



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Annual Report 2019: Jul 1 2018 - Jun 30 2019

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER TOM FERGUSON, PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Our annual stewardship report is a testament to our parishioners' generous sharing of treasure. Our photos reveal a generous gift of joy shared by all who pray, learn and serve together at Good Shepherd Church. And in ways seen and unseen, the love of our parishioners is felt in the hearts of all whose paths we cross as we live our lives in the world each day changed forever by being a part of our family of faith.

We are given a responsibility to be stewards of the blessings God has bestowed upon us – treasure, yes, but also faith, hope and love ... gifts we and the world desperately need these days. The pages of this report reflect our gratitude for gifts we have been given and our eagerness to share with others the gifts we have received.

Please enjoy this annual report and its message of gratitude, prudence and generosity. Please also be moved to give thanks to God, as I do each day, to be a part of our beloved parish family – Good Shepherd Catholic Church!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson
Pastor



3,661
FAMILIES



11,227
PARISHIONERS



986
FAITH FORMATION
STUDENTS



168
CATECHISTS



111
ALTAR
SERVERS



163
BAPTISMS



184
FIRST
RECONCILIATION



184
FIRST HOLY
EUCHARIST



137
CONFIRMATION



26
WEDDINGS



45
FUNERALS



25,000
HOURS of
BUILDING USE

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LOVING AS CHRIST LOVES



PRAY

Numerous and varied worship opportunities offered each week included daily and Sunday Masses, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- **780+ liturgies** celebrated in a year
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - music, readings and homily for grades K-6 on Sunday 9 and 10:30am Mass
- **Special Feasts, Masses, Adoration and Processions** - Divine Savior of the World, Birthday of the Virgin Mary, Mass of Remembrance, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Thanksgiving Mass, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Corpus Christi Procession
- **Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals** - parishioners brought their pets for a blessing
- **Mass with Anointing of the Sick** - a special Mass and blessing for caregivers
- **Pilgrimage** - Basilica of the Immaculate Conception
- **Confirmation** - 137 candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Burbidge

PARTICIPATE

Parishioners enjoyed Fellowship events, such as coffee and donuts, pancake breakfasts, food sales and the International Festival.

- **Youth Appreciation Dinner** - teens were recognized for the many ways they serve in our parish and the community
- **Parish Registration Update** - for the first time in 11 years, parishioners participated by updating their parish registration
- **Epiphany Crèche Exhibit** - parishioners' Nativity sets from around the world
- **Listening Session** - priests and staff listen to the concerns of parishioners regarding the sexual abuse crisis in the Church
- **Valentine Dinner and Dance** - an evening of friendship to support United Ministries (former UCM) and Progreso Center for Literacy and Citizenship
- **St. Catherine of Siena as Role Model** - presentation by Father Gabriel Pivarnik in seeking a Prayerful Response to Crisis in the Church
- **Father Tom's 25th Anniversary** - Mass and reception for our Pastor's anniversary of priestly ordination

LEARN

Our vibrant, diverse Faith Formation program included opportunities for children, teens and adults.

- **Faith Formation** - classes for children K-12 and adults
- **Bible Studies** - a variety of themes offered throughout the year in both English and Spanish
- **Special Celebrations** - All Saints Day, Canonization of Bishop Romero, St. Patrick's Day, Mardi Gras, Our Blessed Mother Mary coronation
- **Teens** - Middle and High School WorkCamp, annual Kickoff celebration, King's Dominion trip, Lock-ins, March for Life, Super Bowl party, and many service opportunities through the year
- **Vacation Bible School** - *Journey to Babylon*
- **Homeless campout** - children and teens experience and learn what it is like to be homeless
- **Advent and Christmas** - Morning of Reflection, Evening of Reconciliation, Journey to the Manger, *Las Posadas*
- **Lent and Easter** - Cross of Mercy, Evening of Reconciliation, Soup and Stations, Parish Mission: author Mary Elizabeth Sperry spoke about spiritual de-cluttering

WELCOME FATHER JEB DONELAN!

In June, we welcomed Father Jeb Donelan as our new parochial vicar from St. Anthony of Padua Church.



SERVING AS CHRIST SERVES



SERVE

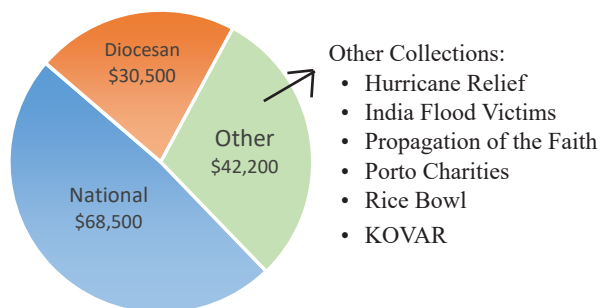
We believe Stewardship is a way of life, and offered abundant ways for parishioners to serve our parish family, the local community and beyond.

- **The 43rd Annual International Festival** - a celebration for family, friends, and neighbors that raised funds for the community. The three-day event included the yard sale, 5K Race / 1M Run, Multicultural Mass and a day of entertainment and fellowship on Festival Day. The 2018 Festival awarded grants totaling \$25,000
- **Caring for God's Creation** - Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day and Sharing Garden "adopt a garden bed" to donate veggies to UCM
- **Small Acts of Mercy (SAM) Weekends** - service, worship, and activities to grow in faith and share with those in need
- **"The Saints Among Us" Exhibit** - awareness about how immigration issues affect parish families
- **March for Life** - in collaboration with St. Louis Church and Knights of Columbus, parishioners filled 3 buses for the March
- **VOICE** - an interfaith social justice group involved in advocacy work for low-income housing, immigration issues, and other topics
- **VICHOP Hypothermia Shelter** - parishioners prepared, served dinner and stayed overnight for nine nights during the winter
- **Adult WorkCamp** - in the Fall and Spring parishioners spent a week with the Christian Appalachian Project helping residents of Kentucky

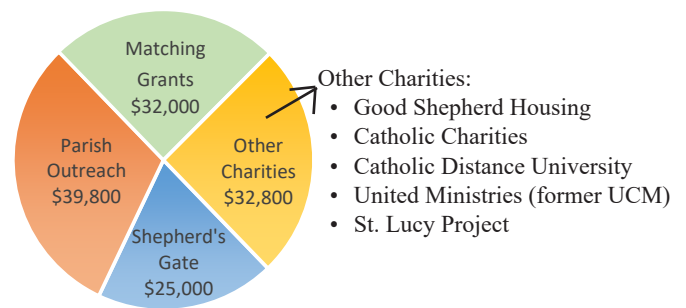


- 4 carloads** of school supplies collected for children in need
- 750** cards sent to homebound and seriously ill parishioners
- 720** meals served to the homeless at Christ House in Alexandria
- 70** prayer quilts made for parishioners in need of prayer and comfort
- 58** units of blood collected at the blood drive with Inova Bloodmobile
- 15** blankets made by teens for a local drug rehab facility for Christmas
- 400+** Christmas gifts collected for the UCM Holiday Gift program
- 4,000** pounds of food collected in the "40 Items for 40 Days" during Lent
- 20,000** pounds of food collected for Catholic Charities' St. Lucy's Project and UCM in our weekly Sharing Sunday food drive and Christmas

SECOND COLLECTIONS



CHARITABLE WORKS



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income and Expense Highlights

| | Actual | | Budget |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | FY 2018 | FY 2019 | FY 2020 |
| Income | | | |
| Collection Income | \$ 2,211,841 | \$ 2,239,104 | \$ 2,258,200 |
| Program and Ministries | 351,666 | 375,375 | 377,950 |
| Other Sources | 217,689 | 216,902 | 215,050 |
| Total Income | \$ 2,781,196 | \$ 2,831,381 | \$ 2,851,200 |
| Expense | | | |
| Clergy and Staffing | \$ 1,368,924 | \$ 1,373,506 | \$ 1,493,700 |
| Ministry and Program | 438,100 | 463,866 | 496,675 |
| Building | 298,351 | 315,649 | 307,800 |
| Admin & Assessments | 401,036 | 414,530 | 409,600 |
| Total Expense | \$ 2,506,411 | \$ 2,567,551 | \$ 2,707,775 |
| Net Ordinary Income | \$ 274,785 | \$ 263,830 | \$ 143,425 |
| Other Income/Expense | | | |
| Campaign Pledge pymnt. | \$ 96,814 | \$ 50,872 | \$ 20,000 |
| Capital Expenditures | \$ 339,432 | \$ 58,958 | \$ 160,000 |
| Net Other Income (Loss) | \$ (242,618) | \$ (8,086) | \$ (140,000) |
| Net Income | \$ 32,167 | \$ 255,744 | \$ 3,425 |

Statement of Financial Position

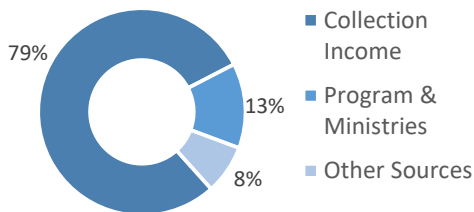
| Assets | 6/30/2019 | 6/30/2018 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Operating Accounts | \$ 188,569 | \$ 114,812 |
| DIAL Savings | 1,520,450 | 1,315,497 |
| Other Assets | 5,334 | 5,742 |
| Total Assets | \$ 1,714,353 | \$ 1,436,051 |
| Liabilities and Equity | | |
| Funds Held for Others | \$ 6,441 | \$ 1,221 |
| Payroll and Other Liability | 89,132 | 71,795 |
| Total Equity | 1,618,778 | 1,363,034 |
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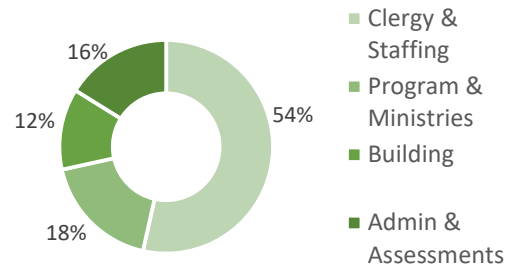
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OPERATING REVENUE



OPERATING EXPENSES



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR



On behalf of the Finance Council, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your continuing support; Good Shepherd is truly blessed to have so many parishioners who support the parish and its various ministries with their time, talent and treasure. The financial information and summaries included in this Annual Report itemize how your financial contributions were used to satisfy the many needs of our parish. Thanks to your financial generosity and the continuing efforts of the parish staff to minimize expenses and eliminate waste, the 2019 fiscal year ended with a modest financial surplus.

Sincerely,

Tom Miller - Finance Council Chairman

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