

Building Fund Charitable Giving

As we approach the end of the calendar year our thoughts turn to Christmas and family. All of us on the St. Edward's Master Planning and Capital Campaign Committees wish you and yours a blessed Christmas and 2015. If you are traveling or have family and friends traveling we wish them and you safe passage and wonderful memories of the holiday season.

At year end some have started to think about ways to reduce their taxes. Late last year a number of parishioners approached us to ask our help in processing donations to our Building Fund quickly, so they might claim a charitable tax contribution in 2013. We will, of course, do what we can to process your gift to the Building Fund in the year you want it to occur, but we need your help.

Nearly 900 parishioners have pledged or donated to the project. We still welcome and are receiving pledges and contributions each month. Thank you to all of you and to all who have prayed for our success. Your generosity and support has allowed us to succeed.

We want to make sure that anyone planning to donate this year to claim a tax deduction, please do so as early in the month of December as possible. Gifts of marketable securities (Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds) take the longest to process, cash the shortest. If you anticipate your donation to occur in this tax year please deliver your donations accompanied by the appropriate paperwork by the dates below.

- Marketable securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) in certificate – no later than December 22
- Securities held at the transfer agent – no later than December 22
- Credit Card Payments (only possible through Faith Direct) – no later than December 24
- Check – no later than December 29
- Cash – no later than December 31
- All paperwork necessary to transfer securities is available in the parish office

While it is possible we may be able to process your gift for 2014 after these dates, we cannot assure you that the transaction will be successful if we do not have all of the materials and paperwork in our possession by the dates listed above.

Once again, thank you to everyone for your prayers, your pledges, and your patience.

If you have any further questions about pledging, memorials, the Capital Campaign, or the project please review the materials on our parish website (www.stedwardsny.org) or contact Mary Ann Sekellick at 371-7372 ext. 224.

Yours in Christ,

Father Patrick Butler