

St. Barbara Parish

Annual Report

2015

July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "...Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20



Christ keeps His promise to remain with us through the sacramental life of His Church. We keep our commitment to make disciples of others by being faithful Christian disciples ourselves. Our parish is home to 5877 disciples from 2028 households in Woburn, Burlington and surrounding communities. The following is my annual report to you for this Year of Grace 2015.

Parish Life

Be who you are and be that well.

St. Francis de Sales

34 children were baptized into Christ's Church. 39 children made First Holy Communion and 41 teens were confirmed. 5 couples were married. 66 were commended to the Lord at their funerals.

We welcomed newly ordained Deacon Edward Giordano and the return of Deacon Bill Kerns in October.

Lilliane Price made her profession of faith and was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil on April 4th.

The Music Ministry of our parish continues to evolve with the arrival of music director Jonathan Cote. The choir is a vibrant presence in our worship. Moving forward, we look forward to integrating the youth choir at Mass.

Father William Kremmel conducted our Lenten Parish Mission "The Joy of the Gospel is the Joy of Christians" on March 8th -10th

The Scriptural Rosary group continues intercession and prayers of petition on the first Saturday of each month.

Volunteers continue to support numerous parishioners no longer able to attend Mass on a regular basis with Holy Communion visits and delivery of Christmas and Easter plants through CALM.

Our parish pastoral and parish finance council members are publicly identified on the parish bulletin and met on a regularly scheduled basis to review pastoral initiatives, collaborative planning with St. Anthony Parish, to assess finances and property maintenance. Phil Hawley and Joe Sallese completed service on the parish pastoral council and Joe Sallese, Mary Devine, Jean O'Connor and Louise Sullivan completed service on the parish finance council. Thank you! We welcomed Nicole Wilson, Mary Ann Chorlton and Al Autenzio to service on the parish finance council. Welcome!

A pastoral collaborative task group was formed with representatives of St. Anthony parish to pray together and explore ways to prepare both parishes for pastoral collaboration.

Finances

INCOME

Offertory (including Utilities Collection)	322,793
Catholic Appeal Rebate	7,789
Sacramentals and Gifts	56,027
Religious Education	23,380
Other Donations	22,251
Fundraising Income	86,967
Interest and Other	6,692
Total Income	\$525,899

EXPENSES

Lay Salaries & Benefits	238,917
Clergy Stipend & Related	79,725
Office & Administrative Expenses	18,259
Household Expenses	14,807
Utilities (Heat, Electric, etc)	40,750
Property Insurance	16,167
Weekly Envelopes/ Missalettes	4,678
Pastoral/ Religious/ Liturgical	19,192
Bldg & Grounds Maint	58,895
Central Ministries Tithe	28,652
Fundraising Expenses	43,330
Other Expenses	6,826
TOTAL Expense	\$570,198
Operating Income/ Loss	(44,299)

ASSETS

Unrestricted Cash	\$59,930
RCAB Deposit	318,330
Prepaid Expenses	2,226
Total	\$380,486

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$5,423
Rel Ed Deposits	15,175
Collections	2,008
Total	\$22,606

Summary

Expenses exclude \$45,106.00 in extraordinary facility upgrades and repairs

The parish also contributed \$56,402.00 for second collections that support the broader mission of the Church.

The parish needs to increase and stabilize offertory income to eliminate deficit spending. Currently, the weekend offertory income provides only 61% of parish income. This needs to increase to 75%. With the support of the parish finance council and parish pastoral council, a major revenue enhancement campaign will start in October 2015.