



Joseph Votto is the Saint Vasilios 2019 Parishioner of the Year. Joseph grew up in Peabody surrounded by the Saint Vasilios community. He was married in St. Vasilios in 1985 and saw his children grow up in the very same community in faith. Joseph was always a member of the greater St. Vasilios community and made a greater dedication when he converted to the Orthodox Faith.

In the past year, Joseph has been an exemplary steward to the church highlighted by his commitment to the Men's Club where he currently serves as the treasurer. Joseph has spearheaded many of the organizations philanthropic events which include preparing and serving monthly meals to those in need around the local community and providing meals for the local food bank. In addition, Joseph is active in parish committees such as the building committee where he advocates for renovation that will create a safe and welcoming environment at St. Vasilios. This work includes raising money to have an elevator installed to make the church more accessible for all. Other avenues of service Joseph provides can be seen in his commitment to the Greek Festival, Annual Picnic, Winter Dance, International Festival, and such.

Beyond his time and energy with events and committees, Joseph gives back to the community by encouraging and empowering family and friends to also participate in give back. Often, Joseph can be found alongside his wife, children, in-laws, coworkers, and peers that he has rallied in support of parish events. Joseph goes above and beyond in service to Saint Vasilios, the local community, and especially those in need. It is his desire and willingness to serve others through selfless acts that exemplifies what it means to be a strong Orthodox Christian.