



Stimulus Giving

By now, most of you have received your “stimulus check” from the Federal Government to help stimulate the economy in this national Pandemic crisis. As you know, many businesses have been burdened with this economic “Pause” and many have had to close down. Churches, as a business, have also been greatly affected by this economic downturn as pews have been empty to sparse and many contributors are holding on more tightly to their “pocketbooks”. Many churches are struggling mightily, even in our own diocese.

St. Philip has also been affected by this economic turbulence and it has been reflected in a significant deficit in our revenues in our budget. We are blessed due to our conservative and wise management of funds that this deficit does not bring an immediate financial crisis to St. Philip. However, not only are we concerned about the current revenue, but the future unpredictability of our budget and financial needs is a legitimate concern.

To offset these current and future budgetary concerns, the Vestry and I are asking our parishioners to consider a “stimulus giving” contribution. Technically and spiritually, a tithe should be given from each stimulus check received. We are asking that each family or individual member consider giving a tithe from that “stimulus check” to St. Philip as a stimulus to our financial needs and stability. If every family or individual member who received these government checks would contribute 5%-10% (\$60 to \$120) of their \$1200 check to St. Philip, it would give us the present and future stability that we need. We are hoping that this campaign will generate a sizable amount to also include the well-needed replacement of our “royal red” carpet in the church that is old, badly worn, stained and developing dangerous “folds” that could cause missteps or falls.

Please pray and seriously consider this “stimulus giving” of love to our dear St. Philip. Bless St. Philip as you have been blessed with this “financial manna” that was dropped in your mailbox or account. Make your checks out to St. Philip with a memo of “Stimulus Giving”. Thank you for this consideration.

Blessings!

Fr. Terry +