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St. Joseph's Church Newsletter



From the Pastor's Desk

Reverend Peter D. Russo, Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

“We give thanks to God always for all of you... calling to mind your works of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ...” 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

With these words St. Paul greeted the people of the Church in Thessalonica. As pastor of St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace for a number of years now, I can share St. Paul's praise for the Catholic communities of Scotia and Burnt Hills Ballston Lake area. The compassionate outreach of the O.L.G. community during the recent tragedy is just one example.

The reports that follow, in the Newsletter, will give you a view of what has been done over the last year of ministry, through your generous contributions of Time, Talent and financial resources. In order for the work of our Lord to continue I along with our bishop urge you to reflect on your commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ and the good stewardship of His gifts to you.

PLEASE HELP!

For most of us a life of stewardship represents an enormous transition from secular values. Some of the parishioners are very involved with the parish others are striving to increase their commitment. We hope that you will take the time to read prayerfully reflect on this annual report. I pray that each member of the community will TAKE A STEP in their spiritual development.

I wish to thank each and every parishioner for your prayerful reflection on this report and for the commitment you plan to make.

What follows is a financial report and Ministerial record of the past year.

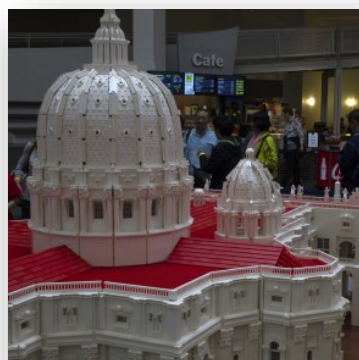


Mark Your Calendars for the Building Blocks Workshop

Do you have a Lego enthusiast in your household? Have you ever dreamed about going to Rome to see the Vatican? We have a great program coming this fall that all parishioners will love!

On **Saturday, November 17th** we are excited to bring **Building Blocks Workshop, LLC** to St. Joseph's Parish Center. This will be a multi-generational program which will use over **60,000** Lego pieces to build a scale model of the Vatican. Children & families will work in groups to build separate parts and then bring them all together to complete Vatican city.

Details for signups will be distributed through the Faith Formation program as well as bulletin inserts. Spectators are most welcome to attend and watch the excitement as well. Mark your calendars **NOW** and be ready to attend this exciting program!



Please check the bulletin for weekly updates as well as additional programs that may have been added after this newsletter went to print.

If you would like to receive the St. Joseph's Newsletter via email please contact Brenda at yager.brenda@gmail.com

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Special Events & Activity Photos



Thank you to everyone who donated veggies, baked goods, salsas, jams, mums and all of our other handmade items. It humbles us to see our parishioners pull together to make these events such a success. The Farmer's Market brought in \$1,177.48 and there's still a few jars of salsa and jam and dish towels for sale in Holy Family Hall. They are located on the pass-thru shelf to the kitchen and there is a donation jar.



On the way to Middleburgh to go to Barber's for veggies for the Farmers Market !



Rick and Aileen Svec.

Photos courtesy of Kathy Brooks

On July 29th, we celebrated Linda Jones' retirement. Although we were sad to see Linda retire, we were most grateful for her 30+ years of beautiful music and dedication to St. Joseph's and were glad to recognize her years of service with a small reception after her last mass. Congratulations, Linda, and much happiness in the years ahead!



Linda's Memorable Italian Concert!



Happy retirement!



Music Ministry

Hello St. Joseph's Parishioners!

My name is Alanna Wilson and I am the new Director of Music Ministry at St. Joseph's Church. I am eager and happy to be part of such a welcoming community.

I grew up in Guilderland but moved to Scotia 5 years ago. I am a graduate of the College of Saint Rose and have been playing masses for the last 7 years at the Church of Christ of King in Guilderland. I also developed and directed a children's choir since 2012, which led to starting a middle-high school choir 2 years later. In 2017 I became the Assistant Pastoral Associate of Music.

In the future here at St. Joseph's I would love to continue to grow the music ministry with more musicians and vocalists!

Have you ever thought about joining the music ministry at St. Joseph's? Now is the Time! Whether it be Saturday at 4pm or Sunday at 9am; All Are Welcome. We will be having two rehearsals a month on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

I look forward to getting to know you.

God Bless,
Alanna Wilson
Director of Music Ministry



Please Help Keep Our Records Up To Date!

We know we are not the first place you may think of when changing your telephone or address, but your contact information is extremely important to us. Many people have discontinued their landline service and we do not know this until we try to contact you (many parishioners have never replied to our updated census form and, therefore, we do not have their cell phone numbers). We incur extra expenses with postage when your mail is returned to us because of a change of address (we must pay the postage for the piece of mail to be sent back to us and then postage again when sending it a second time). Please inform the office (518-346-2316) any time you have a change in your status ~ it is much appreciated!



Notes from the Finance Office



As in each newsletter, listed below are the income and expenses to date compared with last year:

	Current Fiscal Year	Previous Fiscal Year
	<u>7/1/18 - 8/31/18</u>	<u>7/1/17 - 8/31/17</u>
Total Income*	\$74,545	\$69,142
Total Expenses	\$60,058	\$65,185

(*Please note income figures include **all** sources of income, not just offertory.)

Included on the following page is the **Annual Financial Report** for **FYE 6/30/18**. This is a condensed version of the annual report that is sent to the Diocese. It should be noted that we ended our fiscal year with a small deficit of (\$104).

If anyone has any comments or questions regarding the annual report, please contact Debbie at the Parish Office (518-346-2316 or email: dgriffith@albany.twcbc.com). It is most helpful if questions or concerns are addressed personally and not anonymously.

2018 Bishop's Appeal Update

We continue to struggle to reach our Assessment Goal of \$66,787. At the time this newsletter went to print, we had **243 Pledges/Gifts** totaling **\$62,459**. Any shortage of the assessment by March 15, 2019 will be paid from Parish operating funds. If you have not yet made a pledge or gift, please consider helping us close our gap. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a difference. You may use the coupon below or you may also go online at: www.TheBishopsAppeal.org. Pledge/Gift envelopes are also available at church.



Donor Information:

Name _____ Total Gift/Pledge _____

Address _____ Initial Payment: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Balance Due _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Annual Report

	Actual	Actual
	FYE 6/30/18	FYE 6/30/17
Cash Receipts:		
Weekly Collections	\$258,519	\$269,954
Deficit Reduction Collections	14,358	16,340
Monthly Building Maintenance Collection	21,802	23,591
Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Income	7,740	8,053
Bulletin Sponsors	9,275	9,538
Mass Stipends/ Stole Fees	3,540	4,460
Donations/ Bequests/ Memorials	28,611	45,965
Fundraising (net)	34,435	29,766
Heritage Fund	80	140
Total Cash Receipts	\$378,360	\$407,807
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries, Benefits & Payroll Taxes (non-clergy personnel)	\$184,942	\$168,318
Clergy Salary & Benefits	61,494	56,733
Repairs & Maintenance (church, parish center & rectory)	44,340	75,411
Diocesan Assessments	26,235	26,500
Utilities/Water & Sewer (church, parish center, rectory)	21,811	25,612
Insurance (church, parish center, rectory)	23,225	22,995
Office Supplies & Expenses	14,230	12,809
Snow Removal	5,600	7,920
Liturgy Supplies/ Flowers	6,535	7,203
Food (church & rectory)	6,477	6,605
Telephone/ Internet (office & rectory)	3,540	3,834
Truck Expenses	1,829	3,670
Faith Formation/ Youth Ministry Expenses (non-salary)	7,061	6,461
Charitable Donations	4,738	5,781
Evangelist	3,409	3,642
Postage (office & FF/YM)	2,275	2,591
Continuing Education/ Retreats	4,810	5,600
Other Operating Expenses	2,051	2,507
Total Operating Expenditures	424,602	444,192
Excess of Expenditures Over Receipts	(\$46,242)	(\$36,385)
Non-Operating Income:		
Rental Income	\$8,125	\$8,025
Investment/ Other Income	4,915	5,106
Diocesan Debt Forgiveness	0	26,500
Insurance Claims	2,175	6,725
Reimbursed Expenses	30,923	32,471
Total Non-Operating Income	\$46,138	\$78,827
FYE Net Income/Deficit	(\$104)	\$42,442

Annual Report cont.

	As of June 30	
Balance Sheet	2018	2017
Cash	\$176	\$23,676
Savings	53,489	41,461
Bishop's Appeal Savings	34,506	35,159
CD's & Investments	124,786	114,849
Total Assets	\$212,957	\$215,145
Due to Diocese		
School Assessment	0	0
Bishops Appeal collections	34,301	35,159
Total Due Diocese	34,301	35,159
Other liabilities	2,072	4,436
Total Liabilities	36,373	39,595
Fund Balance	176,584	175,549
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$212,957	\$215,144

Kids Corner!



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Special Events and Activities



Our **9th Annual Ziti Dinner & Silent Auction** will be held on **Saturday, October 13th** from 4-7pm at the Parish Center. Come for a great family meal and stroll around the tables to bid on some silent auction items. Don't forget your quarters as we will once again be playing special games of 25¢ Bingo while we are awaiting the Silent Auction results. We need your help to make this evening successful ~ please refer to the recent mailing (and infamous "**PINK SHEET**") to see how you may get involved. Questions? Please contact Deb Griffith at 518-393-3168 or email dgriffith@albany.twcbc.com.

Once again this year we will be participating in **BOSCOV'S "Friends Helping Friends"** Sale Day. Purchasing a shopping pass for \$5.00 will enable you to receive a 25% discount on most merchandise (see pass for complete details) on **Tuesday, October 16th** only. St. Joseph's receives 100% of the sale of the pass. Shopping passes are available at the Parish Office as well as the night of the Ziti Dinner.



If you are unable to make it to the Ziti Dinner on October 13th, stop by the Parish Center on **Election Day (November 6th)** and pick up a dinner to go! We will be serving from 4:00 pm until sold out. Along with the take-out dinner, we will also be having a bake sale (bakers mark your calendars and plan to drop off some goodies for us to sell) as well as a small book sale.

Mark your calendars for our **Annual Christmas Bazaar & Visit with St. Nick** on **Saturday, December 1st**. We will have many handcrafted items for your holiday shopping. The Bazaar will take place from 10 am to 3 pm and St. Nick will visit with children from 11 am to 1 pm (we will also stay set up before and after the weekend masses on December 1st & 2nd).



As we did last year, we have a beautiful hand-stitched & professional-framed cross stitched Christmas piece (thanks Mary & John Morrette!) that we will be raffling (the winner will be chosen after the 9 am mass on December 2nd). Tickets will be sold before & after designated weekend masses and at the Christmas Bazaar, but why wait ~ you can send in the ticket below with your \$1.00 donation to get a head start! This piece will be on display beginning at our Ziti Dinner and at designated weekend masses.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH ~ SCOTIA, NY
CHRISTMAS CROSS STITCH RAFFLE

Name: _____ \$1.00 Donation

Tel. #: _____ (Drawing will be held on December 2, 2018)



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