

Good morning! I would like to speak to you about the parish finances, the role of Saint Peter's University at St. Aedan's and three projects that demand our generosity through increased giving in the weeks and months to come.

The responsibility of Saint Peter's University regarding St. Aedan's

Saint Peter's University entered a twenty year lease agreement with the Archdiocese eight years ago. As part of the agreement, Saint Peter's University is responsible for maintaining the structural/exterior integrity of the building. Hence, over the last few years the University has worked on pointing, roof, drainage, sidewalks and, beginning tomorrow, the removal of decaying oil tanks under the church. Given the financial limitations and challenges for Saint Peter's University, all interior work that is deemed a priority needs to be financed by the parishioners and through their generosity in the collections. Three priority projects before us as a parish are: bathroom renovation, converting the chandelier lighting to LED and bringing the console of the organ down from the choir loft to our new music area.

The responsibility of the St. Aedan's parishioners

As you'll read in the financial report, our collections have been covering our payroll, operational expenses, utilities, and supplies for parish programs. I thank you for this. Yet, in order to tackle the three interior projects identified as priorities, we will need to increase our giving. In this way, new and safer lighting can be installed, an accessible new bathroom created and the organ console can be brought into our new music ministry space. I encourage you to pray about how much more you can give on a weekly basis. Your increased giving, whether through Parish Giving or the collection envelopes, will enable us to begin work on the three important interior projects. Thank you for your love of St. Aedan's and your continued generosity to your parish.