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Dear Parishioner,

Happy New Year! We are excited to invite you to participate in, and to help us with our *Mystery Fundraiser*, a new fundraising effort for our parish.

The funds raised will help us to reserve for extraordinary and unexpected expenses.

For an example, this year it was necessary to replace the boiler in the Faith Formation Center (school building) at a cost of \$69,000. To pay for this expense we needed to borrow \$40,000 and used \$29,000 from our own savings. In the coming year we are anticipating replacing the roof on the rectory as well as analyzing the efficiency of the rectory heating & air conditioning system which is original to the building. We also need to replace the air conditioning in the church that is well past its useful life and maintenance on it has become expensive.

Here is what you can do to help:

Enclosed you will find two (2) tickets and a flyer for our *Mystery Fundraiser*. The donation is **\$50.00 for one ticket**. If you can, we would ask that you make a donation of \$50 for one ticket and ask a friend or family to donate the other. Or, you can make a donation for both! If \$50 is not possible for you, perhaps you can get five friends or family members together to donate \$10.00 each for one ticket! Also you may know a place where you can post the flyer – that will also help! (Make checks payable to St. Paul's Mystery Fundraiser - Mail or bring your tickets to the parish office.)

The **Mystery Fundraiser's** *mystery* is that the dollar amount of each drawing will be determined by the number of tickets sold – the more tickets sold the larger amount for each drawing. – we won't know the dollar amount until we are finished selling tickets! What we do know is the percent of total ticket sales for each drawing:

1st Drawing = 25% of ticket donations
2nd Drawing = 15% of ticket donations
3rd Drawing = 10% of ticket donations

Remainder of the ticket donation proceeds will benefit St. Paul's (50%)

Tickets will be available thru February 28, 2019 after weekend masses or in the parish office and on-line at www.spacny.org – click on *Mystery Fundraiser*

The drawing will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2019 following the 11:00AM mass in the Rev. GWB Parish Center.

We hope that you will participate in this special annual fundraiser for our parish!

Sincerely,

*St. Paul's
Fundraising Committee*

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