

St. Amelia Catholic Church

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ST. AMELIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Return to: ST. AMELIA R.C. CHURCH
210 St. Amelia Drive
Tonawanda, NY- 14150

*AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT
CONTRIBUTION BY WITHDRAWAL FROM CHECKING / SAVINGS ACCOUNT*

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address City State Zip

Telephone Number

The undersigned hereby authorizes St. Amelia R.C. Church (St. Amelia) to initiate debit entries (i.e. withdrawal via Electronic Funds Transfer) to my Bank account as indicated below. I also authorize St. Amelia to initiate credit entries to my account where a debit has been initiated in error.

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until St. Amelia has received written notification from me of its termination or change in such time and in such manner as to afford St. Amelia and Bank a reasonable opportunity to act it.

My monthly gift of \$ _____ will be withdrawn on the tenth day of each month.

Bank Name Branch City State

Bank Routing Number *(must attach voided check for verification)* _____

Account Type (indicate one): () Checking () Savings

Account Number _____

Date _____ Signature _____

*Attach Voided
Check Here:*

CONVERSION CHART WEEKLY TO MONTHLY GIVING

Each month has an average of 4 1/3 weeks. This chart will help you convert your weekly giving to the monthly number required for Electronic Funds Transfer. (Amounts have been rounded to the nearest whole dollar.)

<u>Amount Given Per Week</u>	Converts To	<u>Amount To Be Given Per Month</u>
\$ 5		\$ 22
7		30
10		43
15		65
20		87
25		108
30		130
35		152
40		173
50		217

Above \$50, please multiply weekly amount by 4.33 to arrive at monthly amount.

Planning Your Regular Monthly Stewardship Giving

Regular Monthly Offertory Gift (from above) \$ _____

Monthly Envelope Offering \$ _____

Monthly "Diocesan Services" Envelope \$ _____

My TOTAL MONTHLY **\$ _____**

(Transfer total amount to Authorization Form)

St. Amelia Church Stewardship of Treasure EFT Giving - An Easy Way to Contribute

It's common practice now days for many people to have their monthly obligations for utility, mortgage or other types of payments taken directly out of their bank accounts. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) at St. Amelia utilizes the same method that automatically deducts your offertory gift from your checking or savings account once a month. Many find this method to be a convenient way to manage their money more efficiently. We recognize this type of giving will not appeal to all our parishioners, but a growing number of them have been using the EFT method for the last several years and are very satisfied with the process. In fact, over 130 parishioners currently participate in EFT giving which accounts for a substantial and growing amount of annual offertory giving for our Parish.

Not only is EFT giving an easy way for parishioners to make their contribution, but it also helps the Parish to know the amount of revenue that can be counted on when planning the yearly budget. Parishioners who are on vacation, attending a weekend Mass at another church or are unable to attend Mass due to other circumstances such as bad weather, can be assured that their contribution will automatically be made.

Sign-up for EFT giving is simple. All you need to do is complete the enclosed Authorization Form that allows your bank to deduct the amount you choose from your checking or savings account on the 10th of each month and electronically transfer the amount to St. Amelia's account. A chart is provided on the back of the form to help you convert your weekly giving to the monthly amount required for EFT. You always have the option of changing the amount you want deducted at any time.

Complete the Authorization Form, sign it, attach a voided check, and return it to the rectory using the enclosed return envelope. Should you have further questions please contact St. Amelia Business Manager, at 836-0011 extension 123.

We hope you will take advantage of this convenient way to fulfill your Stewardship commitment.

EFT Giving — Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q: What are the advantages of EFT Giving?

A: EFT Giving:

- Guarantees that your Stewardship commitment will always be fulfilled, as you intended.
- Shows you to be a disciple by giving the first fruits of your treasure, rather than what's left over.
- Is hassle-free. You never need to search for cash or write a check to fill your weekend envelope.
- Saves from "making-up" envelopes if you were unable to attend weekend Mass at St. Amelia.
- Allows the Parish to better plan & budget expenses for the various ministries by having stable monthly revenues.

Q: If I decide on EFT Giving, can I change my monthly amount if necessary?

A: Certainly! You can increase or decrease the amount at any time.

Q: Is EFT Giving a secure and accurate method for making my gift?

A: Definitely! Because it's done electronically, your monthly gift does not enter into our normal weekly collection counting process. The transfer is done electronically, bank-to-bank, with St. Amelia receiving a statement of the amount of your funds transferred.

Q: Does it make any difference in which bank I have my checking or savings account?

A: No. Almost every bank or credit union in America is able to process regular monthly payments electronically.

Q: Does my bank charge me for this service?

A: No. If there is a small service charge, it will be borne by St. Amelia.

Q: Can I pick the date in which the funds will be transferred from my account each month?

A: Unfortunately, no. With EFT, we had to choose a single date for the whole parish. That date is set as the 10th of each month.

Q: With my check, I had a record of when I made my gift. How will I know my EFT gift has been made?

A: Your bank will note the amount deducted from your account on your monthly bank statement.

Q: Will my EFT Giving be recorded on the statement of contributions I receive from St. Amelia at the end of each year?

A: Yes. Your EFT gift is recorded in our records in the same way as if you were giving cash or check in your weekly envelope.

Q: Speaking of envelopes, what do I do with mine if I sign-up for EFT Giving?

A: Because your attendance at Mass is always the most important thing to us, we ask that you continue to use your envelopes each week. Simply mark "EFT" in the amount box and circle the "P" in the lower left hand corner of the envelope indicating your presence & participation at Mass. Then, just drop the empty envelope in the collection basket.

Q: Can I make my Catholic Charities gift or my gift to the St. Amelia special collections using EFT?

A: No. These gifts cannot be handled by EFT. Your gift to Catholic Charities is a separate gift. Also, since each special collection is unique, you would continue to respond to these collections with cash or check in the envelopes provided for that purpose.

