



Saint Clement Parish
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Dear Friends of Saint Clement,

Attached please find a copy of Saint Clement Parish Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020. We are thankful to our loyal and generous parishioners who have seen us through many dark days...the decline in Parish population due to the changing demographics of Somerville and Medford which, in turn, led to the decline in enrollment of our High School and Grammar School, which led to their closing. The closing of our school drained our capital reserves; moreover, maintaining two empty building weighs on our budget for one-fourth of the Parish expenses. As we have said many times before, our Church building is almost eighty years old and in need of repair; we will have to address the Church roof and the High School boiler as soon as possible because they are no longer safe and efficient.

This Fiscal Year 2021 will bring great change to Saint Clement Parish. As you all know, Father Phong Q. Pham joined Saint Clement on August 1 as the new Administrator. He is filled with great enthusiasm, energy, and a generous heart. Many Vietnamese communities, both old and young, from across the Archdiocese of Boston, will join us beginning November 1. We are sure they will breathe new life, which is long overdue, into Saint Clement. As you can see, they have already offered their services on such repairs as the restoration of the front doors. They look amazing!! This is only the beginning. Within the next month, the Church roof and the High School boiler will be replaced, along with clean up and repairs of our facilities.

The Archdiocese has granted Saint Clement a second chance to build a new and vibrant community. We have been gifted with generous people of faith who understand the difficulties of a changing culture and environment and want to do their best to keep our Parish as a beacon of faith, hope, and Christian life in our neighborhood. Although this letter is concerned with finances, let us look beyond these issues and see the hand of Christ who lives among us and guides us as people of God.

We can work together, as our fathers and mothers did before us, to give Medford and Somerville a place where Christ can be met today and in the future. Please help us, financially, if you can afford it, or with your ideas and energy, if you have the time.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jane Hough". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Jane Hough
Saint Clement Business Manager