

Spring has sprung, and we are moving right along with preparations so that we can get everyone back in the sanctuary. The replacement of the fabric on the organ speakers is taking place this week and next up is the HVAC replacement in the sanctuary in the next few weeks.

The Flower guild has planned a plant and flower sale for this Saturday and the funds raised will go towards the Buildings and Grounds expenses. If it rains as predicted, then they will change the date to a later time in May which will be even better because they will have even more plants! The Buildings and Grounds committee has planned a parish workday for May 15, and I know I will see all your smiling faces there eager to help them clean and organize our Parish home! For more information, contact Steve Charron or Janis Williams.

We just found out this week that we have another unit that needs to be replaced and the estimate is \$8,500.00. **Anybody have some spare change?**

Since we are speaking about money, I would love to say Thank you to all who are continuing to give online, through the mail and in person. In the first quarter, the operating revenue was \$96,223.00 and operating expenses were \$92,459.00 which meant we had a surplus of \$3,764.00! Thanks to the hard work of Chuck Marsh we were able to secure another PPP loan for \$45,530.00 which will be used for salaries for the upcoming months and we hope it will be forgiven as the last PPP loan we received in the fall. We are still waiting to hear back from the Diocese on whether our loan application has been approved which will be used to fund the HVAC sanctuary repairs and AV upgrades. So please continue to send in your offerings and continue your prayers for St. Matthew's.

In February, Canon Alicia Schuster-Weltner joined us through Zoom to explain the process we will be going through over the next year or two. The first paperwork has been submitted to the Diocese and currently the Vestry is working on selecting the nominating committee members and chair and once that has been accomplished then we will submit the OTM paperwork for the official search for an interim to begin.

Blessings and Peace,

Becky Olbon