

Christian giving is about more than paying the church bills; it is foremost an opportunity to join a mission: *to embrace the body of Christ and reflect Christ's light to the world.* Your monthly electronic giving and weekly envelopes are not taken for granted. They have made you part of our mission in the past. Please join us again this fiscal year and give to Christ Our Light.

## New Fiscal Year, New Goals

- Increase our support to members of our local community in real need
- Increase our support to poor parishes in struggling communities

NEW BUDGET	Clergy	\$150,838
	Worship & Music	\$151,109
	Elementary Faith Formation	\$89,805
	Youth Faith Formation	\$58,641
	Lifelong Faith Formation	\$38,169
	Justice & Community Outreach	\$89,307
	School Subsidy	\$229,891
	Diocese	\$217,000
	Employee Service Expenses	\$164,082
	Office	\$151,335
	Utilities, Buildings & Grounds	\$339,346
	Second Collections	\$50,000
	Other	\$20,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,750,123</b>	

## Stories of Service

Flip the page to read the stories of people we have served with the resources you provide...

## Join Our Mission for Another Year by Signing up for Electronic Giving or the Stewardship Program

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## The people we serve

*From our pastoral associate for Justice and Community Outreach, Pat Slater*

**“Joanne”** and her husband lost good jobs in the food service industry in Mississippi after Katrina and the BP oil spill. After relocating to New Jersey, her husband left her to raise their two small children alone. Although she found a job in our area, she still needed help. When she came to us, she had slept in the car with her children the night before. We were able to put Joanne and her children up in a motel for several days, give her food from our pantry, and a gift card for ShopRite. We also gave her a gas station gift card so she could get to work. She recently visited us to say that she was moving into an apartment in Cherry Hill. She and her children were so happy to have regained some stability thanks to the generosity of Christ Our Light.

**“Roberta”** asked us if she could park her car in our lot overnight as she and her 20-year-old son needed a safe place to sleep. Roberta is a professional counselor, recently relocated from Virginia for a local job opportunity that fell through. Her son has some mental health issues so his employment possibilities are limited. Rather than letting them park in our lot, we put them up in a motel for a few days, gave them food from our pantry, and a ShopRite gift card. Roberta’s relief was visible. After a few days, I called to check on her. She had hit a dead end at social services agencies and online job applications and temp agencies failed to provide employment. She and her son had to return to sleeping in their car. The heat index the day I called her was over 100 degrees. I put her and her son up at a rather inexpensive motel to shelter them from the heat wave. Things are now looking up for Roberta. At last report, she made connections back in northern Virginia and was considering returning because of some job prospects.

## 2012-13 Weekly Target: \$22,120

To achieve all of this year’s goals, we need to collect \$22,120 each weekend of the 2012-13 fiscal year.

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