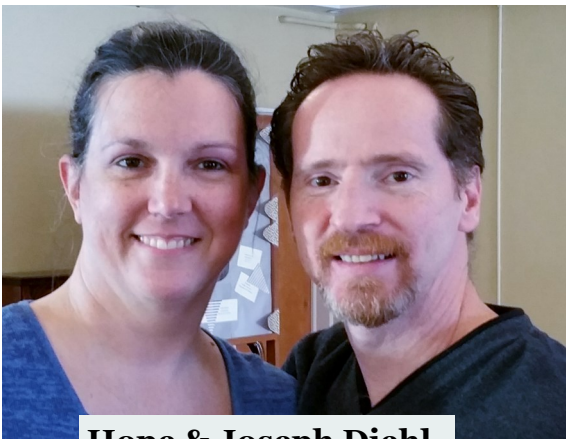
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My Pledge Card

I have been a life-long member of St. John's. My grandparent's transferred here from St. James of Kingsessing. I attended Sunday School and participated in the Youth Group. I made my Confirmation here and sang in the choir, briefly. My husband and I were married in this church and we knew that we wanted to raise our family here. Our children were baptized here and love to attend Children's Chapel, Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. My grandparent's are buried in the cemetery. This place has been the backdrop for so many important events in our life.

When something is so integral to your life you give back to show your appreciation and to ensure that others can experience the same kind of love, support and spiritual guidance that we have been blessed to receive. We can't imagine a better atmosphere in which to raise our kids or ask for a better church family to help shape them in to caring and compassionate Christians and to support them as they develop their relationship with God. With 5 kids to raise we understand that giving financially can be difficult. We haven't always been able to give a lot of money but we have always pledged, even a small amount, and we have tried to give back in other ways. Giving of your time and talents is as equally important as giving money. We give what we can but we have gotten so much more in return.

Hope Diehl



Hope & Joseph Diehl



Judy, Christian, Brooke Singer

I support St. John's because I believe it is a community of faith committed to the fulfillment of our Baptismal Covenant, truly seeking to serve Christ in all persons. I will never forget the welcome extended to me and my grandchildren on my first "visit" to St. John's! 10 years later I witness that same warm welcome to all who join us for worship. The strength and support of our outreach programs within our own community and beyond and especially to our mission in Guatemala is amazing. The shared efforts of the clergy and laity in providing diverse programs and opportunities for fellowship and worship, the commitment to Youth Ministry and Christian Education, witness to our children of what it means to be a Christian in this time and place. There are so many gifts to celebrate! I believe that I am called to give back for all of these many blessing and to help ensure that St. John's will be here for generations to come. *Judy Singer*

With Grateful Hearts

Yes, I can help Saint John's

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I/we pledge during 2017 \$ _____

___ Weekly ___ Monthly

___ Quarterly ___ Semi-annually ___

___ Annually

My total pledge is \$ _____

___ Please provide pledge envelopes

___ I/we don't need envelopes

___ I/we will donation through the

Saintjohnsconcord.com website using PayPal

___ I/we cannot pledge but will give what we can

___ I/we have gifts or talents that we would like to donate. Please contact me.

What Pledging Means

A pledge is a promise made to Saint John's in good faith. If your financial circumstances change during the year, we certainly understand that you may need to change or even discontinue your pledge. Please let Father John know if this happens.