

# Summer 2021 Appeal



13 June 2021 A.D.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As you might expect, due to the interruption in Sunday Masses and other parish activities over the past 15 months, we did experience a loss of parish income. Lost income from collections and other sources (Weekly collection-\$50,000.00; Votive Shrines-\$30,000.00 and Bequests-\$20,000.00) totaled, nearly \$100,000.00. I ask you to keep that in mind as I beg for your support in a ***SUMMER APPEAL*** request.

This ***SUMMER APPEAL*** is a direct request from me, as your Pastor, to you, with no meetings, no time commitment on your part, and no phone calls. Every dollar you give stay right here in the parish to help us to pay our commitments to the Diocese of Brooklyn:

Assessment \$69,400.00 Insurance \$99,841.86 Elizabeth Ann Seton Trust \$10,000.00 Total \$179,241.86

The monies collected from the ***SUMMER APPEAL*** will be used to help offset loses in income during the coronavirus shutdown. We have been able to continue to pay our employees, along with the medical and pension invoices, we are current with all other obligations, such as utilities, but the above costs are over and above what we currently pay and must be paid by

the end of August and will not be met with just the upcoming Sunday collections.

Currently we have 1,100 receiving offertory envelopes and so, I am requesting a donation of \$150.00 per family. Believe me, I know well, and deeply, deeply appreciate, that many of you already give very generously to Good Shepherd Parish on a regular basis all year long, and that you support other parish and academy fund raisers. I also understand that you yourself may have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus shutdown.

However, please understand that this year the ***SUMMER APPEAL*** is essential for our ongoing financial health, and so I do not hesitate to beg for your generosity. If you are able to give \$150.00, and perhaps even more than that amount, I would be extremely personally grateful. Of course, if you must give less, I appreciate your sacrifice in giving whatever you can.

This Summer Appeal can be made with one check in the amount of \$150.00 or two checks (one for July and another for August of \$75.00). You can make your check out to Good Shepherd, with the notation ***2021 Summer Appeal***, and place it in a plain envelope and either drop it off at the Rectory or in the collection basket on Sunday. This Summer Appeal will be kept separately from the weekly collection.

Much peace!

***Rev. Fr. Thomas V. Doyle***

Pastor

***“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”***  
*(John 10:11)*